

Dear Dr. Caffrey and Members of the Nominating Committee,

Serving as Governor for the General Surgery Section has been a privilege over these past three years.

During that time, I've contributed on key committees: Strategic Planning, Continuing Education, Midyear Meeting, and Bylaws. Some accomplishments to note include securing lunch and lecture sponsorships for the Mid Year meeting that saved the ACOS \$9,000 over the past two years. Additionally, I assisted in the revamping and rewriting of our new General Surgery bylaws. As part of the CEC, I contributed to increasing the rural surgery representation at our ACA, and co-lead the Rural Surgeons forum.

Last year, I was appointed as OMED liaison, and lead the coordination to secure CME content from ACOS speakers to be utilized as part of the OMED CME virtual content. Thus, developing another revenue stream for the ACOS and fostering a closer relationship with the AOA. And as a result, I, along with Dr Sheridan, elevated our role this year from virtual to live, in-person presentations, strengthening our visibility with the AOA. This is the first time ever since the separation of the ACOS from the AOA that we have been invited to present live.

It has also been an honor to serve as an ACOS surgical mentor to three DO schools, providing lectures and career guidance to those students interested in surgery. I have participated in the speed mentoring sessions at the ACA and various aspects of the Mentoring Committee.

As well, as Governor, I have been involved in outreach to GS residency programs, and have fostered relationship with several DO program directors, providing point of contact and resources to assist them in seeking osteopathic recognition. I also sponsored 'meet and greets' for 3 different residency programs to promote the ACOS. As a result, at least 3 new resident members joined within 48 hours.

I am deeply passionate about the ACOS's growth and mission and would be honored to continue serving and assisting with leading us forward in another term as Governor. Thank you for your consideration.

Appreciatively,
Jesse Lopez DO FACOS