

Letter of Intent

Secretary/Treasurer, American College of Osteopathic Surgeons

Dear Members of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons,

I am honored to submit my letter of intent for the position of **Secretary/Treasurer of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons**.

Throughout my career as an osteopathic general surgeon, trauma and acute care surgeon, Navy veteran, and physician leader, I have been deeply committed to service, accountability, teamwork, and practical problem-solving. These values have shaped my approach in the operating room, in hospital leadership, in surgical education, and in advocacy for our profession.

The role of Secretary/Treasurer requires more than organizational ability. It requires careful stewardship, clear communication, transparency, attention to detail, and a deep respect for the mission of the College. I believe these qualities are essential to supporting the continued strength and growth of ACOS.

As a surgeon, I understand the importance of preparation, precision, and follow-through. As a leader, I have worked to build programs, improve systems, support colleagues, and strengthen communication across teams. As a veteran, I bring a service-minded approach grounded in discipline, responsibility, and mission focus. I would bring that same commitment to the Secretary/Treasurer role.

If elected, my priorities would include supporting responsible financial stewardship, maintaining clear and accurate communication with members, strengthening engagement across surgical disciplines, and helping ensure that ACOS remains a strong professional home for osteopathic surgeons at every stage of their careers.

I am especially passionate about preserving the osteopathic surgical identity while also helping our organization adapt to the changing landscape of medicine. ACOS has a unique and important role in mentorship, education, advocacy, and professional connection. I would be proud to help advance that work with integrity, transparency, and dedication.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. It would be a privilege to serve the members of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons as Secretary/Treasurer.

Respectfully,

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Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

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