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American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS)
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Discipline

Attn: Nominating Committee / Board of Governors

123 W. Washington St., Suite 400
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Subject: Letter of Intent for Chair-Elect, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Discipline

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

Please accept this letter as my formal expression of intent to be considered for the position of Chair-Elect of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Discipline within the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS). I am deeply honored to submit my name for consideration and remain committed to advancing the osteopathic ideals, educational standards, and advocacy efforts that define our specialty.

Throughout my career, the ACOS has been a cornerstone of my professional development. As an active Fellow of the College (FACOS), I have witnessed firsthand the vital role our discipline plays in ensuring excellence in osteopathic surgical care. I am driven by a passion to support our community and elevate our field. If selected to serve as Chair-Elect, I will focus on three primary objectives:

- **Elevating Education & Training:** I am dedicated to further developing the educational activities within our discipline, ensuring that our residency programs are equipped to train the next generation of osteopathic plastic and reconstructive surgeons to the highest standards.
- **Promoting Research & Scholarly Activity:** I aim to bolster our discipline's academic footprint by encouraging research projects and increasing member utilization of the ACOS platform on Cureus for peer-reviewed publications.
- **Advocacy & Member Engagement:** I will work diligently to foster professional relationships among our members, stimulate interest in the creation of new plastic surgery divisions in hospitals, and ensure that osteopathic voices are heard in the broader medical community.

My extensive clinical and academic background including being past president of the *American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery* has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the standards and evolving requirements necessary to lead our discipline. I am prepared to dedicate the time, energy, and leadership required to guide our section forward, working closely with the AOA, ACOS leadership, and our board members.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to the ACOS. I have attached my curriculum vitae for your review. I would be privileged to serve as your next Chair-Elect.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MK' or 'MS', is positioned over the text 'Michael S. Kuska'.

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