

May 20, 2025

Dear Julie Caffrey DO FACOS,

I am writing to express my interest in further progressing my leadership within the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons by being considered for the position of Chair-Elect of the General Surgery Section. It would be a privilege to continue to contribute the advancement of our discipline and to support the ACOS Mission of excellence in surgical care through mentorship, education, advocacy, leadership development, and the fostering relationships.

My commitment to ACOS has been demonstrated through active service, including my current roles as Committee Chair of the Mid-Year Review Committee and Secretary-Treasurer of the General Surgery Section. These experiences have provided me with valuable insight into the operational, educational, and strategic priorities of our section and the College while reinforcing the importance of thoughtful leadership, collaboration, and fiscal stewardship.

As Chair-Elect, I would seek to build upon the strong foundation of our section by fostering meaningful member involvement, supporting educational opportunities, strengthening mentorship for students, residents, and early-career surgeons, and advocating for the continued relevance and growth of osteopathic general surgery. I believe our section is uniquely positioned to cultivate future leaders while continuing to provide outstanding value to established surgeons navigating an evolving healthcare environment.

As an osteopathic trauma surgeon, I understand the importance of lifelong learning, mentorship, adaptability, and multidisciplinary collaboration in delivering exceptional patient care. These experiences have reinforced my commitment to supporting educational excellence, fostering professional development, and strengthening engagement among surgeons at every stage of their careers. I am particularly passionate about supporting medical students, residents, and early-career surgeons as they develop into the future leaders of our profession and the next generation of our college.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy. I am honored to be considered for this opportunity to continue to serve my college and would value the continued privilege of contributing to the future of the osteopathic surgical profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Schlanser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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