



Society of Gynecologic Oncology



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2014 OPEN ELECTIONS

Society of Gynecologic Oncology Board of Directors and Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology Council

Candidates for elected positions in the Society of Gynecologic Oncology and Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology are recommended by the Nominating Committee, which is composed of the Past President, Past President Once Removed and seven Members at Large appointed by the President Elect. The final slate is approved by the SGO Board of Directors and Foundation Council. Biographical information, statements and photos of the candidates can be found below. The online election will begin on Jan. 21, 2014. To ensure that your ballot arrives in your inbox on Jan. 21, 2014, please add the following email address as an approved sender: **noreply@directvote.net**.

Voting members include Full and Senior Members as well as “grandfathered” Associate and International Members that joined the Society prior to 2010. Candidate and Fellow-in-Training Members will vote for their respective member representative.

PRESIDENT ELECT II



Eva Chalas, MD, FACOG, FACS

Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Director, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Director, Clinical Cancer Services
Winthrop University Hospital
Mineola, NY

SGO Activities:

Officer Positions:

- ACOG Liaison to SGO 2013-present
- SGO Secretary-Treasurer 2009-2012
- SGO Secretary-Treasurer Elect 2006-2009

Service:

- Honors and Awards Committee 2010 –present, Chair 2010-2012
- Quality and Outcomes Committee 2009- present
- Task Force on Practice Survey 2008-2009
- Task Force, NSQIP Gynecology Module 2006-2010
- Membership Committee 2006-2009, Chair 2009
- Government Relations Committee 2000-2010
- Clinical Practice Committee 1998-2011, Chair 2004-2005
- Finance Committee 2003-2012
- Education Committee 1994-1995 and 2003-2007
- SGO Representative to LCOG 1995-2001
- International Medicine Committee Member 1995-1998
- Program Committee 1994-1995

I deeply appreciate your consideration of my candidacy for SGO President Elect II. I pursue this position because I firmly believe that I have the qualities and experience to effectively lead an organization as a change agent – building on existing strengths, creating new opportunities, promoting innovation and motivating our membership and partners to work toward new goals. I have the vision of how to best position SGO to grow and thrive at a time of limited research and health care funding, and the most dramatic transition in delivery of medical care.

My record reveals strong stewardship of SGO’s finances during the most challenging period of the organization’s history: I presented creative solutions to the SGO Board, worked effectively with colleagues to contain costs, helped raise funds, assisted in ushering the much needed transition to C3 and C6 corporations, and helped lead the expansion of our membership structure and change in its name.

During my service to SGO, I have established excellent collaborative relationships with many current and past SGO leaders, attaining both “corporate memory” while remaining apprised of the strategic goals SGO has chosen to pursue. My involvement in ACOG, ACoS and the Foundation have resulted in the development of strong collegial relationships with members of executive committees of aligned organizations and also allowed me to gain additional insight into the complex “house of medicine”. If elected, my vision for SGO and past experience as an effective leader will serve SGO well in the future. Thank you for your consideration.



Jeffrey M. Fowler, MD

The John G. Boutsellis Chair in Gynecologic Oncology
Professor and Vice-Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
The Wexner Medical Center, The Ohio State University Medical School
Columbus, OH

SGO Activities:

Officer Position:

- Council Member 2007-2010

Service:

- Nominating Committee 2011-2012
- Program Committee, 1998, 2006
- Chair, Program Committee 2004-2006
- Chair, Managed Care Task Force 2000-2003
- SGO Practice Summit Workgroup Committee 2012-2013
- Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons (representing SGO) 2001-2004
- Staging Committee 1998-1999
- Managed Care Committee 1998-2004
- Clinical Data Network Expert Panel Committee 1999-2001
- Subcommittee on Workforce 1999-2001
- Government Relations Committee 2000-2003
- Medical Practice and Ethics Committee 2000-2003
- Clinical Practice Committee 2001-2005
- Education Committee 2004-2007

It would be an honor to serve as SGO President. The foundation of the SGO is the strength and diversity of its membership. Therefore, I view this position as one of collaborative leadership; working with talented leaders with a common mission. Currently, we are challenged with demonstrating the value added to patient care, providing outcome measures to payers and legislators, and restructuring the source of funding for the SGO. Facilitating a smooth and successful merger of the SGO and FWC is critical.

All medical disciplines feel threatened these days. Gynecologic oncology is uniquely positioned, based on our model of compassionate and comprehensive sub-specialty cancer care, adaptability, and ability to assimilate new technologies and therapies. It is extremely important that we be out in front of measuring outcomes in order to demonstrate the value of gynecologic oncology specialty care. Strengthening our relationships with sister organizations with common goals is critical. Funding and managing our budget for these endeavors is at great risk to be compromised; however our most important asset for a strong organization (our members) continues to increase in value.

I feel prepared to assist the SGO in effecting its strategic plan while continuing to pay attention to one of the core missions, to educate. Throughout my career I have maintained a full-time clinical practice and have served nationally in many capacities including the SGO, FWC (GCF), GOG, ACS and ABOG. I understand fiscal responsibility, the reality of a budget, the need to develop and invest in talent and infrastructure in order to grow and succeed.



Stephen C. Rubin, MD

Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Franklin Payne Chair in Gynecologic Oncology
University of Pennsylvania Medical Center
Philadelphia, PA

SGO Activities:

Officer Position:

- 2011-2012 Vice President
- 2011-2012 Executive Committee
- Council Member 2002-2005

Service:

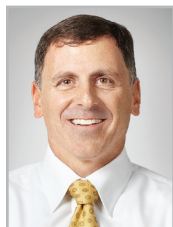
- Chair, Program Committee 2007
- Editor, SGO Handbook: Chemotherapy of Gynecologic Cancers, 2nd Ed. 2004
- Clinical Data Network Expert Review Panel 1999-2000
- Bylaws Committee 1998-2003, Chair 2000-2003
- Editor, SGO Handbook: Chemotherapy of Gynecologic Cancers 1996
- Program Committee 1996
- Education and Development Committee 1994-1997, Chairman, Subcommittee on Publications
- Chairman, Task Force on the Retreat on Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology 1993-1994
- Program Committee 1991

Contributing to the mission of the SGO has been one of the major priorities and one of the primary sources of professional satisfaction during my career as a gynecologic oncologist. As I have watched the SGO grow and mature over the years, I have become increasingly impressed with the value and importance of the organization.

As an organizational leader addressing complex issues I believe in considering the opinions of the stakeholders and building consensus in an inclusive manner, as I have done in my ABOG and other leadership positions, drawing on decades of personal experience in the areas of clinical medicine, clinical and translational research, and fellowship education. I understand the practice of gynecologic oncology, including the political aspects of the specialty. My recent experience as SGO Vice President has given me insight into the details of the structure and function of the organization, and its strategic priorities and challenges. In particular, my involvement in spearheading the transition of the SGO to a 501(c)6 organization, the establishment of the Foundation, and the revision of the bylaws of both organizations has given me a deep understanding of the workings of the organizations.

Given the ongoing changes in the field of gynecologic oncology, and the reshaping of American medicine itself, the SGO will serve an increasingly critical function for its members. I would be honored to continue to serve the SGO and its Foundation, to help maintain and enhance the organizations' vital missions in education, clinical care, research, and service to members.

SECRETARY-TREASURER ELECT



David E. Cohn, MD

Professor and Director
The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Columbus, OH

SGO Activities:

- Board of Directors 2011-present
- Chair, Education Committee 2010-2013
- Vice-Chair, Education Committee 2009-2010
- Steering Committee, Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2011-2012
- Quality and Outcomes Committee 2012-present
- Education Committee 2006-2008
- Media Response Team 2008-2009
- Education Resource Panel 2006-2008
- Physician Education Awareness Campaign Subcommittee 2006-2008
- Co-Chair, Postgraduate Course Committee, Annual Meeting Program Committee 2003-2004
- Fellows Task Force 2000-2002

Over the last decade, I have had the privilege of serving the SGO and helping to shape its evolution, initially on the Fellows task force, then as a member and Chair of the Education Committee, and currently as a member of the Board of Directors. My longitudinal leadership experience as a Fellow, Candidate and Full Member allows me to understand the SGO's history and respond to the changing needs of its members. In my role as Chair of the Education Committee, integration of the current e-learning platform was started, and new member categories were added to the committee roster, leading to improvements in the quality of the committee and its productivity. As a member of the Board of Directors, I led the initiative to rewrite the disclosure and conflicts of interest policy for the SGO leaders, aligning it with the policies of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies.

Given the changes that will immediately influence the direction of the SGO (including diminishing industry support and the impact of the ACA on gynecologic cancer care), I believe that my prior service to and leadership experience with the SGO will allow me to respond proactively to the many challenges we will face in the coming years. If elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, I will be an active leader during this critical period of financial transition and competing health care interests. I would be honored to continue to serve on the SGO Board of Directors in this role of Secretary-Treasurer Elect.



Susan C. Modesitt, MD

Professor and Division Director, Gynecologic Oncology Division
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

SGO Activities:

- Education Committee 2007-2012
- SGO Winter Meeting abstract reviewer 2012
- Program Committee 2010-2011

- Course Director, SGO State of the Art meeting 2010
- Vice Chair, SGO Practice Survey Task Force 2009-2010
- Candidate Taskforce 2005-2008
- Chair, Candidate Taskforce 2006-2007
- SGO Council Candidate Member Representative 2006-2007
- SGO Education Resource Panel 2006-2009

I believe that the SGO is the only organization dedicated to women with gynecologic cancers as well as the physicians who care for them. As such, the SGO has the responsibility and the ability to advocate nationally (and internationally) for both groups and being on the Board and Secretary/Treasurer would enable me to work towards those ends. My ultimate goal would be to continue to foster targeted initiatives based on member input about the issues most important to gynecologic oncology practice and I would strive to be easily accessible to our membership. My major strength as a leader is the ability to work collaboratively in assessing complex situations and devising innovative and concrete action plans with associated metrics to achieve desired outcomes.



William R. (Rusty) Robinson, III, MD

Maxwell E. Lapham Professor of Gynecologic Oncology
Director, Tulane Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology
Program (MB-CCOP)
Tulane University School of Medicine
New Orleans, LA

SGO Activities:

- Coding Committee 2006-present
 - Chair, 2010-present
 - Vice-Chair 2007-2010
- Medical Ethics and Practices Committee 2001-2003
- Program Committee 1995-1996
- SGO Liaison to ACOG Health Economics and Coding Committee 2009-2010
- Chair, Coding and Reimbursement Task Force, SGO Clinical Practice Summit 2012-2013
- Course Director, SGO Fall Coding Course 2011
- Course Director, SGO Annual Meeting Coding and ICD-10 Update 2013
- Course Director, SGO Coding Webinar Series 2012, 2013, 2014
- Course Director, SGO Annual Meeting Coding Symposium 2014

I believe SGO deserves leaders with strong experience and passion for their work and for the specialty. We will face professional changes in the near future unlike any we've ever experienced. Flexibility and adaptability, along with experience and passion, will be vital to maintaining/expanding our position as leaders in women's cancer care. No one can truly predict what medicine will look like, which means no one can be truly certain they are prepared. Because of this, I am convinced the most important characteristic of SGO leadership will be the ability to adapt to new, unanticipated situations calmly and responsibly. I therefore believe the ideal leader will need experience with a variety of practice settings and business models.

My career has been punctuated by change, including starting as junior faculty in an academic setting, then moving into business leadership of a large private practice, and finally returning to academics as a senior administrator. Along the way, I've served as President of WAGO and various other non-profits. Not to mention the time I spend raising awareness of GYN cancer performing in the world's greatest GYN oncology rock and roll band, N.E.D.! My current position combines clinical and administrative responsibilities, with the anticipation of moving primarily into administration. In summary, I have: 1) more than adequate experience; 2) sufficient protected time to invest as SGO's Secretary/Treasurer; 3) the support of Tulane's leadership to do so; 4) the commitment and passion I've demonstrated over a career of service to women with gynecologic cancers.

BOARD MEMBER



Deborah K. Armstrong, MD

Associate Professor of Oncology, Associate Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics
Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center
Baltimore, MD

SGO Activities:

- Nominating Committee 2012-2013
- Breast Cancer Committee 2008-2013
- Program Committee 2009-2011
- Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) Remote Online Tumor Board 2011-present
- Membership Committee 2012-present
- Clinical Trial Endpoint Working Group 2012-2013
- Honors and Awards Committee 2013-2015

As an increasingly multidisciplinary organization, the SGO has the opportunity to define quality gynecologic oncology care. SGO as an entity, and SGO members have an ongoing challenge and responsibility to ensure that gynecologic cancer patients are treated by professionals who specialize in such treatment. We need to work with advocacy organizations and payers to guarantee that all women have access to this care. Along with this we need to continue to advocate for and fund research examining quality outcomes in gynecologic cancer care.

We need to prepare for the demographic changes expected over the coming decades and the changing payer environment with implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Together, these are expected to result in an increased need for gynecologic cancer services and improved access of patients to gynecologic cancer specialists. SGO should be a leader in addressing this increased demand for gynecologic cancer professional services across disciplines.

As a medical oncologist specializing in the care of women with cancer, it was an honor for me to be in the first group of non-gynecologic oncologists to become full SGO members in 2010. SGO has provided me with the opportunity to be a part of defining and guiding quality cancer care through membership in the Breast Cancer Committee and the Program Committee, as a member of Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) Remote Online Tumor Board, as a member of the Honors and Awards and Membership Committees and as a member of the Clinical Trial Endpoint Working Group.



Kian Behbakht, MD

Professor and Director, Gynecologic Oncology, University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus
Director, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship
University of Colorado
Aurora, CO

SGO Activities:

- Membership Committee 2007-2013
 - Chair 2011-2013
 - Vice Chair 2019-2011
- Government Relations Committee 2012-present

- Program Committee 2011-2012
- Chair, Fellowship Director's Workgroup, GTD Section 2011
- Fellowship Director's Workgroup 2009-present
- Education Committee 2005-2007

Now is a time of rapid change in medicine and challenges such as the restructuring of payments for medical services and the reorganization of the NIH and cooperative group research have directly impacted the field of gynecologic oncology. Backed by a tremendously dedicated staff, the SGO board is an organization that has fostered visionary leadership during this turbulent time. We are integrated in directing these changes, furthering our mission through the work of committees such as the Coding Committee, the Clinical Practice Committee, and the Government Relations Committee, among others.

We keep our membership diverse, accepting, and influential through the efforts of the Membership Committee and we keep our members on the cutting edge of knowledge through the Annual Clinical Meeting, through an enhanced Web presence, and via the Education Committee and the Program Director's Workgroup. I have held officer or leadership positions in many of these committees and I understand leadership within organizations and forming coalitions to accomplish common goals. I bring to the SGO Board my experiences on prior committees within and outside SGO and my leadership of our fellowship and our division.

With these experiences, I am able to enhance the efforts of the SGO Board to promote our ideals and our Society. Our work is far from done and we have to continue to face the challenges in our professional lives with creativity, fortitude and good will. With your support, I will work diligently to accomplish these aims.



Linus T. Chuang, MD, MPH, MS

Professor, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science
Divisional and Fellowship Director of Gynecologic Minimally Invasive Surgery, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science,
Icahn School of Medicine
New York, NY

SGO Activities:

- Chair, International Committee 2011-present
- Membership Committee 2010-2013
- Chair, International Network 2010-2011
- SGO Liaison Health Volunteer Overseas 2010-2012

The opportunity I have serving as the Chair of the International Committee and various subcommittee leaders in the Membership Committee allows me to understand the infrastructure and the need of the Society and our members. I have been fortunate to work with so many outstanding SGO leaders and leaders of the IGCS, Asian SGO, and European SGO over the last four to five years, initially as Chair of the International Network, and later as Chair of the International Committee.

This experience, along with being a volunteer and liaison for the Health Volunteers Overseas, a member of the ASCO International Affairs Committee, past experience as Task Force Chair for the ACOG, President of the New York Metropolitan Gynecologic Cancer Society and Westchester Obstetrics and Gynecologic Society, in addition to Director of Gynecologic Oncology at New York Medical College and Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, gave me a good perspective of how to best serve our Society.

I would like to continue to collaborate with leaders overseas and in other

disciplines to establish a databank cataloging the international cervical cancer screening and educational works, to establish educational exchange for our members and fellows to volunteer or learn at overseas institutions, and to increase our presence as leader in gynecologic oncology around the world. I believe through this we will be able to grow, lead, and thus, benefit women with gynecologic cancers.



D. Scott McMeekin, MD

Deputy Director, Stephenson Cancer Center for Clinical Research
Virginia Kerley Cade Chair in Cancer Developmental Therapeutics
Professor and Section Chief, Division Gynecologic Oncology
University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City, OK

SGO Activities:

- Chair, Program Committee 2011-2012
- Chair, Fellowship Directors Group 2010-2012
- Committee Member, Pathway to Progress in Women's Cancer: endometrial cancer 2011
- SGO delegate to ASTRO for committee participation in consensus panel of "Role of radiation in endometrial cancer" 2012
- Program Committee 2005
- Invited Discussant, Annual Meeting 2006-2011
- Post Graduate Course Director, Annual Meeting 2003-2004, 2009-2011
- Invited Speaker Post Graduate Courses, Annual Meeting 2003-2004, 2008-2011

I have had the privilege of being mentored in my academic career by several tremendous role models in the field of gynecologic oncology. My experiences have shown me that service to others, commitment to a group effort, and entrepreneurial spirit are essential in leadership of any organization. Serving members of a group requires the ability to distinguish challenges from opportunities, identifying and cultivating resources, and implementing programs which support growth.

I have served in a variety of leadership capacities at the University of Oklahoma including Section Chief, Fellowship Director, and Deputy Director of our Cancer Center. I have served as Secretary-Treasurer, Program Director, and President of WAGO, and in the SGO, as Co-Chair of the Fellowship Program Directors group and Program Committee Chair. I have been an investigator and leader within the Gynecologic Oncology Group and serve on the Board of Directors (BOD) as Secretary. I serve on the GCSC Uterine Task Force as Co-Chair. These roles have allowed me to be engaged in education, mentorship, patient care, and research, and have provided me with the necessary experience to serve the members of the SGO.

If selected to the SGO BOD, I will work to expand the role of the SGO in educating its members and the women we care for, identifying research priorities of the group, developing new training experiences and opportunities, and implementing changes in education and practice as we move toward individualized care of women with gynecologic malignancies. I respectfully ask for your consideration.



Carolyn Y. Muller, MD

Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director, Gynecologic Oncology
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM

SGO Activities:

- Membership Committee 2012-present
- Program Committee 2013-2014
- Chair, Marketing and Communications Committee 2006-2010
- Strategic Planning Committee 2007-2008
- Co-Chair, Informatics Committee 2005-2007
- Appointed Delegate, American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology Consensus Conference, Bethesda, MD 2006
- Program Committee 2001

I would be honored to serve on the SGO Board of Directors. I have been an active full member for over 15 years and served on many committees, proud to be a part of the progressive changes that continue to strengthen our Society as the leader in expert care and research for women with gynecologic cancer.

My career has been in academia both in a large urban program supporting a fellowship (Dallas) and the last decade in a smaller academic institution with statewide coverage of urban and rural diverse populations (New Mexico). If elected, I will represent the diverse populations of the Southwest and the unique challenges faced by both academic and private practitioners in these regions, and my voice on the Board of Directors will benefit the SGO members and the Foundation. I am a creative thinker and problem solver and understand the challenges facing our specialty as it relates to quality outcomes, reimbursement, membership growth and sustainability and will always make sure that the voice of the membership is heard and represented.

I have worked hard for over a decade, holding several leadership positions within the Foundation for Women's Cancer. I serve on the NIH and DOD study sections as well as GOG and NCI committees which enhance my scientific knowledge and relationships necessary for the Society's continued research portfolio. My leadership skills and proven dedication will help move the organization forward to further secure the resources and reputation of our members as THE experts in gynecologic cancer.



Adnan R. Munkarah, MD

Chairman Women's Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Patterson
Chair in Gynecologic Cancer Research, Henry Ford Health System;
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Wayne State University
Detroit, MI

SGO Activities:

- Membership Committee 2009-2011
- International Committee 2012-2014
- Scientific Program Committee 2004, 2014

Medicine and health care are going through unprecedented changes. Funding for research and education are at risk. It is essential that we maintain adequate financial support for these endeavors. The changing reimbursement models

mandate that we develop relevant quality metrics, perform cost-effectiveness and outcome analyses and determine best treatment algorithms. Our national and global outreach is important to make a bigger impact in the war against gynecologic cancers.

My career path has prepared me well to deal with the challenges ahead of us. Shortly after completing my fellowship, I partnered with colleagues to build an academic fellowship program along with a strong clinical division. Family reasons prompted me to move overseas for a short stint. I used the opportunity to share knowledge with new colleagues in that region, organize clinical services, start research projects and launch training programs.

Recently, health care reform, outcomes disparities and quality initiatives have been at the core of our daily work in Detroit. I have gained additional leadership skills serving as a member of our hospital board of trustees, vice chair of our medical group board of governors and chair of the finance committee. I have also been closely involved with patient advocacy and have helped organize an annual Walk for Women's Cancer in Detroit. My commitment to SGO has been unwavering, attending and presenting at each meeting for over 20 years and serving on committees. I hope that you will provide me the opportunity to serve our patients, the Society and its membership.



Matthew A. Powell, MD

Associate Professor; Director, Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship
Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis, MO

SGO Activities:

- Chair, Quality and Outcomes Committee 2012-present
- Outcomes Research Institute, Project Development and Protocol Review Committee 2012-present
- Practice Summit Taskforce 2012
- Program Chair, Fellows' Forum at SGO Winter Meeting 2007-2012
- Education Committee 2007-2011
- Program Committee 2005-2006

I know can contribute in a very meaningful way as a member of the SGO Board of Directors and Foundation Council. We are faced with a multitude of changes in all aspects of gynecologic oncology with research (possible end of the GOG/NRG), patient care (changes under the Affordable Care Act), and teaching (changes in trainees expectations, evaluation, funding) greatly affected by changes in governmental policy.

With a rapid decline in available clinical trials through the GOG/NRG current clinical research and trial infrastructure will profoundly change. Without new sources of funding our ability to advance the field will be severely limited. The importance of foundation/philanthropy-driven research becomes dramatically more important and the SGO is uniquely positioned to help fill this void. The merger of the Foundation for Women's Cancer and the Foundation for Gynecologic Oncology will strengthen our organization and will help meet this need. I will strongly support this merger and work to help grow the combined foundation to meet this need.

I feel I am uniquely prepared to help the SGO address these issues with my background in clinical research, experience on the board of the Foundation for Women's Cancer, chair of the Quality & Outcomes Committee, and years as a fellowship director. I will be honored to continue to contribute to the future of our Society and specialty.



Elizabeth M. Swisher, MD

Professor, Department of Ob/Gyn, Adjunct Professor, Medical Genetics
University of Washington
Seattle, WA

SGO Activities:

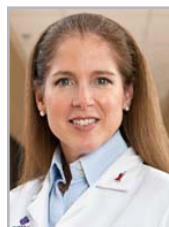
- Education Committee 2002-2004
- Program Committee 2008-2009
- Education Resource Program 2006-present
- Education Committee 2012-present
- Genetics and Cancer Outreach Workgroup 2013-present

I am passionate about using modern approaches to improve the treatment and prevention of gynecological cancers. Now, more than ever, we look towards SGO leadership to represent member and patient interests in the changing health care environment. My own career includes clinical care and basic and translational research and a strong emphasis on education. I have successfully attained research funding from federal and private sources and have managed many large budgets simultaneously.

I work closely with GOG and understand the current challenges facing both translational and clinical research. In particular, my expertise in genomics would provide important expertise within SGO leadership as our specialty moves towards personalized therapies and translating recent research gains into real world benefits for our patients. If elected my priorities would include:

1. Directly influencing the current discussion for outcomes-based health care by helping SGO be the one to define our specialty's standards and measurable outcomes.
2. Advocating with the federal government and private payors for adequate reimbursement for oncology services and support of clinical trials.
3. Increasing the international nature of SGO. We should work to better represent patients and caregivers (including non-physicians) in developing countries.
4. Advocating for increased NCI and DoD support of gynecological research, particularly innovative translational research and support of young investigators.
5. Establishing fellow and member education standards, including fostering interdisciplinary education and research.

I would work hard to represent SGO members as we advocate for the best gynecologic oncology care for women everywhere.



Vivian E. von Gruenigen, MD

Professor, NEOMED; Chair, Summa Akron City
Medical Director Women's Institute Summa Health System
Akron, OH

SGO Activities:

- Annual Meeting Program Committee, Steering Committee, Candidate Forum, Course Director; Speaker, SGO Winter Meeting; Strategic Planning Task Force 2013-2014

- Education Committee 1999-present
 - Chair, Education Committee 2012-2014
 - Vice Chair, Education Committee 2010-2011
 - Vice Chair, CME Subcommittee, 2006-2009
 - Chair of CME Outreach Subcommittee, charged with writing an education grant for the CDC (PA05031) 2005-2006;
- Annual Meeting Course Director; Research Summit Co-Chair QoL 2011
- Candidate Forum 2010
- SGO Summer Course Director 2008
- Annual meeting Course Director 2007
- Annual meeting Program Committee 2006
- Strategic Planning Task Force; Course Director Annual Meeting; SGO Leadership Committee 2005
- Marketing and Communications Committee 2002-2007
- First Fellows Task Force Chair 1999

Foundation for Women's Cancer Activities 2001-present:

Vice Chair Donor Relations; Development Committee Member; GCF Education Chair; Director, Cancer Survivor Courses and Survivor Telephone Workshops; Chair of Nominating Committee for Board of Directors; Board Member, Women's Cancer Network Committee; Public Relations Response Committees, Membership Committee

I have volunteered for the SGO for many years. My largest contribution has been working on the education committee where I served sequentially as a member since 1999 as well as Chair of the committee. I also represent and understand issues that affect all gynecologic oncologists as I have practiced in a county institution, private practice, and a university setting.

My *why* to serve as a member of the Board of Directors reminds me of the book written by Simon Sinek on inspirational leadership. His talks can also be found on YouTube. He says that *what* you do is not as important as *why* you do it and I agree with his philosophy wholeheartedly. It's the *why* that will move SGO and the Foundation forward. My *why*, is quality cancer care for women, which is aligned with the mission and vision of the SGO.

These are unprecedented times within health care and it is imperative that we adapt, grow, and become financial secure. Population health, patient-centered care, and new financial metrics are inevitable with the changes of health care. The SGO can respond to these changes by developing a proactive strategy using a multipronged approach of education, advocacy, communication, and collaboration.

My leadership style typically is with consensus; however, I am comfortable making challenging decisions with enthusiasm and focus. I am a proven physician leader as a Chair, health system medical director and health system board member. In addition, I served on two other national boards providing me an opportunity to lead change. Thus, I believe my experience and passion will help elevate SGO in accomplishing growth and providing continued reputable stances on quality cancer care for women.

CANDIDATE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE



Rebecca A. Brooks, MD

Assistant Professor
University of California San Francisco
San Francisco, CA

SGO Activities:

- Program Committee 2010
- Organized Fellow-in-Training, Resident and Candidate Sessions at Annual Meeting 2009, 2010
- Organized Networking Sessions 2010

Candidate members in the SGO are at a crossroads of board certification, and adjusting to attending practice. After the last seven to eight years of training, the dream of forging the right career path seems both overwhelming and exciting. It is this intersection that gives candidate members unique perspective and highlights our opportunity and responsibility to the future of the SGO.

The SGO has a strong foundation of resources for candidate members. I want to build upon existing board preparation resources, with consideration of a novel online study forum, matching groups, and a formal prep course as possibilities. Additionally, I would like to build a mentoring network where candidates can receive outside advice about clinical and career decisions as we adjust to new positions and determine if the first job is the right fit.

Given the opportunity to serve as our representative, I would be proud to be the ambassador of the candidate voice to the council to ensure that our specific priorities are considered, and to continue to build on the already great opportunities SGO offers. Having served on the SGO program committee in 2010 and having organized Fellow-in-Training sessions for the 2009 and 2010 meeting, I have the experience to move forward our ideas. I believe that I have the strength and creativity to find solutions to the unique challenges of candidate members. If we utilize each others' strengths we can be a stronger voice and resource for one another and for SGO moving forward.



Jori S. Carter, MD, MS

Assistant Professor, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center
Richmond, VA

As a fresh face in the leadership of SGO, I will bring my leadership skills and innovative ideas to the national scene. As a recent fellowship graduate, I have a unique perspective with focus and vision for the future of our organization.

My previous leadership roles have included acting as administrator and liaison as Administrative Chief Resident, an activist and negotiator as Co-President of the local chapter of Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR/SEIU), and

a thoughtful and compassionate member of the Educational Advisory Committee. My leadership skills have continued to develop on a day-to-day basis in academic medicine, and I have gained respect and recognition from my trainees, peers, and mentors.

I will bring my dedication and productivity to SGO with my innovative ideas for the future of the organization that include: 1) increasing the availability of research grant opportunities to Candidate Members and young investigators, 2) increasing the frequency of publication of Clinical Practice Guidelines, 3) providing funding stipends for underprivileged women undergoing cancer treatment, and 4) encouraging SGO to continue to grow through marketing and media, to become one of the top nationally-renowned organizations in the medical field.

As a dedicated former Fellow-in-Training Member and current Candidate Member of SGO, I have been inspired by its growth and transitions. I would be honored to be a part of its future leadership. It would be a privilege to be elected Candidate Representative, and I plan to bring my dedication and enthusiasm to fulfill my duties with pride.



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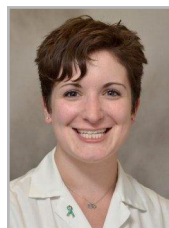
SGO Activities:

- Quality and Outcomes Committee 2013
- SGO Practice Summit Writing Group

As a candidate member to the board of SGO, I plan to serve as a voice and fair representative for my fellow candidate members who are all finding the balance of establishing a new professional career, practice, research identity and personal life-balance amidst the rapidly changing medical climate. Some of the most challenging issues SGO members will likely face include (but are not limited to) adapting their medical practice to the pressures of outcomes-based metrics, operating within fiscal constraints in an ever-changing health care system, maintaining their identity and leadership amidst the medical and surgical specialty fields, and leveraging ever-diminishing research funds.

These issues will require SGO to act as a unified force in order to protect the interests of ourselves, our specialty and our patients. From my experiences training in public and private institutions, to public service work with nonprofit organizations, to participating on GOG and SGO committees, and to leading multi-disciplinary research projects (public health; population sciences; trials), I think the most important strategies are to actively seek input from all membership levels; to identify, organize, leverage and utilize those with expertise within and outside of our organization; and to develop collaborations with other key medical organizations influencing our practice of gynecologic oncology. I would want my fellow candidates to feel that their concerns are heard and considered by SGO leadership and that we can bring unique insight and even expertise to the SGO board despite our relatively junior standing.

FELLOW-IN-TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE



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SGO Activities:

- Fellow Co-Director of Gynecologic Oncology Fellows' and Allied Health Professionals' Research Network (GOFRN) 2012-present
- Quality and Outcomes Committee 2012-2014

The Society of Gynecologic Oncology's mission is "To promote the highest quality of comprehensive clinical care through education and research in the prevention and treatment of gynecologic cancers." As fellows, we have a unique position to be at the forefront of the future of gynecologic oncology. While serving as the Fellow-in-Training member of the SGO Board of Directors, I would bring a voice to those of us who will carry on this mission in the years to come.

During my work as one of the inaugural fellow co-directors of the Gynecologic Oncology Fellows' and Allied Health Professionals' Research Network (GOFRN), I have integrated fellows into collaborative projects with attending physicians and brought fellows from different institutions together to work as a cohesive unit for the betterment of women with gynecologic malignancies. I hope to bring these connections and collaborations to the SGO Board in order to continue to advance the care provided to women with gynecologic malignancies, and continue to efficiently and effectively carry out the mission of the SGO.



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In the progression of my medical training, I have learned that the ideal education is composed of vigilance in studying and active participation in medical academic organizations. If elected to the board, my goal would be to initiate a relationship with the residents applying to the gynecologic oncology fellowship, then promote involvement in multi-institutional research and regular meeting attendance for the Fellows, with the eventual goal of continued participation in research and adherence to guidelines as an attending.

Developing this progressive relationship with the trainees will allow SGO to more reliably distribute educational guidelines and build a platform for gynecologic oncologists to continue lifelong education. People become invested when given the opportunity to facilitate and be heard. If on the committee, I would find opportunities to establish mentorship for the trainees in the SGO allowing them to assist in the preparation of published material and to participate in outreach and meeting planning.

Initiating these relationships would help make an already close-knit community of physicians more integrated, but also aid the fellows in the anticipated transition to mentors once their training is completed. I have previous experience implementing a resident narrative medicine curriculum in a multi-institutional, medical academic setting that required IRB approval, involvement of multiple disciplines, and, most importantly, the ability to motivate physicians to engage in a new concept for medical education. The skills acquired through this would be of great benefit to me if elected to the board.



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By serving on the SGO Board of Directors as the Fellow-In-Training Representative, I hope to gain first-hand experience with this organization from the inside out while being actively involved in the growth and development of our field. Through my work with the California Medical Association (CMA), I have experience in policy-making and in the design of successful and effective programs. I also have insight into the challenges faced when implementing widespread changes on a national level. I believe this experience will allow me to make meaningful contributions to the future of SGO.

The CMA has also shown me how powerful early exposure to leadership can be for physician-trainees. Thus, I hope to reach out to our future physicians, not just as fellows and residents, but far earlier in the pipeline of development, as medical students and even as undergraduates. These soon-to-be physicians are the faces of the future of our profession, and with early involvement and opportunities for leadership training and activism, they will be primed for an active role in the future of gynecologic oncology.

Finally, I believe the outreach should not stop at our domestic borders, and I applaud the work of improving gynecologic cancer care abroad that so many SGO physicians have undertaken with Health Volunteers Overseas. My work across Africa and South America with organizations such as Medicine for Humanity gives me great insight into the difficulties of providing effective and self-sustaining care in resource-poor areas, and I hope to assist in the expansion of such programs.

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