Candidates for elected positions in the Society of 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. 9, 2017. To ensure that your ballot arrives in your inbox on Jan. 9, 2017, 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.
Thomas Herzog, MD
Deputy Director, University of Cincinnati Cancer Institute
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH

**SGO Activities:**
- 2015-2016 Executive Director, Search Committee
- 2013-2015 SGO/FWC Foundation Merger Executive Committee
- 2012-2015 Chair, Clinical Trials Endpoint Working Group
- 2000, 2007, 2010, 2015 Chair, Program Committee
- 2003-2010 Education Committee (2006-2010 – Chair)
- 2005-2008 SGO Council
- 2001-2003 Health Insurance Advisory Task Force
- 1998-2000 Life Enrichment Task Force

I want to be President of the SGO because the organization is at a critical and yet exciting crossroads that will require experienced leadership. I strongly believe that I can provide such leadership for this organization. The Society has undergone significant change as it became independently managed and is now constituted by a more diverse membership. We have merged two foundations into a single stronger foundation that will better serve the needs of members while broadening our abilities to brand the new single foundation externally to maximize philanthropic support. I believe my past leadership experience within the organization qualifies me to guide us through these challenging times. I have served on SGO Council and Foundation Board and in the positions of Program Chair, Education Committee Chair, Grants/Awards Committee Chair. I have also gained significant insights while serving on the SGO/FWC Foundation Merger Task Force these past few years. The SGO is an incredibly important professional organization that has globally improved the care of women with cancer. Personally, this organization has had a major positive influence on my professional development through education and research. Thus, I maintain a strong and vested interest in being part of the leadership team that charts our future course.

Warner K. Huh, MD
Professor and Division Director, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, Margaret Cameron Spain Endowed Chair in Obstetrics/Gynecology
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL

**SGO Activities:**
- 2013-2016 SGO Board/Council Member
- 2014 Chair/Lead Author, Use of primary high-risk human papillomavirus testing for cervical cancer screening: interim clinical guidance (collaborative effort between SGO and ASCCP)
- 2013 Chair, Program Committee, 2013 Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer
- 2012-Present Chair, Cervical Cancer Screening Registry
- 2010 Post-graduate Course Co-chair, 2010 SGO Annual Meeting
- 2010-2011 Marketing and Communications Committee
- 2008-2010 FWC/SGO Cervical Cancer Workgroup
- 2008 Committee Co-chair, SGO Cervical Cancer Forum (“Future Strategies of Cervical Cancer Prevention: What Do We Need to Do Now to Prepare?”)
- 2006 Chair, Candidates Task Force
- 2005-2006 Council (Ex-Officio)
- 2004-2005 Candidates Task Force
- 2003-2005 Informatics Committee

Over the last 15 years, I have been given incredible opportunities to fully pursue my clinical, research, educational and leadership interests, and SGO has been central to this. It has been a true labor of love to volunteer for this organization. I am an outspoken champion for our Society and it has always been my goal and vision to make SGO one of the premier medical subspecialty organizations both nationally and internationally while providing the best possible services and benefits to our members. It is a priority for me to make sure that the next generation of members understand what makes this Society great, accomplished and special. Future presidents for this organization have a specific obligation to make sure we promote a high level of enthusiasm to volunteer and represent our group well. This is how we got to where we are today and we need to continue with this culture. I see one of my greatest strengths as bringing together a number of different specialists committed to women’s cancer care as well as gynecologic oncologists who are in different stages of their careers. I confidently feel that I have a comprehensive understanding of the current issues and needs of our members and the Society, having served as Program Chair for the 2013 Annual Meeting as well as a member of the SGO Board. I fully expect to use my leadership experiences from other medical societies (ASCCP, among others), my research endeavors, my international relationships and experiences, and my role in creating novel clinical cancer programs to further SGO’s position in women’s cancer care and its future in the years to come.
Jeff Boyd, PhD  
Director, Translational Research and Genomic Medicine  
Miami Cancer Institute/Baptist Health South Florida  
Coral Gables, FL

SGO Activities:
- 2015-present  Clinical Practice Committee
- 2014-2015  Chair, Steering Committee for Genetics Care Delivery Summit
- 2000-2004  Education Committee
- 1997  Ad Hoc Member, Program Committee

I have been committed to the mission and vision of the SGO since I joined the Society as an Associate Member in 1997. In particular, I was attracted by the opportunity to bring a novel perspective (as a gynecologic cancer geneticist) to the Society, increasing its diversity in terms of multidisciplinary content expertise. Over the years, I have enthusiastically embraced every opportunity to serve on the Program Committee and other programmatic initiatives of the Society, as well as participate in educational sessions at many annual meetings. As a Full Member of the Society now, I hope to continue my contributions to the SGO by bringing this rather unique perspective to the Board in order to facilitate meeting any current challenges. I believe that multidisciplinary diversity is essential in order for the Society to survive and prosper, and I remain willing to devote energy, time, and unique insights into accomplishing these goals.

David Kushner, MD  
Professor and Division Director, John and Jeanne Flesch Professor in Gynecologic Oncology, Vice Chair of Clinical Research–Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health  
Madison, WI

SGO Activities:
- 2015-Present  Co-Chair, Gynecologic Oncology Wellness Task Force
- 2014-2015  Founding Member, Gynecologic Oncology Wellness Task Force
- 2012-2015  Membership Committee
- 2010-2011  Program Committee
- 2010-2011  Program Committee Liaison to the Education Committee
- 2007-2011  Education Committee
- 2007-2011  Fellowship Program Directors Committee

I want to serve on the SGO Board to give back to a profession that inspires me every day. I feel privileged to take care of patients afflicted with gynecologic cancer, and believe strongly that these women deserve the highest quality at whatever institution they choose to seek care. To accomplish this goal, the SGO has been the authoritative source for educating the world about gynecologic oncology. I have enjoyed serving the Society, and have participated on multiple committees. More recently, I was inspired by Dr. Fowler's efforts on work-life balance and have co-chaired the Wellness Task Force. This has led to a real passion about this topic. We cannot stand by as such large numbers of our colleagues suffer with depression, anxiety and even contemplate suicide. Although I have helped with many aspects of this task force, my greatest efforts have been focused on the last three Annual Meetings. I have directed two well-attended wellness sessions—leading up to a fully coordinated wellness “pathway” to be featured at the upcoming 2017 Annual Meeting. As a Board member, I hope to deepen the commitment of the SGO to help maintain member wellness, allowing us to truly bring our best every day for our patients, colleagues and families.

My administrative experience as Division Director, Fellowship Director and Vice Chair of Clinical Research will serve me well as an active Board member. To obtain more formal training, I also attended the Leadership Development for Physicians in Academic Health Centers at Harvard School of Public Health last year. This two-week course involved intensive and systematic study of some of the critical leadership and management issues which face physicians in administrative leadership positions at academic health centers. In addition, I am finishing my two-year term as National Chair of the Scientific Network for Female Sexual Function and Cancer. One of my major accomplishments in this role was obtaining 501(c)(3) status for our organization. In this process, I created new infrastructure and initiated systems for both budgeting and reporting.

My leadership style would best be summarized as passionate, inclusive and ethical. I hope to have the opportunity to put all three towards a role on the SGO Board. Thank you for your consideration.
Kathleen Moore, MD
Associate Director of Clinical Research
Stephenson Oklahoma Cancer Center
Oklahoma City, OK

SGO Activities:
- 2016 Program Committee/Steering Committee
- 2015-Present Nominating Committee
- 2015-Present SGO Representative to the ASCO Clinical Practice Committee
- 2014 Program Committee/Steering Committee
- 2013-Present Clinical Practice Committee
- 2012 Program Committee

I have loved being involved in SGO for my entire career so far. From attending and presenting research at the Annual Meeting, to developing postgraduate education and being a part of the team that organizes the Annual Meeting, it is such an honor to interact with my colleagues, learn from them and help present content that is of greatest interest to the membership. I have also enjoyed working on the Clinical Practice Committee, which has such an important impact on distributing well-drafted SGO position statements as well as reviewing care pathways from various insurers to make sure they reflect the care we believe is best for women.

I currently serve as the Associate Director for clinical research for our cancer center and Director for the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) phase I early phase drug development unit. I am tasked with looking at our organization every day and thinking ahead to the next growth opportunity, assessing and addressing vulnerabilities and helping my team to grow within the organization. I would bring this big vision type of leadership to the Board of Directors and hopefully work with SGO leadership to chart the next phase of our great organization’s growth. Thank you for your consideration.

Adnan R. Munkarah, MD
Chairman Women’s Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Henry Ford Health System
Detroit, MI

SGO Activities:
- 2016 Co-chair, Global Session, Annual Meeting
- 2011-2015 Member, International Membership
- 2009-2011 Member, Membership Committee
- 2014 and 2004 Member, Scientific Program Committee
- Various Years Moderated Scientific Sessions in the Annual Meeting

I strongly believe that SGO is our best venue to continue to improve the care for our patients and advance our profession through education, research, advocacy and collaboration. Our professional Society has continued to create and advance educational programs to meet the needs of its members, other health professionals as well as the global community. It is essential that we maintain those educational efforts to ensure that evidence-based medicine is disseminated and that providers are equipped with the knowledge to care for women with gynecologic cancers around the world.

SGO has played a significant role in promoting the research agenda on multiple fronts: advocating to maintain research funding, encouraging enrollment in clinical trials as well collaboration among researchers, and creating the platform to present the results. I am a firm believer that research can incrementally enhance the cure rate in gynecologic malignancies.

Changes in health care are impacting providers and patients in different ways. We need to continue our quest to improve our clinical practice, enhance the value provided to our patients and communities but also to advocate on behalf of our members and patients. Working through SGO is an ideal way to analyze the changes in health care, tackle sensitive policy issues and collaborate with other professionals and societies.

I am thankful that I have had the chance to serve in many leadership roles throughout my career, advance my knowledge and sharpen my skills. My leadership philosophy is built on the principles of excellence, respect and trust. My leadership style is based on collaboration and empowerment. If I am honored to be elected to the SGO Board of Directors, I am committed to working with the rest of the Board members and leadership to fulfill the mission of our Society and be an advocate for our patients and colleagues.
Bhavana Pothuri, MD, MS
NYU Langone Medical Center
New York, NY

SGO Activities:
- 2014-2016  Clinical Practice Committee
- 2014  Genetics Summit
- 2011  Program Committee
- 2009-2012  Marketing and Communications Committee
- 2006, 2007  Breast Cancer Task Force

I would be honored to serve on the SGO board. I will identify the challenges we face as gynecologic oncologists and empower members to improve our practices with creative and constructive solutions. As a Board member, I will work to help implement more efficient clinical trial designs, and continue to lobby for national funding for gynecologic cancer research. I will also advocate for fellow physicians growth; personally, clinically and academically.

Strengths:
1. I have thirteen years in academic faculty practice in fast-paced medical centers in New York City.
2. I serve on scientific advisory committees for NCI and NRG Oncology (GOG).
3. I am devoted to improving cancer care and outcomes nationally.
4. I understand the needs of researchers as well as clinical providers.
5. I am a thoughtful and articulate leader who embraces technological advances and innovative approaches.

Goals:
1. Ensure the membership is prepared for the transition to the value-based care model
2. Work on increasing efficiency of clinical trials by supporting use of umbrella trials and adaptive trial designs
3. Advocate for mandatory HPV vaccination in children
4. Promote diversity to lessen racial and gender gaps within our medical communities for providers and patients
5. Represent the concerns of my peers regarding personal and professional challenges/needs in our rapidly advancing scientific landscape/educational environment

Mark S. Shahin, MD
Director, Hanjani Institute for Gynecologic Oncology
Abington Hospital-Jefferson Health
Abington, PA

SGO Activities:
- 2015-Present  Vice Chair, Task Force on Coding and Reimbursement
- 2010-2015  Vice Chair, Coding Committee
- 2009-2010  Member, Coding Committee
- 2000-2001  Fellow Representative, Bylaws Committee

During my first 15 years of clinical activities as a gynecologic oncologist I have become progressively more aware of the important role that SGO plays in the lives of gynecologic oncologists as well as the patients we serve. Through an election as a Board member I hope to be able to help shape SGO’s fundamental roles in areas of education (of fellows-in-training, and gynecologic oncologists as well as our referring physicians including general OB/GYNs), promotion of clinical and translational research at the time where funding continues to be under threat of cuts and sequestrations, as well as advocacy for the patients we represent. This is a magnificent opportunity to be in the leadership of SGO in a time of uncertainty when we once again see the prospects of evolution in health care plan proposals, as well as the dismantling of the Affordable Care Act. The board of our organization in collaboration with ASCO, ACS and ACOG may be able to shape the provision and availability of quality cancer care in the United States.

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Thank you for your consideration as a candidate member of the SGO Board of directors. I am humbled to be considered for nomination. I hope to be the voice of the candidate members who are young in our careers and ambitious to advance our Society's goals. We are the future investigators and advocates for women's cancer.

I consider myself readily approachable and comfortable speaking my opinion. I strive to be a leader in our vocation but recognize that one must crawl before they walk. I am eager to learn from our senior Society members but also consider the candidate member's opinions important. I vow to be that voice with a great sense of respect.

If elected I plan to advocate for an established mentorship track within our Society. Strong mentors have played a significant role in my life and I strive to be like them. As a candidate member of the SGO I recognize the benefits of having effective mentors as I pursue my career and life goals. I believe that an organized program for our members can benefit the mentors, mentees, and our Society.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Jennifer Mueller, MD
Assistant Attending Surgery
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY

SGO Activities:
• 2015-Present Member, Congressional Ambassadors Committee

The SGO Board is a collaborative team working for the betterment of our profession. I would serve the board with this aim by increasing volunteerism and leadership opportunities that highlight the interests and talents of our growing and diverse society.

Our membership base is increasing. In order to engage more members I would help implement a society-wide volunteer assessment tool. This strategy would leverage the specific interests and expertise of individuals and promote involvement with our committees and education, training and advocacy programs. This is a transformative time within our subspecialty. Imperatives in our field include clinical excellence, political advocacy, cost-efficient delivery of care, physician wellness and a national call for scientific advancement. This places gynecologic oncology in a more complex environment. We need the expertise and influence of our entire membership to grow and thrive.

Our Society can increase in strength and value if we engage junior members and capitalize on the experience of members who have defined and led gynecologic oncology as a subspecialty. We can do this by implementing leadership training and mentorship opportunities within the Annual Meeting, and throughout the year for Society members. I would initiate a task force to help design and implement programs aimed at leadership development and career mentoring between and among junior and senior members.

I bring my passion for women's health and a collaborative spirit to the board. I am thoughtful and accountable and can commit the time and effort required of this position.

Fernanda Musa, MD, FACOG
Assistant Professor in Gynecologic Oncology
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Mineola, NY

SGO Activities:
• 2015-Present Candidate Member, Education Committee
• 2013-2015 Gynecologic Oncology Fellow Research Network (GOFRN)
• 2013-2015 Fellow-in-Training Member, Education Committee (Implementation of Connect Ed)

I still remember the excitement of my first SGO meeting and how important this organization has been in shaping my life as a gynecologic oncologist. The strength of the SGO depends on the enthusiasm of its members, tireless volunteers who work hard to build a society that is a safe haven for all of her members. As a relatively small subspecialty, the SGO organizes us into a powerful group who can impact how care is delivered to women with gynecologic malignancies worldwide. As a candidate member, I would be honored to serve on the board of this organization during a particularly turbulent time for our health care, where profound change on how care is delivered is imminent. As a clinician working in a community hospital with an academic affiliation, I bring insight into the daily experiences and challenges shared by a majority of our members. Having served two terms on the Education Committee has given me valuable insight on the need to effectively reach out to our members in user-friendly, accessible ways. As a Board member, I will contribute in the task force to educate ourselves on the innovative reimbursement plans to ensure our collective success. Another important issue I am passionate about is the implementation of personalized medicine. We now have affordable access to an incredible amount of data about our patients and their tumors. Any licensed physician can order genetic testing and tumor testing on their patients, but the implementation of personalized care is still limited by access to targeted therapies, which are often off label and not covered by insurance. We are an important force to educate ourselves on the innovative reimbursement plans to ensure our collective success. As a Board member, I will work tirelessly for innovative solutions to this problem and believe that this is an issue of extreme importance and worldwide relevance.
By serving as the Fellow-in-Training Representative on the SGO Board of Directors, I not only hope to gain first-hand experience within the organization, but also be able to influence and move our Society forward. As a first year fellow, I have tireless energy, enthusiasm, and the readiness to be involved within our organization. I hope to be able to contribute to an exciting and evolving field by working in two areas: fellow mentorship and advocating for women's cancer care on a national level.

Mentorship has allowed me to exceed my expectations and my potential. I believe it is the single most important relationship young medical professionals can have. I want to help fellows generate meaningful relationships, not only within their own institution, but also outside. I would like to develop a mentor/mentee program for research and careers mentorship by pairing successful research mentors outside of their institution. Fellows would have guidance and unbiased feedback in their area or research from a senior mentor outside of their home institution. This would involve a monthly long-distance interaction and an annual face-to-face meeting.

Like many of you, I have been shaped and deeply affected by the changing political climate and how it will affect the care we provide to our patients. The results of the election have great consequences for the state of our health system and for future innovations and breakthroughs in the areas of science. It has become even more evident that the Society must ensure that the field of women's health and women's cancer not regress, not slow, and is safe. At a time when health care reform and economic instability are at the head of our national conscience, it is prudent that we continue to push for women's cancer care to be at the forefront of research, and if I am elected, I intend to work tirelessly to serve as a political advocate for our Society and most importantly, our patients.
My journey to becoming a Gynecologic Oncology Fellow is a little different than most in that I first pursued a career in architecture. As an architect I had the wonderful opportunity to work on the design team for the Pentagon Memorial. A special project, it allowed me to build relationships with the victims’ families, as we helped memorialize those they had lost. It was this project that propelled me to pursue a career in medicine. Although I left architecture, I am passionate about finding ways to incorporate what I learned as an architect into my medical career.

I have always been impressed with the Society of Gynecologic Oncology and I knew from the beginning that I would want to serve a role in this organization. I would cherish the opportunity to become a Fellow-in-Training representative in an organization that successfully promotes research, wellness, teaching, international collaboration, public policy, and advocating for our patients on every level. Not only have I managed large architectural projects, but I have also held numerous leadership positions in the past, qualifying me for such a position. My strengths lie in my dedication, drive and creativity, and I would love to represent the other fellows and to be able to learn more about the SGO leadership. Motivated by my past experiences, I have an interest in design and technology applied to Gynecologic Oncology, and I hope that I can apply my unique background to further help the SGO meet the goals that they have set forth.