



Society of Gynecologic Oncology

2018 Open Elections

Society of Gynecologic Oncology Board of Directors

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. Biographical information, statements and photos of the candidates can be found below. The online election will begin on Jan. 22, 2018. To ensure that your ballot arrives in your inbox on Jan. 22, 2018, 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.



David E. Cohn, MD

Director of Medical Affairs, James Cancer Hospital
Director, Division of Gynecologic Oncology
Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Columbus, OH

SGO Activities

2016 – Present	Secretary-Treasurer
2014 – Present	Executive Committee Member
2011 – Present	Board of Directors Member
2014 – Present	Future of Physician Payment Reform Task Force Member
2014 – Present	Health Policy and Socioeconomic Committee Member
2005 – Present	Program Directors Committee Member
2014 – 2016	Secretary-Treasurer Elect
2012	SGO Annual Meeting Program Committee, Steering Committee Member
2010 – 2013	Education Committee Chair
2009 – 2010	Education Committee Vice Chair
2012 – 2016	Quality and Outcomes Committee Member
2008 – 2009	Media Response Team Member
2006 – 2008	Education Committee Member
2006 – 2008	Education Resource Panel Member
2006 – 2008	Physician Education Awareness Campaign Subcommittee Member
2003 – 2004	Postgraduate Course Committee Co-chair
2003 – 2004	Program Committee Member
2000 – 2002	Fellows Task Force Member

Over the last 15 years, I have had the privilege of serving as a volunteer leader in the SGO, contributing initially in the Fellows Task Force, then as a member and chair of a committee, and currently as a member of the Board of Directors and executive committee as Secretary-Treasurer. Through these experiences, I have been exposed to a number of issues that impact the Society, and have worked effectively with many volunteer members and SGO staff. As chair of the Finance Committee during the FWC/FGO merger, I was part of the team that revamped the financial structure of the SGO, leading to its current solid financial position. I have provided major contributions in shaping the educational delivery strategy of the SGO in my role as chair of the Education Committee.

My work in helping to develop the Alternative Payment Model (APM) for endometrial cancer has provided me an important understanding of the role of the SGO in advocacy for physician payment reform, a key issue facing the Society. If elected to the position of President Elect II, I commit to continuing to be an active leader during this critical period of instability in the health care market, with a focus on maintaining fiscal responsibility. While the SGO is leading the efforts in representing those who care for patients with or at risk for gynecologic cancers, continued attention to the changing membership and changing landscape will be key to the SGO's success. I would value the opportunity to continue to contribute to this Society as President Elect II.



Gary L. Goldberg, MD

Professor and Vice Chair for Research and Academic Program Development
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
New Hyde Park, NY

SGO Activities

2007 – 2015	Fellowship Program Directors Committee Member
2013 – 2015	International Committee Member
2010 – 2012	Education Committee Member
2007 – 2009	SGO Board/Council Member
2005 – 2009	Coding Committee Member
2008 – 2008	Fellows Task Force Member
2004 – 2006	Breast Committee Member
2004 – 2007	<i>Gynecologic Oncology</i> Editorial Board Member
2004 – 2006	Nominating Committee Member
2003 – 2005	Informatics Committee Member
2000 – 2003	Membership Committee Member
1999 – 2000	Program Committee Member

I believe that I have the leadership traits and experience to influence potential changes in the SGO. I lead by example and my goal has always been to promote the academic potential of individuals and the research and funding within the organization. I am privileged to take care of women with gynecologic cancer and I believe that they deserve access to the highest quality of care. To accomplish this goal, the SGO has been the leader in educating the public and health care professionals regarding the essential role of the gynecologic oncologist in the management of women with cancer. I would advocate for wider and broader recognition of our specialty and its important role in the care of women with gynecologic malignancies. I will continue to improve awareness and the importance of increased funding for gynecologic cancer research and improved access to clinical trials for all women. I believe that diversity is essential for the SGO to grow and prosper and I am ready to devote energy, time and unique insights into accomplishing these goals.



Wendy Brewster, MD, PhD

Professor and Director of the UNC Center for Women's Health Research
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

SGO Activities

2008 – 2011	Media Relations Committee Member
2013 – 2017	Bylaws Committee Member
2017 – 2019	Policy, Quality and Outcomes Task Force Member
2013 – 2015	Data Management Society of Gynecologic Oncology Foundation Research Institute Co-Director

My goal is to work jointly with the SGO leadership team so that the finances of the Society can be used to support the values and goals of the Society. Our Society must remain fiscally responsible, self-sustaining and diversified so that we have the ability to invest in the projects, initiatives and people that will advance the field and outcome of patients with gynecologic cancer.

My leadership strengths include a commitment to inclusion of others in meetings and activities to ensure consensus and alignment of decisions, encouraging a welcoming environment and honest communication and a dedication to finding win-win solutions to problems taking into account resources and financial restraints. I believe that my experience, skills, personality, commitment to the values of SGO and service will allow me to effectively contribute to implementation of the vision laid out by the strategic plan.



Ginger Gardner, MD, FACOG

Associate Professor
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY

SGO Activities

2016 – Present	Communications Committee Chair
2015 – 2016	Communications Committee Vice Chair
2008 – 2013	Clinical Practice Committee
2012	SGO State of the Art Meeting Co-chair
2010	Robotic Surgery Task Force Member
2004 – 2005	Program Committee Member
2003 – 2005	Education Committee Member
2002 – 2003	Audit and Investment Committee Member
2003 – 2004	Fellows Task Force Member

Over the years, I have dedicated my time and energy to a variety of SGO committees for one simple reason: I am fully committed to promoting our collective mission as specialists in clinical care and research for gynecologic cancers. While serving on various SGO committees over the last 15 years, I have gained experience with the multi-faceted work that our Society embraces.

I recognize that the financial sustainability of our organization is a centerpiece to its future success. At Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, I am the Surgical Chair for our Institutional Patient Flow Committee, wherein I have led an initiative to redesign presurgical testing which generates over \$1 million cost savings/year for the institution. With creative and strategic initiatives, we can assure a strong fiscal foundation for our work ahead, and for the promotion, continued growth, and long-term success for us as a Society.

As we move forward, I welcome input from YOU regarding issues that you feel are central to enhancing your work and your experience as specialists in gynecologic cancer care and research. It is essential that we make sure your priorities are highlighted and promoted by the SGO. We are fortunate to work among gifted and accomplished friends and colleagues within our Society, and I look forward to our meetings where we collaboratively share our work and our time together. Please support my nomination so that I can represent your voice on the SGO Board and in our mission together.



John O. Schorge, MD

Tufts University School of Medicine
Boston, MA

SGO Activities

2016 – Present	Finance Committee Member
2015 – Present	Task Force on Policy, Quality and Outcomes Member
	2017 – Ovary Work Group
	2017 – Patient Reported Outcomes Work Group
	Registry Task Force Member
	2015 – Data Quality Work Group Chair
2012 – 2015	Quality and Outcomes Committee Member
	2014 – 2015 PQRS Work Group
	2014 – 2015 Registry User Work Group
2009 – 2011	Education Committee Member
	2010 – Program Development Subcommittee
2007 – 2009	Government Relations Committee
2002 – 2003	Program Committee
2001 – 2003	Candidates Task Force
1998 – 2000	Government Relations Committee

I would be honored to serve on the SGO Board of Directors as Secretary-Treasurer. Previous committee work within our Society has been the most rewarding time commitment in my professional career. It is an especially important time financially within our Society with the recent consolidation of FWC and separation of SGO and FGO into distinct entities. The complexities of merging, reallocating resources and building towards not just solvency, but long-term success are ongoing. If selected, I would embrace the chance to partner with SGO Administration, the Board and our financial services partners to communicate/implement the strategy and help advise on the tough decisions to come in future years. I have had the good fortune to serve on the SGO Finance Committee for the past two years and concurrently as the Treasurer for our regional Obstetrical Society of Boston for the past four. Both experiences have been invaluable in grounding my fiscal literacy and providing a robust basis for leading our membership in the years to come.

I enjoy taking the initiative, gently challenging conventional dogma, vetting new ideas, fostering inclusiveness, and building consensus within a diverse group toward a common purpose. I excel in generating excitement for a cause, communicating priorities, seeing solutions through to the end, and contributing a vision for where we want to go. I believe that my strengths are well-suited to the financial challenges currently facing the SGO and its membership. I have had the good fortune to serve as Vice Chair of Gynecology and Division Chief of GYN Oncology at Mass General for the past 10 years before transitioning to Tufts in a new role as Associate Editor of Gynecology at the Green Journal. My leadership qualifications and budgetary literacy would allow me to provide a fresh perspective on the many complicated topics already known, and those looming that continue to threaten our Society. It would be a highlight of my career to be afforded the privilege of serving on the Board in this capacity.



Angeles Alvarez Secord, MD, MHS

Professor
Duke Cancer Institute
Durham, NC

SGO Activities

2016 – Present	SGO Education Committee Chair
2016 – Present	Industry Relations Committee Member
2014 – 2016	SGO Education Committee Vice Chair
2014 – 2015	SGO ConnectEd Debate Group Subcommittee Member
2014 – 2015	Nominating Committee Member
2013	Program Committee Member
2010 – 2012	SGO Education Committee, Program Development Subcommittee Chair
2010	Program Committee Member
2009	State of the Art Conference Co-chair
2007	Physician Education Awareness Campaign (PEAC) Panel Member
2005 – 2012, 2014 – Present	Education Committee Member
2004	Strategic Planning Committee, Candidate Representative
2005 – 2005	SGO/American Society of Clinical Oncology Liaison Task Force Ambassador
2004	2004 SGO Annual Meeting Program Committee
200 – 2005	Council, Ex-Officio Member
2003 – 2005	Candidates Task Force Chair
2002 – 2003	Candidates Task Force Co-chair
2001 – 2002	Fellows Task Force

After 16 consecutive years of SGO volunteer service, I am equipped to provide meaningful input to forward our Society’s mission and vision. SGO is the premier society promoting excellence in gynecologic cancer care and I would like to expand that tradition. While serving on SGO Council, as an Ex-officio candidate member, I was impressed by our leaders’ collective knowledge and vision as SGO charted a new course. This early experience inspired me to seek additional volunteer opportunities including the Program Committees, Industry Relations Committee, and Education Committee. I also obtained valuable insights participating on various strategic planning committees, MAGOS Council, and AGOS Council. If elected my primary goal, during this time of uncertainty regarding the Affordable Care Act and the clinical trial crisis, is to understand and meet our members’ changing needs, develop collaborative opportunities to mentor new investigators, and to secure our Society’s future.

My leadership style has been influenced by my family life and experience leading our clinical trial group. As the oldest of five girls raised in Montana, I learned the value of teamwork and resilience. As I matured, I recognized the importance of flexibility and inclusivity. I strongly believe in promoting a collaborative team approach, listening, and building consensus to optimize success. I encourage innovative solutions and ideas, often urging those around me to “think outside of the box.” My past experiences offer collaborative opportunities to meet the differential needs of our broad membership, address ever-new challenges, and synergistically promote our society’s vision – to eradicate gynecologic cancers!



Ilana Cass, MD

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Los Angeles, CA

SGO Activities

1999 – 2000	Candidate Committee Chair
2005 – 2006, 2016 – 2017	Program Committee Member
2006	Fellows Task Force Member
2014 – 2016	Education Committee Member
2014 – Present	Wellness Committee Member (2017 Co-chair)

I have served 10 years as the Vice Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In this capacity, I act as the liaison between 150 medical staff, the majority of whom are private practitioners, the department chair, and hospital administration. During my tenure, I have spearheaded the implementation of a Gynecology call schedule for the Emergency Room with mandatory participation, drafted a financial incentive plan for our faculty (which failed), revamped our medical staff privileging and proctoring policies to reflect evidence-based guidelines and restructured the gynecology peer review process to include annual goals and process improvements that conform to best practice. Through these mostly thankless and at times radioactive projects, I have gained invaluable experience being the agent of change, and have learned how to build consensus among members of varied engagement. We have come out the other side as a more cohesive department.

I serve on the Board of Directors, and have been an elected representative to the Medical Executive Committee, serving as both Secretary and Treasurer. In each of these roles, my interactions with senior leadership have afforded me a broader perspective of the importance of aligning clinical departments with institutional priorities. Through this work, I have developed a better sense of our shared academic and financial responsibilities, as well witnessed firsthand the challenges a health care organization faces as it anticipates and responds to the rapid pace of change in medical delivery. I want to serve on the SGO Board of Directors to share the lessons I have learned from these experiences and to bring new learning back to serve my organization. With the right leadership and strategic messaging, I believe our specialty is well positioned to succeed going forward.



Lee-may Chen, MD

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SGO Activities

2017 – 2018	Fellows Wellness Curriculum Beta Site
2015 – 2018	Clinical Practice Committee Chair
2013 – 2015	Clinical Practice Committee Vice Chair
2011 – 2018	Clinical Practice Committee Member
2012 – 2013	Nominations Committee Member
2009 – Present	Program Directors Working Group Member
2008 – 2011	Finance Committee Member
2007 – 2008	Program Committee Member
2006 – 2009	Education Resource Panel Member
2000 – 2003	Candidates Task Force Member

A leader who listens. An educator at heart. An advocate for our patients. These are the characteristics I can offer to the SGO membership. It would be both an honor and an opportunity to serve on the SGO Board of Directors. I have had the privilege of participating on several SGO committees as well as the SGO Genetics Summit, at same time serving as Secretary-Treasurer for the Western Association of Gynecologic Oncology (WAGO), which the SGO staff also manage. Through these various venues, I have seen the depth of this organization and what the future can hold for the SGO. My experience allows me to contribute to advancing knowledge and resources to the SGO membership, and in turn, advancing the quality of care to women with gynecologic cancers.

I am a leader who listens, and has experience in collaborating with others to work towards a common goal. I am currently Division Director, developing a gynecologic oncology roadmap for our Ob/Gyn Department, and at the same time, charting our women's health needs for our Cancer Center. Gynecologic cancer is a multidisciplinary specialty by nature, and including our colleagues with diverse backgrounds in training and life experience will promote SGO as the premier women's cancer organization globally. Advanced practice providers, genetic counselors, and quality improvement officers are only some of our partners. American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), and the American Board of Surgery (ABS) are but a few organizations who have shared a platform with the SGO to disseminate information and guidelines for practice.

At the same time, I am also an educator at heart, a fellowship program director, and proud to see the SGO remain progressive in supporting fellowship training programs, both with curricular content, and also support through transition to a new accreditation structure. I am committed to promoting lifelong learning for all SGO members in all practice settings, and recognize that we also need to help our membership through the transition to practice value-based cost effective medicine that remains compliant to the changing landscape of health policy. In summary, serving on the SGO Board would allow me to integrate my experience and advocacy to advance the specialty of women's cancer.



Linus Chuang, MD

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SGO Activities

2016 – Present	Coding and Reimbursement Task Force Member
2016 – Present 2015	<i>Gynecologic Oncology</i> Reports Guest Editor SGO Annual Meeting Program Committee Member
2011 – 2017	International Committee Chair
2017 – Present	International Committee Advisor
2010 – 2013	Membership Committee Member
2010 – Present	Health Volunteers Overseas (Steering Committee Member since 2015)
2009 – 2011	International Network Member

In 1983, I traveled to the United States from Taiwan to pursue an MPH degree in disease control, first at Tulane, then later at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. My initial interest in hepatitis and later the human papillomavirus infection steered me in the direction of a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. The opportunity to conduct research and have a clinical fellowship at MD Anderson was one of the highest points of my career. Throughout my training and practice, I realized that the majority of the resources and programs that we are lucky to have were developed by the founders and leaders of SGO.

Over the past decade, I have learned a tremendous amount from these leaders, and I wish to carry out their efforts for future generations. I believe that SGO committee leaders, volunteers and members are doing amazing work in communicating with Members of Congress, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and other professional organizations to strengthen our efforts in research, reimbursement, and international exchanges of knowledge and ideas. As a member and committee chair in the areas of membership, international issues, research, and coding and reimbursement at SGO, I am prepared to use my leadership experiences from international professional societies—American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) and Health Volunteer Overseas (HVO)—my international relationships and my role in international clinical trials programs to serve as a member of the Board for the Society.



Marcela G. del Carmen, MD, MPH

Chief Medical Officer, MGPO
Professor, Harvard Medical School
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Boston, MA

SGO Activities

2017 – 2018	Annual Meeting Planning Committee Co-chair
2017 – Present	Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Member
2017 – Present	Finance Committee Member
2016 – Present	Cancer Moonshot Task Force Member
2016 – Present	Task Force on Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee Member
2016 – Present	International Committee Member
2013 – 2015	SGO Annual Meeting Program Committee Member

I want to be a member of the SGO Board of Directors in order to serve and represent its members. As a practicing gynecologic oncologist in academic medicine, I understand firsthand the challenges we face in our missions to provide clinical care, continue to contribute in research and education and serve our communities. I also understand the challenges that we face in health care and can offer a perspective, having served as Chief Medical Officer for a group of over 3,200 physicians in an academic practice. In this role, I am responsible for managing the organization's quality and cost-effective initiatives, with a particular emphasis on managed care and pay for performance contracts. I am also responsible for the design, implementation and management of the organization's internal performance metrics, set the direction of the quality incentive program for physicians, and collaborate on design of funds flow and other incentive structures to support medical management goals and risk-based physician compensation. My efforts are also focused on initiatives across Mass General's 16 academic departments to alleviate physician burnout and restore meaning and joy to the practice of medicine. My experience will allow me to offer an opinion and solutions to the challenges we face in managing the external environment including federal regulation, payers, and regulatory agencies, at a time of shrinking budgets and health care dollars, with increasing complexity of medical care.



Don Dizon, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine, Alpert Medical School of Brown University
Director of Women's Cancers (Lifespan Cancer Institute)
Director of Medical Oncology
Rhode Island Hospital
Providence, RI

SGO Activities

2017 – Present	Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Member
2017	2017 SGO Annual Meeting Steering Committee Member
2012	Program Committee Member
2007 – 2013	Breast Task Force Member

As a medical oncologist I have always been involved in the care of women with cancer and have also counted gynecologic oncologists as colleagues and friends. I have watched the SGO evolve from a surgical society to one that embraces diversity of its members, especially with the focus on multidisciplinary involvement. I would like to help the Society project this image of the importance of multidisciplinary care yet continue to strengthen the importance of gynecologic oncology as a specialty. I hope my involvement in other societies and my engagement in social media will be an asset to SGO and the Board.



Mitchell Edelson, MD

Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology,
Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University
Director, Robotic Surgery
Abington Hospital, Jefferson Health
Abington, PA

SGO Activities

2016 – 2017	SGO/ASCO Task Force Co-chair, Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for Newly Diagnosed Advanced Ovarian Cancer
2013 – 2015	Clinical Practice Committee Chair
2011 – 2013	Clinical Practice Committee Vice Chair
2008 – 2011	Clinical Practice Committee Member
2005 – 2007	Coding Committee Member
2001 – 2003	Coding Committee Candidate Member

I would very much like to serve on the SGO Board of Directors to continue to advocate for all women and their caregivers who face the burden of gynecologic cancers. Our patients' problems are our problems. Access to care, health care disparities and financial toxicity are issues they face on a daily basis, and we must help them find solutions.

As a member of the SGO Board, I will collaborate with the team to accomplish three main objectives. First, we will integrate the voices of the patients at every level of decision making in the Society, and strengthen our strategic partnerships with advocacy groups. Next, we will improve engagement of Society members by enhancing communication and providing improved educational resources. We will leverage innovative technology to help them synthesize the increasing volume of complex information. Finally, we will strengthen our partnerships with key stakeholders to achieve our goals on education, research funding, and policy.

I have been involved with the SGO since I was a fellow. My strength is my highly collaborative leadership style which has been useful while serving on various SGO committees. Most recently, I led a group of colleagues from both SGO and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) to develop the joint guideline on the use of neoadjuvant chemotherapy in ovarian cancer. I have always been proud to be a member of the SGO, and I would be honored to continue to serve the Society as a member of the Board of Directors.



Susan Modesitt, MD

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

SGO Activities

2017 – Present	Finance Committee Member
2017 – Present	Legislative and Regulatory Task Force Member
2017 – 2018	Honors and Awards Committee Member
2016 – 2017	2017 SGO Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair
2015 – Present	SGO Liaison to the ACOG Genetics Committee
2014 – 2016	Foundation Project Development and Protocol Review Committee Member
2007 – 2012	Education Committee Member
2012	SGO Winter Meeting Abstract Reviewer
2010 – 2011	2011 SGO Annual Meeting Program Committee Member
2010	SGO State of the Art Meeting Course Director
2005 – 2010	SGO Practice Survey Task Force, Vice Chair (2009-2010), Chair (2006-2007)
2005 – 2007	Candidate Task Force SGO Council Candidate Member
2006 – 2009	SGO Education Resource Panel Member

I believe that the SGO is the only organization dedicated to both the women with gynecologic cancers as well as the providers who care for them. As such, the Board has both the responsibility and the ability to advocate nationally (and internationally) for both groups and my focus professionally has always been the same. My goals would be to continue to foster targeted initiatives based on member input about the issues most important to their practice or situation. My major strength as a leader is the ability to assess complex situations and devise innovative but concrete action plans to address them with associated metrics to evaluate outcomes. I have had experience at every level at the SGO and believe that I remain approachable as well as extremely dedicated and hardworking—plus I can throw an amazing 80's party if necessary.



Adnan Munkarah, MD

Chairman, Women's Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Chief Medical Officer
Henry Ford Health System
Detroit, MI

SGO Activities

2017 – Present	Finance Committee Member
2016	2016 SGO Annual Meeting Scientific Sessions Moderator, Global Session Co-chair
2011 – 2015	International Membership Member
2009 – 2011	Membership Committee Member
2004 – 2014	Scientific Program Committee Member

My interest to serve on the Board of Directors stems from my strong belief in SGO's mission and my commitment to improve the care for our patients and advance our specialty through education, research, advocacy and collaboration. Changes in health care are impacting providers and patients at various levels and 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 a very effective way to address the changes in health care, to tackle important policy issues and to collaborate with other professionals and societies so that our voices and those of our patients are heard in effective and appropriate forums.

SGO continues to create and advance educational programs to meet the needs of its members, other health professionals as well as the global community. I strongly support these programs that help disseminate evidence-based medicine and the latest scientific findings. They ensure 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 committed to support these activities. I am a firm believer that it is through research that we can incrementally enhance the cure rate of gynecologic cancers.

I am grateful that I have had the chance to serve in many leadership roles throughout my career. I have been involved in building clinical and research programs and have had the privilege to train few generations of gynecologic oncology fellows. My leadership philosophy is built on the principles of excellence, respect and trust. My leadership style is based on collaboration and partnership. If I am elected to the SGO Board of Directors, I commit to work 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.



Elisabeth (Lisa) Diver, MD

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SGO Activities

2017 – Present	Membership Committee Member
2016 – 2017	2017 SGO Annual Meeting Program Committee Member
2015 – Present	Congressional Ambassador

As a candidate member of the SGO and junior faculty, I feel passionate about helping guide the SGO into the next generation of leadership. Over the past few years I have watched the SGO increase its outreach, congressional advocacy, and social media usage. The SGO needs to continue to adapt to an ever changing and expanding membership base as well as advocate for the needs of our patients in a changing health care landscape.

Junior faculty and candidate members have unique perspectives on the changing role of gynecologic oncology, as targeted therapy and small, pharmaceutical company sponsored trials are the norms in which we trained. We have different needs in terms of mentoring and support and potentially different ideas for the future of the Society. I would work to focus energy within the SGO to connect interested senior mentors and junior faculty to help candidate members find opportunities for career and academic advancement. We should focus the resource of the Society to develop gynecologic oncologists ready for long and fulfilling careers.

Historically, I have demonstrated the ability to listen to a variety of opinions and help come to a consensus, but I do not shy away from presenting an unpopular opinion if I feel it is important. I pride myself on following through on all commitments and meeting all deadlines; traits I have demonstrated in my previous SGO committee work with both the membership and program committees. Care of women with gynecologic cancers has become increasingly multidisciplinary, and I would advocate for the inclusion of perspectives such as palliative care, radiation oncology, and medical oncology as well as advanced practice providers and nurses to ensure the SGO has the greatest impact into the next decades.

As the Candidate member of the SGO board, I would hope to be an advocate for junior faculty as we make our transitions into gynecologic oncology by encouraging leadership for junior SGO members, mentorship opportunities, wellness strategies, and increasing the SGO member base across non-boarded gynecologic oncologists. Additionally, as recent fellowship graduates recognize is essential, I would continue to advocate for educational programs through the SGO for junior members, such as the new training and trials course and the early career summit, in which I participated.



Jenna Marcus, MD

Assistant Professor, Gynecologic Oncology
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Newark, NJ

SGO Activities

2016 – Present Communications Committee
Candidate Member

It would be my privilege to serve as a candidate representative to the SGO Board of Directors. As a candidate representative, I will serve the interests of my fellow gynecologic oncologists who are transitioning into, arguably, the most challenging years of our career. Support and guidance in the early years of a junior gynecologic oncologist is critical to their success and wellbeing. Throughout my years of training, the SGO has been vital to my education and experience as a trainee and provider.

Connecting SGO members through modern day technology, social media, or content sharing platforms can foster relationships and ease the stress that comes with the new responsibility of our positions. I would like to use my knowledge and experience with technology and communications to not only broaden SGO's reach, but better connect with the knowledge base of our experts. The organization has undergone a technologic evolution which offers valuable resources to its members. My experience on organizational committees as well as local institutional committees has given me the background and development to serve as candidate member. These committees, which specifically oversee the hospital's electronic medical records and patient portals, will also allow me to advocate for the continued development and growth of the SGO's new technology platforms. Over the last two years, I have gained SGO committee experience through my participation on the Communications Committee and look forward to continuing to work hard for SGO and its members.

Another objective I have is to help SGO expand its voice with funding. Our current national climate is unprecedented with potential threats to funding of the treatment of gynecologic cancers. I have been working with our leaders on the Congressional Ambassador Committee to petition our representatives in Congress to not defund gynecologic cancer research efforts, and worked on efforts to support the Affordable Care Act. I am passionate about delivering comprehensive, quality care to all women across all races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds and will continue to work with the SGO tirelessly to do so.



Emeline Aviki, MD, MBA

Gynecologic Oncology Fellow
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SGO Activities

2017 – Present Policy, Quality and Outcomes
Task Force Member - Future of Physician
Payment Reform Task Force

With a background in both business and medicine, I have always valued the role of the SGO in promoting collaborations, groundbreaking research, and patient advocacy. At a time when access to care for our most vulnerable patients has been in jeopardy, when already poor funding for clinical trials has been threatened, and when extremely complicated alternative payment models have been proposed and passed, the SGO has consistently used its collective and powerful voice to advocate for the best interests of SGO members and for women with gynecologic cancers. The opportunity to serve on the Board of an organization that so successfully represents its members and its patients would be an honor.

My path to becoming a Gynecologic Oncology Fellow included a few non-traditional steps that I believe will prove useful if I am elected to serve on the Board of Directors. After completing an MBA, I postponed my application to residency programs to work as a Senior Health Care Consultant at a management and strategy consulting firm. This experience provided a valuable lesson on how to manage large projects involving multiple teams and time zones. Most importantly, I believed then, and still do now, that there is a lot that can be learned from the other sectors of health care that may be useful for provider organizations. As a consultant, I learned how colleagues in the pharma, biotech, and payer sectors think and do business. As it has become clear that value-based payments represent a growing portion of physician reimbursement, I have been eager to use my background to contribute as a member of the Future of Payment Reform Task Force. I hope to continue to serve others and to help further the mission of the SGO as a Fellow-in-Training Representative on the Board of Directors.



Christopher Morse, MD

Fellow
University of Washington
Seattle, WA

SGO Activities

I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the SGO Board of Directors Fellow-in-Training Representative. I would like to serve as a Representative to learn more about and to contribute to furthering the SGO's mission, vision, and strategic plan for the future. Taking on this role would allow me to build on the leadership skills, such as effective communication and organization, that I developed as an administrative chief resident and apply them to a new leadership role at the national level. I particularly look forward to working with and learning from the faculty who serve on the Board of Directors as we advocate for the SGO's priorities and for women's health more broadly.

If elected, I hope to serve as a passionate voice for the gynecologic oncology fellows, contributing our valuable perspective to the Board as we debate current issues that face the SGO and plan for the future. I would advocate for issues that are critical to a fellow's success, such as research, mentorship, and wellness. Additionally, I would welcome the opportunity to share my experiences in this role with the fellows that I meet at regional and national conferences and bring their contributions and insights back to the Board. I hope to be involved with the SGO throughout my career as an academic physician, and the opportunity to formally engage with the Board of Directors as a fellow would allow me to contribute to the SGO in a meaningful way, both now and in the future. Thank you for your consideration.



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SGO Activities

- 2016 – Present Gynecologic Oncology Fellows Research Network
- 2016 – Present Clinical Practice Committee Member

Becoming a leader within the specialty of gynecologic oncology has been a goal for me since starting fellowship. I have always maintained involvement in professional organizations since starting my medical training. My first leadership role was the Junior Fellow Army section leader within the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) during residency. I most recently have held offices of Armed Forces District Junior Fellow Vice Chair and now District Chair in ACOG and currently serve on the SGO Clinical Practice Committee where I have gained insight into how our organization functions while also participating in writing clinical statements.

As fellows-in-training, we are the future of our Society. If elected to the SGO Board of Directors as a Fellow-in-Training Representative, I want to work to create an infrastructure for fellows for leadership opportunities that is inclusive of early career development, research grant writing and development, fellow education, and networking. My time spent within ACOG and on the Junior Fellow Congress Advisory Council has allowed me to work on advocacy and wellness at a national level as well as within the Armed Forces District, and I am confident that these skills would transition to SGO as well. I was able to attend the Cefalo Leadership Institute as a Junior Fellow in ACOG and gained insight into my own leadership style, communication, and how my efforts as a leader can be improved when working with a diverse group of people who may have different styles of communication and leadership backgrounds.

I was raised in a rural farming community in Missouri where, at a young age, I learned the values of hard work and perseverance from my father as he worked long hours in the fields, even through summers where droughts or floods made those hours seem wasted. Those values carried me through medical school, where I applied and received a military scholarship, and my time in the Army continues to provide me with additional leadership skills and opportunities for development. The road has not been easy, but each bump or roadblock has helped me to persevere, gain confidence, and adapt to new situations. I am honored to care for women and to be a part of their journey through treatment and survivorship. I would be very honored to serve as a Fellow-in-Training Member on the SGO Board of Directors and am committed to being an advocate, not only for members, but for our patients as well.

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