

# **PRESIDENT** LETTER

Greetings,

I want to personally invite you to join the Association of Academic Surgical Administrators (AASA). As the current President of the Board of Directors, I am passionate about sharing AASA with other administrators because of what it has meant to me. It goes far beyond attending a conference, or learning from other leaders. AASA has provided me a professional network beyond comparison.

As I reflect upon my involvement in the organization, I can say without hesitation my membership and active participation has allowed for important professional and personal growth—especially through the connections I have made throughout the years. We all have the opportunity to study the latest headlines or trends individually. But through the partnerships we develop with our colleagues we maximize our learning. Taking from the experiences of others acts as a multiplier effect to this knowledge, making it real, actionable and applicable to our own situation. Without fail, I leave our meeting energized and full of new ideas to improve as a leader across all three of our academic medical center missions.

As a professional organization, the AASA is dedicated to promoting, enhancing and/or creating opportunities for the professional growth of administrators and physician leaders in the field of academic surgery. Our mission statement reads, "To cultivate a thriving community of successful academic surgical leaders by inspiring members to contribute, learn and network." Our work goes far beyond the session at our annual conference or regional meetings. The association carries out its mission through yearlong educational programming, multiple networking opportunities, and committee service. The dissemination of information occurs not only when we get together, but also through our monthly newsletter, our online webinars, website and toolkit—we also encourage you to proudly showcase and share the work you develop. Members help us build content and we want you to be a part of that.

The AASA has been in existence since 1983 and currently has over 230 active members, representing over 80 academic surgical practices in the US and Canada. And we are still growing!

## **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE**

- > Discounted admission to our annual conference.
  - > The annual conference coincides with the annual meeting of the Society of Surgical Chairs and the American College of Surgeons.
  - > This year's annual meeting is October 20-23 in Boston, MA.
- > Free exclusive regional meetings, webinars and networking events.
- > Career opportunities where you can post and search for opportunities.
- > Access to the member search tool to connect with other surgical professionals.
- > Ability to send queries out to members when managing various surgery-related issues.
- > Access to forums of past discussion and current discussion of surgery-related issues
- > Internal document repository full of information related to your duties and responsibilities.
- > Ad Hoc Committee membership opportunities that allow you to network with colleagues from other academic medical centers from around the country.

Please review the AASA website at **aasa1.org** for more information about the organization, our purpose, objectives and goals for the future of academic surgical administration. I hope that you will seriously consider membership. The membership fees are currently only \$375 for the first year and \$350 annually for each subsequent year. The membership application can be found at become a member. If you have any questions, I can be reached at **336-416-2964** and/or **Megan.Berlinger@wakehealth.edu**.

Sincerely,

Megan Berlinger AASA, President

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# **MEMBER** INSTITUTIONS

Albany Medical College

Atrium Health

Baylor College of Medicine

Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City

Christiana Care Health System

City of Hope National Medical Center

Cornell University

Department of Surgery, University of

Wisconsin

Duke University

East Carolina University

Eastern Virginia Medical School

Emory Healthcare

**Emory University** 

Geisinger Health System

Harvard University

Indiana University

Indiana University Health Physicians

Indiana University School of Medicine

John Hopkins University

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

Johns Hopkins Medicine

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

Marshall University

Medical College of WIsconsin

Medical University of South Carolina

Medical University of South Carolina

Meharry Medical College

Michigan State University

Moffitt Cancer Center

Montefiore Medical Center

New York Medical College

New York University Langone Health

Oregon Health & Science University

Penn State Hershey Medical Center

Rush University Medical Center

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Department of Surgery

Stanford University

Stony Brook University

Temple University

Texas Tech University Health Sciences

Center

Texas Tech University Health Sciences

Center, El Paso

The Ohio State University

The Ohio State University Wexner

Medical Center

The University of Arizona

Tulane University

Univeristy of Arizona

Univeristy of Florida

Univeristy of Maryland

University of Buffalo

University of California - Irvine

University of California Los Angeles

Plastic Surgery

University of California San Francisco

University of California, Davis

University of Chicago

University of Cincinnati

University of Colorado

University of Colorado Denver

University of Connecticut

University of Florida

University of Hawaii at Manoa

University of Kansas

University of Kentucky

University of Maryland

University of Michigan

University of Michigan Medical Center

University of Minnesota

University of Mississippi Medical Center

University of Nebraska

University of Nebraska Medical Center

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

University of Oklahoma

University of Pennsylvania

University of Rochester

University of Rochester Medical Center

University of South Florida

University of Southern California

University of Tennessee Health Science

Center

University of Texas

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer

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University of Texas Medical Branch

University of Texas Southwestern Medical

Center

University of Texas Southwestern Medical

Center at Dallas

University of Utah

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin

Upstate University Hospital

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Commonwealth University

Health

Wake Forest Baptist Health

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Cener

Wake Forest University Health Sciences

Washington University

Wayne State University

Wayne State University Physician Group

West Virginia University Medicine

Yale Medicine

Yale Univeristy

## **ABOUT** US

The Association of Academic Surgical Administrators (AASA) is the association for administrative and physician leaders in the field of academic surgery. AASA will advance the field of professional administration and management by providing high quality programs, services, and advocating for the interests of the academic surgical community.

Members are high-level influencers and decision-makers of their organizations. AASA programs bring these individuals together, providing you with an invaluable platform to speak to this powerful community of professionals.

## **AASA** is a thriving community

providing education, access to information, and networking for the academic surgical administrative profession.



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twitter.com/aasa1org



### facebook

facebook.com/surgicaladmins



#### linkedIn

linkedin.com/groups?gid=2601073&trk=hb\_side\_g



Assistant Administrator	2%
Associate Administrator	20%
Business Office Manager	<b>7</b> %
Chief Department Administrator	<b>45</b> %
Clinical Practice Manager	3%
Contracts/Grants Administrator	1%
Division/Section Administrator	22%

## **QUESTIONS?**

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4 Lan Drive, Suite 310 Westford, MA 01886 **ph** 978-364-5059 **fx** 978-250-1117 **e** office@aasa1.org **aasa1.org**  AASA's main goal is to advance the field of professional administration and management within the clinical, education, and research missions of academic departments of surgery. Our 275+ members value the high quality education, resources and networking opportunities AASA offers.

# **2019-2020** CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our major conferences all include sponsor engagement opportunities that are dependent on sponsor levels. In addition, AASA offers other workshops, webinars, and networking opportunities throughout the year.

Visit **aasa1.org** to keep on top of all the latest event news.

# **2019 SPRING RETREAT JUNE 6-7, 2019**

University of Utah - School of Medicine

Salt Lake City, Utah

Projected Attendance: 40 Attendees

## 2019 SUMMER RETREAT AUGUST 8-9, 2019

University of Buffalo Buffalo, New York

Projected Attendance: 50 Attendees

# 2019 AASA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 26-29, 2019

San Francisco, California

Projected Attendance: 175 Attendees

# **MEMBERSHIP** BENEFITS

Career Development Offerings, Including a Pre-Conference Workshop

Discounted Registration to Regional Retreats and the Annual Conference

Webinars, Including Our Book Club Webinars

**Career Posting and Searching** 

**Membership Directory Access** 

Affiliate Membership in the American College of Surgeons

Discounted Subscription to *Management in Healthcare: A Peer-Reviewed Journal* 

## **Member Toolkit**

### 1. EDUCATION RESOURCES

- > Past presentations from annual conferences, midyear retreats, webinars and book club webinars
- > Cutting Edge Newsletters

## 2. OPERATIONS

- > Sample Provider Dashboard
- > Sample Clinic Schedule
- > Quality Reporting Templates
- > Organizational Charts and Structures

## 3. HUMAN RESOURCES

- > Compensation Plans
- > Compensation Surveys
- > Data Benchmarks
- > Policies and Procedures

# WHY JOIN AASA?

Most members get out of AASA what they put into AASA. If you are still on the fence on whether the organization is right for you, meet some of our members below and read what they've enjoyed most about AASA so far.



Sallie Walker
Member Since 2017
Administrative Officer,
Departments of Plastic and
Oral Surgery - Vanderbilt

**University Medical Center** 

I was fortunate enough to attend the Southeast mid-year retreat in April 2017 and present on Access. I loved seeing not only the passion that my fellow administrators had for surgery and the work we're doing, but also their passion for each other and this community of leaders.



Ron Brown
Member Since 2004

Executive Administrator, Department of Surgery -University of Alabama at Birmingham

The AASA is very helpful in promoting information sharing amongst our colleagues. There are many opportunities to learn how others manage the operational and administrative issues in our respective institutions.



**Lorraine Pistorino** 

Member Since 2017

Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Surgery -University of California Irvine

The AASA has been instrumental in connecting me to new people and resources as a surgical administrator. The AASA annual meeting was my first event and I left feeling inspired and motived by the colleagues I met. I look forward to developing those relationships more as a continued member.



Lauren (Rorabaugh) Iannitti

Member Since 2014

Vice President, Surgery Care Division - Atrium Health

I love many things about AASA: immediate access to colleagues, profound relationships and getting involved.



Nargis Hossain Member Since 2008

Academic Programs Officer - University of Buffalo

In the past 10 years with the AASA, I have enjoyed the opportunity to exchange ideas, knowledge and advice with my colleagues. The value of this knowledge exchange is unmeasurable and has contributed to my growth not only in my career but also as a member of the AASA.



**John Hundt** 

Member Since 2002

Chief Administrative Offer, Surgery – John Hopkins

I love the ability to network with colleagues across the country facing the same challenges; the relationships formed and camaraderie shared when we get together.

# **EVENT** PHOTOS







# 1. Critical Evaluation

- Institutional strengths and weaknesses
- Key collaborations
- Existing centers/programs
- Critical mass of investigators
- Departmental cultu





