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AAST Membership Committee

RE: Jane Doe, MD

Dear Membership Committee

I am very pleased to sponsor Dr. Jane Doe for membership in the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Dr. Doe received her undergraduate degree from the University of a Big State. She received a Master’s degree in Public Health from a Smaller but more Prestigious University where she matriculated at their school of medicine receiving her doctor of medicine degree in 20xx. She completed her surgical residency at a Wonderful Hospital and subsequently completed a 2-year acute care surgery fellowship. Dr. Doe was a tremendous fellow and we were overjoyed to be able to recruit her to the faculty thereafter. She is active on the trauma service and emergency general surgical services. She takes trauma and EGS call and is active in the trauma Pl process.

In terms of AAST metrics:

**Leadership:** Dr. Doe is the assistant program director for the surgical residency and the program director for surgical PA residency program. Dr. Doe is an active member of the state Chapter of the COT and is one of the vice chairs. In this role, she is now in charge of the resident paper competition for our chapter.

**Education:** Dr. Doe is an ATLS course instructor and director and is state faculty. She is also an ATOM and ASSET course instructor. She teaches ASSET at our institution as well as elsewhere in the state. She is a regional ATOM instructor.

**Research:** Dr. Doe has significantly increased her scholarly and research activity. She has now authored or co-authored 11 peer-reviewed publications. She has also published a chapter in The Big Red Trauma textbook (Chapter XX), and has authored another chapter for the current edition of the smaller Blue Critical Care textbook. Dr. Doe also is the PI for an industry-sponsored trial involved in resuscitating the dead.

**Clinical Practice:** As noted above, Dr. Doe is fellowship trained, active on the trauma, EGS and ICU services and takes trauma call often. She is active in our trauma audit committee and on Pl reviews.

**Service:** Dr. Doe serves on our states chapter of the ACS program planning committee.

She also serves on the publications committee of the Regional Surgical Society and the communication committee for EAST. Dr. Doe is also panelist and question writer for the surgical critical care certifying examination for the American Board of Surgery.

In summary, Dr. Jane Doe has been a great addition and member of our Trauma/ACS faculty. She is always willing to do whatever she can to contribute to the residency and to the department. She is the kind of trauma/ACS surgeon we want as members of the AAST. I very strongly and enthusiastically support Dr. Doe's application for membership in the AAST.

Respectfully,

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