

Erin Scott
Personal Statement - Treasurer

Throughout my surgical training, involvement in professional organizations has been one of the most meaningful ways I have learned to advocate for colleagues and patients, build collaborations, and contribute to the future of our specialty. As a current Trauma, Acute Care Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care Fellow at Emory University and Grady Memorial Hospital, I am seeking the opportunity to serve as Treasurer of the AAST Associate Member Council with the goal of taking on a more active role in supporting an organization that has already been meaningful to my professional development. In this role, I would help ensure that the Council has the resources and structure to translate its ideas into meaningful opportunities for associate members. My experience includes organizational leadership roles at the regional and national levels, including service on the MA State Committee on Trauma, the MA Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Executive Council, and the Governing Board of the American College of Surgeons Resident and Associate Society, including successive leadership positions within its Global Surgery Committee, ultimately serving as Committee Chair. These experiences taught me the importance of organization, accountability, collaboration, and thoughtful stewardship, as well as the importance of aligning an organization's resources and efforts with its priorities.

Since beginning fellowship, I have become increasingly engaged with AAST through my participation on the Associate Member Research Committee and involvement in the academic mission of the organization. As Treasurer, I would bring a dependable, organized, and engaged approach to the Council while working closely with its leadership to maintain transparent and responsible oversight of its resources. I would view the role not simply as one of financial administration, but as an opportunity to help the Council thoughtfully align its resources with its goals. Over the upcoming year, I would hope to fulfill the core responsibilities of Treasurer while also helping the Council think strategically about where we can have the greatest impact, particularly by strengthening opportunities for mentorship, research collaboration, education, leadership development, and meaningful engagement with AAST among trainees and early-career surgeons. I would be honored to contribute my prior organizational leadership experience to the Associate Member Council and to help ensure that its resources are used intentionally to strengthen its work and support its current and future associate members.