

Fellow Associate Members of the AAST,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as Treasurer of the AAST Associate Member Council. As the Scholarship and Development Councilor for the inaugural AMC I have seen first-hand how thoughtful planning, resource stewardship and collaboration across the Council are needed; I would like to continue that work by supporting the AMC's programs, committees and long-term priorities in a role that will do so.

My previous AMC experience has given me an understanding of the Council's structure, mission and how financial resources need to be tied to initiatives that add value to associate members. As Scholarship & Development Councilor I worked within the AMC to develop the initial leadership structure and learned how programmatic goals can be balanced with practical considerations necessary to accomplish them successfully.

I also have financial management experience from my professional and personal lives. In managing the finances of my own small business, I ensure that budgeting is ongoing, expense tracking is done effectively, financial planning is done, and resources are allocated responsibly. While serving as Head of the Department of General and Orthopedic Surgery at Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, I maintained accountability for organization funds, balancing planned expenditures and available resources for a budget well over one million dollars.

If elected Treasurer I would work to ensure that AMC has a clear, predictable and transparent financial process. I would engage proactively with committee leaders to understand their needs so financial planning supports rather than limits priorities of the Council.

I enjoyed my prior work with the AAST Associate Member Council and would be honored to serve again as Treasurer. I believe my combination of AMC leadership experience, practical financial management skills, and responsible stewardship would serve me well in this capacity.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie J. B.", written in a cursive, flowing style.

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