

FSA Board of Directors for 2025-2026 - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

George Luck – Running for District Director South and Alternate Delegate to the ASA



I am honored to submit my self-nomination for the position of District Director South and Alternate Delegate to the ASA for the (FSA). As a committed educator, mentor, and advocate for the field of anesthesiology, I am eager to contribute to advancing the mission and membership of the FSA/ASA. I currently serve as the Longitudinal Clerkship Director for Anesthesia/Critical Care and the Director of Professional Education at the FAU Simulation Center. In these roles, I oversee the anesthesia educational experience for medical students throughout their clinical training. Additionally, I develop and implement high-fidelity simulation curricula to educate students, residents, and nurses, with a focus on communication, critical thinking, and interprofessional, team-based learning.

Mentoring the next generation of anesthesiologists has been a central focus of my work. This year, anesthesia was the number one selected specialty. We have matched 100% every year.

I am deeply committed to supporting the FSA's goals of fostering professional development, advocacy, and member engagement. As District Director, I would focus on strengthening connections between practicing anesthesiologists, academic institutions, and medical trainees within our region. Currently, I oversee seven different site rotations in Palm Beach and Broward counties. I am particularly interested in contributing to the FSA's membership recruitment and renewal efforts by encouraging involvement early in training and building a strong pipeline of future anesthesiologists.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve, grow our membership, and help advance the profession at both the state and national levels.

Thank you for your consideration.

George R. Luck, MD FAAHPM

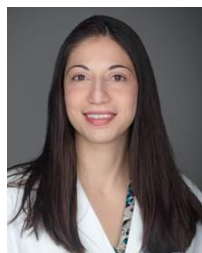
Associate Professor of Anesthesia

Associate Director for Hospice/Palliative Medicine Fellowship

Director of Professional Education Simulation Center

Director, Anesthesia/Critical Care-Longitudinal

Nasrin Aldawoodi MD – Running for ASA Delegate or Alternate Delegate



I've been heavily involved both in my department at Moffitt Cancer Center and at the ASA. I sit on two ASA committees and have presented on several panels over the past few years. I have written many guidelines, protocols, and workflows for my hospital as first, Medical Director of the Preanesthesia Testing Clinic and then as Vice Chair of Clinical Operations and chair of the Block Committee where I helped reallocate the block schedule with surgeon expansion and opening a new surgical hospital with more ORs. I would like to get more involved at the state level regarding anesthesia practice and lobbying efforts and serve as a bridge between state and national representation.

Brenda Fahy, MD – Running for ASA Delegate or Alternate Delegate



I am a Professor of Anesthesiology and Associate Chair for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development Care at the University of Florida. I have served in leadership positions including the ABA Board of Directors and served on the ACGME Residency Review Committee and currently serve on the Appeals Committee. My ASA involvement includes serving on the ABA-ASA-AMA Joint Committee (2015-19z0 including Chair of the Committee during the last year. I previously served as an ASA appointed liaison to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Perioperative Care with surgeons and other organizations' members from the Council on Surgical and Perioperative Safety. Additional ASA service includes chairing the Committee on Surgical and Procedural Anesthesia with its various liaison representatives, and service on the Committees on Academic Anesthesiology and Future Models of Anesthesia Practice. I currently serve on the ASA Abstract Review Subcommittee on Respiration, Committee on Physician Well-being and Committee on

Women Anesthesiologists. Since moving to Florida in 2012 and joining that FSA I have served as an alternate delegate attending the FSA board activities, and Florida and Southern Caucuses and a member of the FSA Legislative Affairs Committee. I also served as the Southern delegation representative to the Reference Committee on Scientific Affairs. I attend and participate in the FSA meeting yearly and this past year served as a delegate to the ASA HOD in my alternate role and really enjoyed the opportunity to serve in this role. In these various roles, I continue to have opportunities to advocate for the physician led anesthesia care team to advance the highest standards of the practice of anesthesiology. I am motivated to continue to have the opportunity to assist the FSA with its mission and vision to advance these high standards. With my professional involvements I am able to assist the FSA members with recommendations for service opportunities.

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Hamad Sagheer, MD – Running for ASA Alternate Delegate and FMA Alternate Delegate



I am an Associate Attending in the Department of Anesthesiology at Moffitt Cancer Center (MCC). Prior to relocating to Florida, I worked at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) and was an active member within the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists (NYSSA). I served as an Alternate Delegate to the NYSSA for 6 years and then as a Delegate for another 5 years. I was also a member of the NYSSA Committees for CME and Communications. Since moving to Florida, I have served as a member on the FSA Annual Meeting Program Committee for 2 consecutive years and was recently appointed as FSA representative to the ASA Contractors Advisory Committee. I have been actively involved in the ASA through the Committee of Professional Diversity (2018-2021), and I have served as an abstract reviewer and moderator for the ASA Committee on Equipment, Monitoring, and Engineering Technology since 2017. Because of my experience from the NYSSA House of Delegates and active involvement in the FSA and ASA, I feel qualified to serve the FSA in the role of Delegate or Alternate Delegate for the ASA. I have the relevant background and experience that will be useful in this position. If given the opportunity, I am committed to serving both the FSA and ASA to the best of my abilities, to counsel and vote in accordance with constituent needs and in the best interest of the FSA.

Cindy Yeoh, MD – Running for ASA Alternate Delegate



I have had the pleasure of serving on the FSA Annual Meeting Program Committee since 2022. Last year, I was honored to have the opportunity to serve on the FSA board as Alternate Delegate to the ASA. I am currently the Director of Quality and Research in the Department of Anesthesiology at Moffitt Cancer Center. I remain actively involved within the ASA, serving as Vice Chair on the ASA Abstract Committee on Monitoring, Equipment, and Technology this year. I have served on this ASA committee since 2017 and on the Committee of Professional Diversity from 2018-2021. During my time in New York, I was also an active member of the NYSSA. I served on various committees within the NYSSA, including the roles of Alternate Delegate and Delegate to the NYSSA for a total of 11 years. I have the relevant background and experience that will help in representing the FSA as Alternate Delegate to the ASA. I am committed to continuing to serve both the FSA and ASA to the best of my abilities, to counsel and to vote in accordance with constituent needs and in the best interest of the FSA.

Dennis Warfield, Jr, MD – Running for District Director North, ASA Delegate & ASA Alternate Delegate



Being involved with advocacy has been stressed since training and personally remained a central focus throughout my career. I have been involved with a few state societies stemming early in residency. Throughout my residency at Rutgers, I served as resident delegate to the executive board for NJSSA as well as a membership committee member. The past 5 years, prior to moving to Florida, I was faculty at Penn State Hershey. While there I was an Alternate Delegate for PSA as well as both an executive and membership committee member. Having attended the ASA Legislative Conference multiple times, I was able to persuade staff for my local US Congressman, Glenn GT Thompson serving the 15th District of PA, to agree to cosponsor HR 3347 Protecting Lifesaving Anesthesia Care for Veterans Act of 2023. As a current servicemember in the US Army Reserve I held this issue close to heart. By continuing to serve in this capacity I will bring experience and dedication to increasing membership and fighting for positive change. I look forward to now being able to help serve our specialty in the state of Florida with FSA.

Karim Abouelenin, MD – Running for ASA Alternate Delegate



I served in South Florida for the past 26 years starting from University of Miami as a postgraduate in Anesthesiology and fellow in Critical Care Medicine, I worked for University of Miami as faculty and associate anesthesia residency director for 3 years. Continued my career in south Florida as chief of anesthesia at one of the Memorial Health system and continued with my current role as regional medical director for south Florida region covering about 20 anesthesia and critical programs including large facilities and out patient surgery centers. I present several times lectures at the FSA and attending the ASA annual conferences. I am looking forward to make valuable contributions to our field, articulate and engage in the challenges we are currently daily handling. I developed trust, communication and coordination that will add value to achieve our goals.

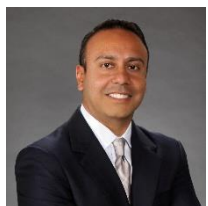
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Rene Przkora, MD – Running for ASA Delegate or ASA Alternate Delegate and FMA Delegate



I am a Professor of Anesthesiology and Associate Chief for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development Care at the University of Florida. I have served in leadership positions within medical organizations including the ABA Board of Directors and ACGME Residency Review Committee. My ASA involvement includes serving from 2015-2019 on the ABA-ASA-AMA Joint Committee including Chair during my last year of service. I previously served as an ASA appointed liaison to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Perioperative Care with surgeons and others from the Council on Surgical and Perioperative Safety. Additional ASA service includes chairing the Committee on Surgical and Procedural Anesthesia with its liaison representatives, and the Committees on Academic Anesthesiology and Future Models of Anesthesia Practice. I currently serve on the ASA Abstract Review Subcommittee on Respiration, Committee on Physician Well-being and Committee on Women Anesthesiologists. Since moving to Florida in 2012 and joining that FSA I have served as an alternate delegate attending the FSA board activities, and Florida and Southern Caucuses and am a member of the FSA Legislative Affairs Committee. I have also served as the Southern delegation representative to the Reference Committee on Scientific Affairs. I participate in the FSA meeting yearly and have provided 4 lectures since joining the FSA. I have also served in the House of Delegates for the FSA when called upon as an alternate delegate. In these various roles, I continue to have opportunities to advocate for the physician led anesthesia care team to advance the highest standards of the practice of anesthesiology. I am motivated to continue to have the opportunity to assist the FSA with its mission and vision to advance these high standards. With my professional involvements I am able to assist the FSA with crucial connections and provide its me and provide its members with recommendations for service opportunities.

Moeed Azam, MD – Running for ASA Delegate or ASA Alternate Delegate



Dr. Azam has also been a recognizable leader in professional advocacy and state and national societies, including the ASA Committee on Practice Management, the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists' Board of Directors, co-chair of legislative affairs for the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists, and past chair of the his practice's PAC board at USAP.

Dr. Azam had served as the Chief of Liver Transplant Anesthesiology for a decade at AdventHealth Central Florida. He completed his medical internship at University of Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital, and anesthesiology residency training at The Johns Hopkins Hospital..

Steven Gayer, MD – Running for ASA Delegate



I currently serve as ASA Delegate and would be grateful to renew. I am a member of the ASA Quality Management & Departmental Administration Committee. I am ASA liaison to the FDA for Drug Shortage Mitigation, and liaison to the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons.

I am also a member and past Chair of the ASA Committee on Ambulatory Surgical Care and ASA liaison to the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (The Quad A) & to the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

I serve as a national "voice" of ASA, most recently featured in USA Today as well as ASA's "Made for this Moment," ASA Education Center Patient Safety Center, and the ASA Monitor.

Christian Diez, MD – Running for Florida Alternate Delegate to the ASA



I respectfully request to continue my service to the FSA by serving a second term as Alternate Director and delegate to the ASA. Serving the FSA in several capacities, including President, has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career and I hope to continue my service. During my first term as alternate director I have represented the interests of our members and have been engaged in the activities of the ASA. I have attended all in-person and virtual meetings. Further, I currently serve on several board and leadership committees. I am currently Chair of the Finance committee, serve as the Chair of the finance reference committee, served on the CEO search committee and currently serve on the CEO executive compensation committee. Lastly, I serve and have monthly meetings on the sustainable revenue growth committee. Professionally, I practice anesthesiology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and serve the department as Professor and Vice-Chair of Clinical Affairs. I humbly ask for your continued support. Thank you.

