

Only my family is more important to me than bariatrics. Being the director of behavioral services for the Brigham and Women's bariatric program has been a labor of love and my passion for the work has led me to become very involved with ASMBS. I was a chair of the support group committee and served on the nominating and awards committees. On the executive council, I helped create and disseminate both a member survey to create a plan of action for the council moving forward and getting a support group survey approved to gather patient feedback to inform providers. Working as a psychologist and administrator has helped me to understand individual and group dynamics, which has helped my efforts on behalf of ASMBS.

Those who know me recognize that my enthusiasm has allowed me to follow through on tasks which need to be accomplished. I listen carefully to ensure all are heard and am committed to seeking feedback to meet the needs of our members. As secretary, a chief role would be to make sure that all perspectives brought to our table are valued, as well as improving communication with members to add accountability. I have worked with leadership to help encourage IH parity with our surgical colleagues in terms of recognition and will continue to do so. My vision of our future is one of inclusivity, greater recognition of IH contributions to the field, and providing desired resources to help professionals gain value from membership.