

Re: Nomination of Dr. [REDACTED] for membership in the American Orthopaedic Association

Dear Membership Committee:

We are writing to enthusiastically second Dr. [REDACTED] nomination of [REDACTED], MD for membership in the American Orthopaedic Association. We base our comments on close personal observation of Dr. [REDACTED] who is a member of the full-time faculty in the Department of Orthopaedics at the [REDACTED]

Dr. [REDACTED] is a 19[REDACTED] graduate of [REDACTED] University where [REDACTED] majored in Biology and was a member of the intercollegiate rowing program. After attending the Post-Baccalaureate Program at the University of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] entered the [REDACTED] School of Medicine, obtaining the MD degree in 20[REDACTED]. [REDACTED] served an internship in General Surgery at [REDACTED] Health and Science University from [REDACTED], and completed the [REDACTED] Orthopaedic Surgery Residency in [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] was an Orthopaedic Trauma Fellow at [REDACTED] University in [REDACTED].

Dr. [REDACTED] was appointed an Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], and was promoted to Associate Professor in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] achieved American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery certification in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is an active member of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. [REDACTED] has authored 10 papers and 4 book chapters. [REDACTED] has made numerous national and regional presentations. [REDACTED] has served as a principal investigator on several industry and foundation grants. [REDACTED] is an outstanding clinician-educator, a busy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and has major administrative leadership responsibilities at our institution.

Dr. [REDACTED] has made several important leadership contributions at the University of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] served as Director of our [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has served as Chief of Orthopaedics at [REDACTED] Hospital since [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Hospital is a 261 bed hospital in [REDACTED] and is a full academic affiliate of the University of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a major teaching affiliate for our Orthopaedic Residency, and is the major locus for [REDACTED] in the University of [REDACTED] system. As Chief of Orthopaedics at [REDACTED], Dr. [REDACTED] is integrally involved in strategic planning for, and implementation of musculoskeletal services. [REDACTED] is the key interface with hospital leaders at [REDACTED] and represents the Chair in negotiations about space, staffing, and various initiatives. [REDACTED] takes an integral role with recruitment and with non-physician staff development. In [REDACTED] role as Chief of Orthopaedics, Dr. [REDACTED] serves [REDACTED] Hospital on its [REDACTED] Council, [REDACTED] Committee, [REDACTED] Committee, [REDACTED] Council, and the [REDACTED] Committee.

Dr. [REDACTED] has also taken major "system-wide" leadership roles at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] co-chaired the [REDACTED] Task Force and the subsequent implementation team. This group created [REDACTED] bundles which have been implemented for all surgical services across all clinical sites in the University of [REDACTED] system. [REDACTED] serves on the multi-institutional [REDACTED], focused on operating room culture. Dr. [REDACTED] was also selected to serve on the [REDACTED] Committee of the nearly 900 member University of [REDACTED] Medical Faculty Group.

Dr. [REDACTED] has participated in the AOA Emerging Leaders Program.

We believe that Dr. [REDACTED] will be an outstanding addition to the membership of the AOA. [REDACTED] is already demonstrating leadership within [REDACTED] division, within our Department, and as Chief of Orthopaedics at an important hospital in our health care system. [REDACTED] has demonstrated an enthusiasm for professional growth both in [REDACTED] willingness to take on leadership roles at [REDACTED] home institution, but also through [REDACTED] participation in the AOA Emerging Leaders Program. We know that [REDACTED] will be an enthusiastic contributor to the American Orthopaedic Association, and we whole-heartedly support [REDACTED] candidacy for membership.

Sincerely,

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