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I became a member of AAGL in the year 2000, at the beginning of my fellowship in Advanced Gynecologic Surgery with my mentor and now great friend, Dr. Javier Magrina, at Mayo Clinic. Over the years I have served our society in numerous ways. In 2006, I opened a MIGs fellowship in Phoenix, one of the first in the western US, and I have trained 14 excellent fellows. In 2011, seeing a great need for knowledge and training in pelvic pain, I started an AAGL Pelvic Pain SIG. This resulted in me organizing multiple and very well-attended courses covering all aspects of pelvic pain. In 2015, I was elected to the board of directors of AAGL. At that time, I helped navigate our society through a difficult transition, which made our society become more modern and inclusive. During my tenure, the new logo of AAGL was adopted. I have been through all the levels of my academic career, advancing to the position of professor of OB/GYN at Creighton University School of Medicine and the University of Arizona. In 2020, I left my academia and started a private practice called the Arizona Center for Chronic Pelvic Pain. This gave me a unique experience with both sides of practicing medicine.

I would like to continue my almost quarter-century of service to AAGL by becoming your next secretary-treasurer. Being a former fellowship director, I recognize the needs of our young members, the need to find an excellent job after training but also the need for ongoing educational opportunities. Our mentors must be properly recognized, and we must continuously tap into their knowledge. AAGL is more international than ever, and we must continue growing worldwide. And this does not only include academic-based physicians but also private practitioners. To do all this, the finances of our society must be solid, and I am prepared to work hard to achieve all those and other goals set by our board. I sincerely ask for your vote.