

Karen C. Wang, MD

My vision centers on four key pillars:

Education and Training: Education is the foundation of progress. As a Board Member, I'll advocate for comprehensive educational and mentorship programs for gynecologic surgeons at all career stages—trainees, recent graduates, and seasoned surgeons wanting to incorporate new techniques into their skill set, ensuring they remain at the forefront of advancements. As a current Associate fellowship director, former fellowship director at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, and former FMIGS Director at Large, I've witnessed the standardization of the quality of our programs, rapid expansion of fellowship sites, and the burgeoning interest in pursuing fellowship training since completing my own in 2008 at the University of Michigan.

Research and Innovation: Our specialty was conceived through innovation and adaptation. Through collaborative research initiatives within AAGL, we can explore new technologies, surgical techniques, and patient care outcomes, further strengthening our field.

Patient-Centered Care: The heart of our mission will always be in optimizing patient outcomes. By advocating for universal access to high quality care and promoting health equity, we can ensure all patients benefit from minimally invasive surgery advancements.

Global Collaboration: Expanding horizons and sharing knowledge globally are essential. By collaborating and sharing best practices, we can elevate the standard of care worldwide. My involvement in the Annual Global Congress for over a decade, including roles as chair, co-chair, faculty, Scientific Program Committee member in 2016, Professional Education Committee member from 2016-2019, have shown me the impact of collaborative efforts on a global scale.

I am honored to be considered for General Membership for the 2024 AAGL Board of Directors. Through continued collaboration, we can advance the field, empower surgeons, and enhance the lives of countless patients. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and would be thrilled to contribute.