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**Personal Statement and Vision – Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer, AAGL Executive Board (2026)**

It has been my privilege to dedicate my career to advancing the field of complex benign gynecology and minimally invasive gynecologic surgery through education, research, and service to our professional community.

For 15 years, I have had the honor of serving as Fellowship Program Director in MIGS—first at Mayo Clinic Arizona and later at Cleveland Clinic Ohio—mentoring the next generation of surgeons and helping them achieve clinical and academic excellence. As President of the Fellowship Board in 2015, I led a pivotal transformation in our training paradigm, moving from an apprenticeship model to one aligned with ACGME standards, ensuring rigorous, competency-based education.

My commitment to advancing scholarship is reflected in my 10 years as a senior editor on the *JMIG* Editorial Board, during which we worked collectively to elevate the journal's impact factor from 1.1 to 4.2 in 2022. Recognizing the need for stronger clinical guidance in our specialty, I restructured the AAGL Practice Guidelines development process as Chair of the committee in 2023, introducing a multi-institutional approach—incorporating systematic reviews, meta-analyses, and clear recommendations—to ensure that our guidelines meet the highest standards of evidence-based medicine.

If elected to the Executive Board as Secretary-Treasurer, I will continue to bring the same dedication, collaborative spirit, and strategic vision to my service. My priorities will be to:

- Strengthen and expand AAGL's educational platform to ensure that our training programs remain the gold standard worldwide.
- Foster and support high-quality research to push the boundaries of our knowledge and capabilities.
- Promote global dissemination of best practices, elevating women's health across diverse communities.



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I believe that by investing in education and advancing the science of our field, we not only improve surgical outcomes but also champion the health, dignity, and quality of life for women everywhere. I would be honored to serve and to contribute my experience and passion to the continued growth and influence of AAGL.

Sincerely,

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