

Statement of Interest – ACFAS Tri-State Region Secretary/ Treasurer Position

I am excited to apply for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the ACFAS Tri-State Region. I believe my background, skills, and current leadership roles make me uniquely suited for this position and its responsibilities, including maintaining accurate financial records, providing oversight for regional funds, compiling financial reports, and contributing to the overall leadership of the Region.

As a graduate of the ACFAS Leadership Development Inaugural Cohort, I have developed and honed key skills in leadership, communication, and organizational management that will serve me well in fulfilling the duties of Secretary/Treasurer. Through this program, I gained a deeper understanding of the strategic and operational responsibilities required for regional leadership roles. The experience not only strengthened my ability to manage complex projects and collaborate with diverse teams but also instilled in me a strong commitment to fostering growth and development within the ACFAS community.

Currently, I serve as the Region Liaison, where I have been actively involved in supporting and organizing regional initiatives. My duties have included helping to plan the 2024 Residents Complications Course, ensuring the event meets its goals in providing high-value educational experiences for residents. Additionally, I have taken on the responsibility of overseeing the ACFAS Region poster submission support process, a way in which residents and fellows can receive funding support for their participation in advancing the profession.

I am dedicated to ensuring transparency, accuracy, and efficiency in managing the Region's financial matters, and I am eager to give back to the region that has supported my professional growth. I believe these experiences have prepared me to support and guide the Tri-State Region toward sustained growth and success.

It would be an honor to continue serving the ACFAS Tri-State Region in this new capacity, and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute further to the growth and strength of our community.

Sincerely,

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New York, NY

EMPLOYMENT

University Hospital New Jersey - Attending Physician, Residency Clerkship Director (*June 2021 - Present*)

New York College of Podiatric Medicine - Clinical Attending, Dept of Surgery (*August 2020- June 2021*)

- Clinical Attending; actively teaching residents and students both in the surgical and non-surgical setting
- Extensively working at 3 NYC HHC Hospitals including 2 Level I Trauma Centers
 - Metropolitan Hospital/Lincoln Hospital/ Harlem Hospital Center

EDUCATION

Fellowship; Trauma, Reconstructive Foot and Ankle/ Diabetic Limb Salvage Fellowship University of Louisville Hospital, *Foot and Ankle Surgery Fellow (August 2019- July 2020)*
- *Extensive Foot and Ankle Trauma at Level 1 Trauma Center, Rearfoot and Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Procedures*

Residency; New York College of Podiatric Medicine/ Metropolitan Hospital Program, New York, New York (PMSR-RRA) *Resident Physician (2016-2019), Chief Resident (July 2018-June 2019)*

Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine; New York College of Podiatric Medicine, New York, New York , *Doctor of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery (January 2012- May 2016)*

Undergraduate; University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
Bachelors of Science in Nutritional Sciences (July 2007- December 2011)

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/ACTIVITIES

- Adjunct Faculty, New York College of Podiatric Medicine
 - Trauma Course Lecturer; Open Fractures, Pilon Fractures, Calcaneal Fractures
- ACFAS Tri-State Region Liaison (2024-present)
- American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery Exam Prep Task Force Member (2024- present)
- ACFAS Chris Mahaffey Leadership Development Program, Participant -Inaugural Cohort (2023)
- American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, Case Review Examination Committee (2023-present)
- Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee Member (CREC), Council on Podiatric Medical Education (2022- present)
 - American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery, Representative
 - American Board of Podiatric Medicine, Representative
- Journal of Foot and Ankle Surgery, Peer Reviewer (2022- present)
- University Hospital New Jersey
 - Residency Clerkship Director (2022- present)
 - Director of Residency Academics (2021- present)
- Editor/ Peer Reviewer , Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association (2021)
- Chief Resident , Metropolitan Hospital (2018-2019)
- Faculty Editor , NYCPM Podiatric Medical Review Volume 26 (2018)
- New York State Podiatric Medical Association (2016-2019, 2020-2021)
 - Young Member's Committee Member (2017-2019)