



### Nominee Details

Salutation (Dr, Prof, etc.)	Dr
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Nominated by	American College of Mohs Surgery

### Background and Motivation

#### Of which Dermatological (or other relevant) Societies / Organisations are you a member?

American Academy of Dermatology (AAD)  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS)  
American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS)  
American Dermatological Association  
Noah Worcester Dermatological Society  
Missouri Dermatology Society  
St. Louis Dermatology Society  
American Society for Lasers in Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS)  
American Medical Association (AMA)  
Missouri State Medical Society (MSMA)  
St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society (SLMMS)

#### Do you hold any Board, Committee or Officer positions in any Dermatological (or other relevant) Societies / Organisations?

ASLMS: Board of Directors, Audit Committee  
AAD: Congressional Policy Committee; State policy Committee (Incoming); RBRVS Committee;  
SkinPAC Board of Advisors Chair (outgoing); AHTF on COVID-19 Chair; AHTF on mpox Chair  
ASDS: Federal Policy Workgroup; International Traveling Mentorship Program Work Group;  
Alternate Advisor to AMA RUC Committee  
AMA: Alternate Delegate for MSMA, Election Committee, SSS representative for ASLMS  
MSMA: Legislative Committee, Delegate  
JAAD: Editorial Board  
Dermatologic Surgery: Assistant Editor  
Former President: AAD, ASDS, ASLMS, MSMA, SLMMS  
Former Treasurer: ASLMS, MSMA  
Former Board of Directors or Council member: AAD, ASDS, ACMS, Association of Academic  
Dermatologic Surgeons, MSMA, SLMMS, AAAHC  
ILDS Delegate: 2015 (ASDS), 2019 (AAD)

#### What experience, skills or knowledge do you have that would enable you to contribute to the activities of the ILDS?

I am eager to join the ILDS BOD to help execute their mission and bring it to a new level. I have been very involved in the international dermatologic community for decades, establishing relationships with dermatologists on five continents as an invited speaker (Czech Republic, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, France, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Philippines, South Korea, India, Israel, Egypt, Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, CILAD, EADV and WCD). I also bring a unique international perspective having grown up in the Czech Republic and Sweden before moving to the U.S. Like the AAD, a key role of the ILDS is education. I have been a WCD speaker (2015), co-chair of complications in surgery course (2019) and chair of the basic surgery course (2023). I am an Ambassador for WCD 2023 to help build enthusiasm for the meeting in Singapore. The only dermatologic surgeon on the ILDS BOD is leaving in 2023. I would make sure that the ILDS continues and expands dermatologic surgery education for our colleagues across the world. I have been an active member of the ASDS International Traveling Mentorship program for years and would want to bring the most successful elements of this program to ILDS. One-on-one dermatologic surgery education is an invaluable way to transfer knowledge. The JAAD International focus group, which I chaired, was instrumental in expanding JAAD's international reach by launching JAADI and selecting its first Chief Editor. Having been an ILDS delegates in 2015 and 2019, I have a good understanding of ILDS governance and would be able to hit the ground running.

Another pillar of ILDS is their charitable work through the Foundation. I had the opportunity to visit the Regional Dermatology Training Centre in Moshi, Tanzania where the ILDS, in partnership with the AAD and EADV, support training of dermatology healthcare providers to deliver dermatologic care to underserved communities in sub-Saharan Africa – a true jewel. I will encourage the ILDS to expand dermatologic care to patients in other underserved communities. That will take more resources. I have experience in the fundraising area, having initiated a laser research fund at ASLMS, when I was president, that has raised significant funds. Of course, my recent political campaign for Missouri State Senate honed my skills of asking strangers for money.

ILDS works closely with WHO on infectious dermatologic diseases and their control. The AAD AHTFs on COVID-19 and M-Pox, which I am chairing, have worked with the ILDS on the COVID-19 and MPox dermatologic registries and helped disseminate information to dermatologists as to how to handle the various aspects of these infectious diseases. The registries have collected information from 40+ countries with more than 1000 cases resulting in numerous domestic and international journal publications. On the BOD, I would want to continue and expand on these efforts.

Finally, dermatologists in various countries have many scope of practice restrictions. The ILDS can serve as a clearing house to help dermatologists in countries where they are restricted from taking care of patients up to their level of training. In the U.S., we fought these restrictions and were successful. I have extensive experience in the advocacy arena and look forward to help our colleagues across the world to be able to provide comprehensive dermatologic care to their patients.

I look forward to being an energetic, enthusiastic and effective member of the ILDS BOD faithfully representing North American Dermatology.