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Candidate for Nominat ng Commit ee Academic

What experiences have you had that will allow you to ident fy a diverse set of candidates for Academy leadership? What are the most important at ributes you look for when nominat ng a member for leadership with the Academy?

I am fortunate to have been af orded opportunities to serve in leadership roles as the Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology, Chief of Surgery of our healthcare system, and Chair of Practice Plan Commities within our School of Medicine. These roles, as well as continuous, active connection with various professional organizations including the American Head and Neck Society (AHNS) and our own AAO-HNS have enabled me to clearly recognize the value that strong, commitied leadership brings to a professional organization. No doubt, our Academy has historically enjoyed considerable success by satisfying the many and varied needs of our diverse membership through judicious selection of principled and visionary candidates for leadership. As a member of the Nominating Commitiee, I will embrace the Commities charge to identify potential candidates who will bring value to our Academy.

Moreover, given our Academy's commitment to serve the expansive interests of all otolaryngologists, including resident trainees and those with a subspecialty focus, I would dut fully seek candidates for Academy leadership who are cognizant and respect ul of our diverse interests and membership. I am keenly interested in further serving our Academy in a capacity that will maintain its enduring relevance and am appreciative of your consideration for this position.

I am honored to have been encouraged by respected colleagues in leadership roles within our Academy to seek a position with the Nominating Committee. Throughout my career, beginning with residency training, I have been actively engaged in our Academy through participation in educational offerings and service on various committees. Unquestionably for me, our Academy has been an invaluable professional organization that has enabled my professional career to flourish through the opportunities it offered for education, teaching, service and research dissemination. Moreover, I have been able to cultivate a network of colleagues located thoughout the US and abroad, who share similar interests. It is from this practical perspective that I recognize the value our society will continue to create for Otolaryngologists. Hence, it is essential that we choose capable, innovative and dedicated leaders to generate the appropriate trajectory for our society that will ensure strength and engagement. I am fully supportive to the charge of the Nominating Committee to responsibly evaluate nominations submitted for review, and to participate in the process for determining who should be included on the AAO-HNS ballot. This process underpins our organizational capacity to offer the most talented and proficient individuals worthy of leading the AAO-

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