

Statement of Interest: SOAP Treasurer
Grant Lynde, MD, MBA

Dear SOAP Colleagues,

I would be honored to serve as your SOAP Treasurer, and I ask for your support. As Treasurer, my commitment to its members is to ensure the financial health of SOAP so that it can accomplish its mission of advancing pregnancy-related health and outcomes of pregnant women and their newborn.

I would like to briefly tell you about who I am. I graduated medical school from the University of Pittsburgh and completed residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2002. I was stationed at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA, where I was the Director of Obstetrical Anesthesiology. I served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and after being honorably discharged in 2005, I went into private practice in Clearwater, FL, where my parents live. I was the Director of OB Services for my group, but the 2008 recession caused unsustainable changes to my practice's payor mix. I moved to Emory to become the Director of OB Anesthesiology at Grady Memorial Hospital in 2010. I obtained my MBA from Emory University in 2015 and am now the Vice Chair of Quality for the Emory University Department of Anesthesiology.

I am the proud father of 12-year-old identical twin girls. While I always had a passion for OB Anesthesiology, I gained a profound understanding of how impactful skillful medical care can be when they were born. My wife's pregnancy was remarkable only in how unremarkable it was. However, one afternoon at 35 weeks, she complained of right upper quadrant pain and lethargy. I took her to the hospital and an inexperienced physician diagnosed her with dehydration and wanted to discharge her. I persisted with one of his more senior partners. Labs were sent off, ultimately demonstrating severe HELLP syndrome. The night became a whirlwind as fetal distress led to an urgent c-section and discovering that Julia and Madelyn had undiagnosed twin-twin transfusion syndrome. Both needed emergent intubation due to respiratory distress. Fortunately, after several weeks in the NICU, everyone came home, and all are now in excellent health. I am incredibly grateful for the expert subspecialty care that all eventually had.

My professional scholarly interests lie in patient safety, optimizing healthcare delivery, and using large datasets to improve the quality of clinical care. I have been a member of Georgia's Maternal Mortality Review Commission since its inception in 2012. At Emory, I have been intimately involved in our department's finances since 2015 and understand the importance of fiscal responsibility. Within SOAP, I have co-organized workshops focused on leadership, negotiation skills, and professional issues. I also have worked closely with our current Treasurer, Klaus Kjaer, and the SOAP Board of Directors, analyzing financial performance of the SOAP meetings to gain a better understanding of what makes a successful annual meeting.

I firmly believe that SOAP is the leader for maternal anesthetic care and would be honored to serve as your Treasurer. My career, working in both academia, private practice, and the military, has given me many perspectives to represent many diverse viewpoints within the society. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Grant Lynde', written in a cursive style.

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