



Medical Society of Sedgwick County

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Unable to participate in MSSC’s election during the May 2 MSSC Membership Meeting?

You can still vote for the 2018 MSSC officers and board of directors candidates by completing the ballot below. Bylaws require this ballot must be signed and received in the MSSC offices by 5:00 PM Friday, April 28, 2017. Just print this page and ...

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President Elect (One-Year Term)

(Vote for One)

- Zachary Kuhlmann, DO
- Michael Lievens, MD

Secretary (One-Year Term)

(Vote for One)

- Christina Nicholas, MD
- Jason Taylor, MD

Treasurer (One-Year Term)

(Vote for One)

- John Lohnes, MD
- David Norris, MD

Board of Directors (Three-Year Term)

(Vote for Three)

- John Gallagher, MD
- E. Jeanne Kroeker, MD
- Thalia Lopez, MD
- Jany Moussa, MD
- Brian Pate, MD
- James Shaw, MD
- Diane Steere, MD

Membership & Ethics (Three-Year Term)

(Vote for Two) Immediate past president also serves for three years after presidency.

- R. Joseph Nold, MD
- Donna Sweet, MD

Name _____

Signature _____

MSSC Election of 2018 Officers: Ballot Information

President Elect Vote for 1



Zachary Kuhlmann, DO

Practicing with Associates in Women's Health. MSSC member since 2008. Board certified in obstetrics & gynecology. Graduated from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine 2003. Residency at University of Kansas School of Medicine 2007.

At the end of your year as President, what would you have hoped to achieve?
I would like to promote two issues if elected president of the MSSC. First, the MSSC has traditionally invested in public health and community outreach endeavors. Programs like the Safe Sleep Task Force, Health ICT and Project Access provide immeasurable services to our community. I would like to support the MSSC's community outreach and explore ways to expand the services we offer. Second, I would like to support our providers. I believe keeping our physicians mentally, physically, and emotionally healthy will help prevent burnout and improve health care in Wichita.



Michael Lievens, MD

Practicing with Kansas Gastroenterology. MSSC member since 1999. Board certified in gastroenterology and internal medicine. Graduated from Northwestern University School of Medicine 1989. Residency at Wilford Hall Air Force Base 1992. Fellowship at Wilford Hall Air Force Base 1995.

At the end of your year as President, what would you have hoped to achieve?
By the end of my year as president, I hope that MSSC members can feel confident that their local society has sought to understand their concerns, and is working on practical ways of improving the experience of practicing medicine here in Sedgwick County. The MSSC has consistently been a leader and innovator in this community. That will continue, with the health care needs of this county remaining the focus of our agenda.

LEARN MORE: Candidates for the offices below had the opportunity to submit personal statements and biographical information. See the reverse to learn more.

Secretary Vote for 1



Christina Nicholas, MD

Practicing with Kansas Surgical Consultants. MSSC member since 2010. Board certified in general surgery. Graduated from University of South Dakota School of Medicine 2005. Residency at KU School of Medicine-Wichita 2010.



Jason Taylor, MD

Practicing with Kansas Nephrology Physicians. MSSC member since 1998. Board certified in nephrology. Graduated from University of Iowa College of Medicine 1993. Residency at University of North Carolina Hospital 1996. Fellowship at University of Iowa Hospital 1998.

Treasurer Vote for 1



John Lohnes, Jr, MD

Practicing with Wichita Radiological Group. MSSC member since 1987. Board certified in radiology – diagnostic radiology. Graduated from University of Iowa College of Medicine 1982. Residency at University of Iowa Hospital & Clinic 1986. Fellowship at Harbor – UCLA Medical Center 1987.



David Norris, MD

Practicing with Wichita Anesthesiology. MSSC member since 2007. Board certified in anesthesiology and adult cardiothoracic anesthesiology. Graduated from University of Kansas School of Medicine 2000. Residency at Vanderbilt University 2004.

Board of Directors Vote for 3



John Gallagher, MD

Medical director of Sedgwick County EMS; practicing with Emergency Services of Kansas. MSSC member since 2016. Board certified in emergency medicine. Graduated from Temple University School of Medicine 2009. Residency at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., 2012.



Brian Pate, MD

Practicing with KUSM-Wichita Pediatrics. MSSC member since 2015. Board certified in pediatrics. Graduated from University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita 1995. Residency at Children's Mercy, Kansas City, 1998.



E. Jeanne Kroeker, MD

Solo practice with Wichita Internal Medicine Associates, LLC. MSSC member since 2002. Board certified in internal medicine. Graduated from University of Kansas School of Medicine 1999. Residency at University of Kansas School of Medicine 2002.



James Shaw, MD

Practicing with Shaw Plastic Surgery. MSSC member since 1996. Board certified in plastic surgery. Graduated from University of Kansas School of Medicine 1988. Residency at University of Kansas Hospital 1992. Fellowship at University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, 1995.



Thalia Lopez, MD

Practicing with Mid-Kansas Women's Center. MSSC member since 2000. Board certified in obstetrics & gynecology. Graduated from University of Kansas School of Medicine 1996. Residency at University of Kansas School of Medicine 2000.



Diane Steere, MD

Practicing with Wichita Family Medicine Specialists. MSSC member since 1993. Board certified in family medicine. Graduated from Michigan State University School of Medicine 1990. Residency at Wesley Medical Center 1993.



Jany Moussa, MD

Practicing with Wichita Nephrology Group, PA. MSSC member since 2002. Board certified in nephrology. Graduated from Aleppo University of School of Medicine, Syria 1990. Internship at Lom Linda University 1997. Residency at University of Kansas School of Medicine 2000. Fellowship at University of Kansas School of Medicine 2002.



Membership & Ethics Vote for 2

Immediate past president also serves for three years after presidency.

R. Joseph Nold, MD

Practicing with Wichita Surgical Specialists, PA. MSSC member since 2004. Board certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. Graduated from KUSM-W 1998. Residency at KUSM-W 2003. Fellowship at University of Maryland, R. A. Cowley Shock Trauma 2004.



Donna Sweet, MD

Practicing with KUSM-W. MSSC member since 1982. Board certified in internal medicine. Graduated from University of Kansas School of Medicine 1979. Residency at University of Kansas School of Medicine 1982.

CAST YOUR BALLOT

Vote for these positions at the MSSC's Tuesday, May 2, meeting or complete and refer to the various options for returning the ballot at the right.

MORE FROM YOUR 2018 MSSC LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES

Candidates for MSSC offices had the opportunity to provide personal statements and additional biographical information. Here are their submissions.

CHRISTINA NICHOLAS, MD Secretary

Christina Nicholas, MD, is originally from Huron, South Dakota. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of South Dakota and received her medical degree from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. She moved to Wichita in 2005 for her general surgery residency. Upon completion, she joined Kansas Surgical Consultants in 2010. She focuses on breast surgery as well as general surgery in her private practice. She also does trauma surgery at Wesley Medical Center and recently completed her robotics training. She was honored to be included in the Best Doctors list in recent years. She is married to Andrew Hentzen, MD, also a general surgeon, and they have one daughter, Charlie, age 3. Besides family time, she enjoys traveling, going to the Warren theaters, working out, and dining at all of the great restaurants that Wichita has to offer. She is involved in her local church, the Kansas Humane Society and the Wichita Children's Home.



JOHN LOHNES, MD Treasurer

It has been my pleasure to serve as treasurer this past year. As the board has worked on finding our new executive director they have asked interim director Penny Vogelsang to review the operations of MSSC. To that end she enlisted my assistance. We have made some changes and have found some operational savings. As a part of the transition MSSC has engaged a firm to perform an audit this upcoming year. A formal operational review will be a part of that process as well. Dr. Knight has established a finance committee to oversee the process and to more closely track the finances of the Society. I was asked to place my name on the ballot again this year in the interest of providing continuity during our transition. If re-elected, I will be honored to serve. If not, I will assist the board and my successor in any way they would choose.



DAVID NORRIS, MD Treasurer

Dr. Norris has been in practice as a cardiothoracic anesthesiologist with Wichita Anesthesiology, Chartered since 2004. A graduate of the University of Kansas School of Medicine, he attended Vanderbilt University during his residency and fellowship. A few years after he returned to Wichita, Dr. Norris obtained an MBA when he realized his business intelligence needed to grow. It was through this learning experience that he discerned his true passion – to help others become stronger leaders through business education. Together with two other like-minded friends, a medical malpractice attorney and a process improvement expert, he formed a training and consulting company. He also advises and coaches other physicians and medical groups to achieve better results in their practices.

Dr. Norris teaches business intelligence and negotiations at many national conferences including those of the Medical Group Management Association and the National Association of Managed Care Physicians. He also writes columns on leadership and negotiations for Physicians Practice and the American Association for Physician Leadership. In March 2017, his first book, "The Financially Intelligent Physician: What They Didn't Teach You in Medical School," was released.

He enjoys writing, teaching and flying in his free time.



JOHN GALLAGHER, MD Board of Directors

Members, I am extremely honored to be offered the chance to run for the board. Serving as a representative of the membership would be a great privilege and I believe that I would represent you well. As some of you know, I have a somewhat unusual role in the health care of our community ... the EMS system medical director. In this role, I work with everyone who interfaces with the 911 system. This includes clinics, nursing homes, both hospital systems (including smaller satellite hospitals and the large downtown centers), the city and county governments, and of course individual Paramedics/EMTs. I suspect that each of you have intersected with the 911 system to some degree or another. This very broad practice has given me a unique perspective, and I feel that it allows me to consider the highly variable needs of the Medical Society members.



As someone who spans both hospital systems as well as inpatient/outpatient needs, I am able to remain unbiased on large system issues regarding patient care in our community without being effected by business-related bias. Again, I am very excited about this opportunity, and I hope you will cast a vote for me to serve on the board.

E. JEANNE KROEKER, MD Board of Directors

I am a former chemical engineer with my undergraduate degree from MIT. I graduated from KUSM in 1999, completed an internal medicine residency at KU Wichita in 2002, and I have been in solo private practice since 2004. In the last fifteen years, I have had the privilege of caring for a wonderful variety of patients. Outside of my practice, I have served on a number of committees at both Wesley and Via Christi, and I served as president of the medical staff of Via Christi Hospitals. I have served as the medical director for the Medical Society Medical Review Foundation, I am the current medical director for Project Access, and I am a member of the board of ProviDrs Care. I was a board member of Kansas Health Ethics, I have been on the ADA Symposium planning team, and I am a volunteer faculty member for KUSM-Wichita. I have always enjoyed the events and programs that MSSC sponsors. I am grateful for the support and insight and service that MSSC provides to all physicians in Sedgwick County, and have regretted not being able to take part in more of the opportunities that MSSC provides for fellowship and education.



I have been married to my husband, Mike (not a physician), for 20 years and we have two children. My daughter is completing her freshman year at Purdue University, and my son is finishing his sophomore year of high school.

JANY MOUSSA, MD Board of Directors

Dr. Moussa was born in Kettering, Ohio. When he was a few years old, his family moved back to their hometown of Tartus, Syria. Dr. Moussa completed his medical education at Aleppo University College of Medicine in Aleppo, Syria. After completion of his studies, he chose to return to the United States and pursue his life long dream of practicing medicine here.



In 1997 he moved to Wichita for a position as an internal medicine resident with the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. After graduating from the internal medicine residency program, he moved to Kansas City for fellowship training in nephrology. Returning to Wichita was a natural choice for he and his family. He loved the kindness and sincerity of people here and enjoyed the opportunity to teach residents and students. In addition to his duties as president and CEO of Wichita Nephrology Group, PA, he is also the director of internal medicine education for the Via Christi Family Medicine Residency.

He is a philanthropist and strongly believes in giving back to our communities. He is very dedicated to forwarding medical research for patients suffering from kidney disease and recently chaired their annual fundraising event. He is an active member of St. George Orthodox Cathedral. His hobbies include music and sports. He is a very big supporter of Shocker athletics. His wife, Yvonne, is a pharmacist and they have two daughters.

JAMES SHAW, MD Board of Directors

I have been a Kansan since 1975. My family moved back to Wichita when I was in junior high school. College and medical school were both at KU. Also my general surgery training was done at KU here in Wichita. Next I spent three years in Texas for plastic surgery training and returned to Wichita in 1995 to go into practice.



Originally I joined my father, Dr. Richard Shaw, who retired a number of years ago. My practice has now evolved into Shaw Plastic Surgery located on North Webb Road. The surgery facilities that I utilize are Cypress, Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center, Wesley and Kansas Medical Center.

My wife, Jane, is a lifelong Kansan. I have three children. One is a freshman at OU and the other two are juniors in high school. I have been a member of MSSC since 1995.

BRIAN PATE, MD Board of Directors

Brian M. Pate, MD has served as the chair of pediatrics at the Kansas University School of Medicine-Wichita for the past three years and president of the KUSM-W Medical Practice Association since October 2016. He was a medical student at KUSM-W and graduated in 1995. Prior to returning to KUSM-W, Dr. Pate was a resident and faculty member at Children's Mercy Kansas City for nearly 20 years. His final responsibilities in Kansas City included serving as division director of hospital medicine and vice chair for inpatient services.



Dr. Pate has practiced as a pediatric hospitalist throughout his entire career and has been devoted to the academic and clinical maturation of this discipline. His clinical work, scholarship and service has emphasized quality improvement (QI) and he is a graduate of the Intermountain HealthCare Advanced Training Program in Quality Improvement. He is a certified medical safety officer. He is a local, regional and national speaker and consultant on topics related to hospital medicine, quality improvement and implementation.

Nationally, Dr. Pate has served as a contributing editor for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) GrandRounds and as a member of the Joint Council of Pediatric Hospital Medicine, the body responsible for the application to the American Board of Pediatrics resulting in recognition of Hospital Medicine as the newest pediatric boarded specialty. He is a co-founder and current steering committee member of the Value in Inpatient Pediatric Network, the 160 hospital QI and implementation network affiliated with the AAP.