

## 2026-2027 Fellows & Young Attendings Committee Charge



### Purpose

The Fellows & Young Attendings (FYA) Committee is responsible for advising and working with SSO leadership to promote interest in CGSO and Breast as specialties within surgical oncology. The Committee will work to educate members and non-members regarding career pathways in surgical oncology and opportunities for young cancer surgeons, as well as help early career cancer surgeons transition to practice and provide opportunities.

### Responsibilities

- Serve as a communication forum for trainees in breast surgical oncology and complex general surgical oncology fellowship training programs through targeted online and live programming.
- Develop new opportunities for trainee and early-career involvement in the SSO organization.
- Develop resources to assist trainees in various aspects of their careers.

### Composition/Appointment

- Chair: 1 year
- Vice Chair: 1 year
- Up to 14 members: 2 years
- Board Liaison: Most recently elected Director-at-Large, 1 year

New members are appointed by the President-Elect during the Application for Engagement, taking a wide range of factors into account: diversity of gender, race, geographical location, program size, and skillset, among others. New Vice Chairs are selected from among current members or those whose 2-year term is ending. Representation from both SSO Breast and CSGO Fellowship programs should be considered.

| Eligibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Time Commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Staff Liaison (s)                                                                                      |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current voting SSO members with dues paid for 2026.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Resident, Candidate, and Post-Fellowship Candidate member types (upon initial appointment).</li></ul></li><li>• Commit to allocating time to effectively participate.</li><li>• Complete Application for Engagement.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual meetings during the year (at least quarterly).</li><li>• Additional hours per month to complete committee responsibilities.</li><li>• Attend the Joint Committee Conference held at the SSO annual meeting.</li></ul> | <p>Vicki Markhardt,<br/><a href="mailto:vickimarkhardt@surgonc.org">vickimarkhardt@surgonc.org</a></p> |