

MEET THE 2019-2020 CANDIDATES FOR WIO OFFICES *-CHAIR-ELECT*



Soha Ghossaini, MD | ENT Associates of New York

It is an honor to belong to the WIO and to have the chance to follow the steps of the great past WIO chairs. I have been involved in the WIO since we were just a committee. I consider myself lucky to have witnessed the historic moment when the WIO section was formed by few ambitious strong women. I have served and still serve on few of the WIO section committees and fulfilled a one year term as a member at large for the WIO section in the past. This helped me better understand the various challenges that WIO face and also helped get familiar with the structure of the WIO section. Similarly, my involvement in the Academy in different capacity over the years helped me understand how the Academy works. I was also privileged to serve as the first chair of the Organization for the Advancement of Women at Penn State Hershey, an organization with similar goals as the WIO. I am sure that my aforementioned experience, in addition to the support from the past chairs, would help me serve as the next chair elect if elected.



Jamie Litvack, MD | University of Washington

My vision is for WIO to continue to lead the way in addressing the pay, achievement and leadership gaps. We collaborate well. We network well. I would like to see us take those skills and permeate other committees and workgroups of our organization. We need more peer mentorship, more peer sponsorship and more peer role modeling to elevate women. Our WIO endowment grants should be foundational and transformative to promote women into otolaryngology leadership across the country. Most importantly, I see the WIO as the leader in our Academy for being the best physicians we can be: providing high quality care for our patients today and inspiring the next generation of otolaryngologists for tomorrow.

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Maggie Kuhn, MD | University of California - Davis Health System

My present interest in WIO Member-at-Large is primarily fueled by past and current leadership roles in AAO-HNS. These have afforded valuable experience and yielded productivity and inspired future activities. I'm keenly familiar with keys to succeeding within AAO-HNS and my enthusiasm as well as desire to broaden my involvement has grown with WIO providing a fertile opportunity for my creative energy. Moreover, my activities have resulted in building and nurturing a growing network among AAO-HNS members and leadership. Such relationships are critical for a successful Member-at-Large. Lastly, I have a genuine and approachable commitment to women in our field. I've gladly and proudly served as co-director of our local WIO Sacramento group.



Minka Schofield, MD | The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

My past experiences as a member of various committees within the AAO-HNS and WIO have positioned me to be a prime candidate for Member-at-Large for the WIO Section. Through the WIO Programs committee, I have played an integral role in developing educational content for the Annual Meeting and WIO General Assembly. As an organizer of the WIO Video Archive Project, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with AAO-HNS staff and various leaders within the Academy and members across the country to facilitate recordings for video content. Particularly, coordinating this project with the current WIO Chair and Chair-elect has given me the privilege of assisting WIO Section leaders with this monumental project and to demonstrate my ability to work on behalf of WIO. As a member of the AAO-HNS Program Advisory Committee, I have been positioned to be a contributor to the Annual Meeting structure and content which may afford the Governing Council added insight when planning WIO programs. Lastly, participation in various leadership development programs have prepared me to effectively communicate, collaborate with and organize teams towards a goal. My breadth of involvement within the AAO-HNS in combination with my leadership and interpersonal skills make me well-suited to serve as a member of the WIO Governing Council and liaison for the WIO Section.



Namrata Varma, DO | Southern California ENT

Coordinating and planning the Annual and Spring meeting takes an exceptional level of communication skills and the ability to coordinate between different members and committees as well as outside vendors. As ENT Mission Leader 2 years in a row to Guatemala, these exact skills have been required of me in order to execute and complete a successful mission. I believe I could bring these skills to the Women in Otolaryngology committee and aid in its advancement.