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SEARCH FOR NEW PRESIDENT BEGINS

ALEXANDRIA, VA (APRIL 20, 2010) – The Boards of Directors of the Ambulatory Surgery Foundation and the ASC Association have approved a process for identifying the next president of the two organizations. The Search Committee created in that plan yesterday distributed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to executive search firms in the Alexandria/DC area. The Committee plans to select the firm that will conduct that search on or before May 18. Once selected, the firm will manage all of the activities and information requests related to the search.

"As we move toward identifying the right person to lead ASCs into the future," says current ASC Association Board Chair-Elect David Shapiro, MD, who is slated to become Chair of both the Association and Foundation Boards on May 22, 2010, "every effort is being made to include the input of the many diverse stakeholders represented in the ASC community. To ensure that the candidate has the complete support of both the Association and Foundation leadership, no individual will be invited to serve as Association or Foundation president without the approval of both Boards."

Members of the Search Committee include current Ambulatory Surgery Foundation Board Members Terry Bohlke, CASC, Chair, Dick Hanley, Sarah Martin, CASC, and Arnaldo Valedon, MD; ASC Association Board Members Cliff Adlerz, Nap Gary, Mike Guarino and David Shapiro, MD; and a representative of the ASC Coalition.

After more than a decade of service to the ASC community, current Association and Foundation President Kathy Bryant has announced her departure effective September 1, 2010.

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The ASC Association is the nation's leading ASC organization and represents more than 2,700 members, the professionals who provide care in ASCs and the patients who receive the high quality, cost-effective services ASCs provide.

The Ambulatory Surgery Foundation provides educational opportunities of many kinds for ASC professionals, policy makers and the public, promotes the highest standards for ASCs and is pursuing an expanded research agenda within the ASC community.