

# Meet Executive Council Member, Dr. Sean Langenfeld



I have been given the nickname “Laid-back Langenfeld” by the OR Staff. It’s an ironic nickname.

I am the last Android holdout among all surgeons and residents within my department, which means I ruin all group texts.

I usually listen to Phil Collins or Tom Petty radio in the OR, but when I want to look cool to my residents, I’ll choose the “hipster cocktail party” station. When I need the case to go perfectly, I listen exclusively to the Beatles.

I hate to be a Nebraska stereotype, but a bone-in ribeye is delicious. I’ve also been known to feast on the souls of surgical residents.

I grew up in Omaha, NE. I went away for 14 years for college and beyond, and came running home when I completed training. People think of Nebraska as nothing but a fly-over state full of cornfields and sad Husker fans, but Omaha is a hidden gem. If you know, you know.

As a Member-at-Large on the Executive Council, I have diverse responsibilities including providing support to committees as an EC rep, serving on subcommittees and task forces to increase ASCRS’ offerings and membership engagement, and most importantly participating in EC meetings so I can learn from the more experienced members of our Society. Recently, I’ve also chaired an AI Task Force to help determine the role AI will have in ASCRS, and increase member understanding of this now-ubiquitous but intimidating phenomenon.

I’ve served on numerous committees with my longest tenure on the Social Media Committee where I helped to grow our online presence across several platforms and create an ASCRS member-exclusive Facebook group for clinical discussion. More recently, I’ve worked on the CPG Committee, helping out with the updated guidelines for colon cancer and rectal cancer. I’m currently working on the new diverticulitis CPG, which is led by Dr. Alexander Hawkins.

As Professor of Surgery and Chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, University of Nebraska Medical Center, my clinical practice focuses heavily on colon and rectal cancer. Currently, my main interest is on developing and building our new division at UNMC, and helping to develop my junior faculty.



I’m married with 3 children aged 10-14. My brother lives a couple miles from me, and is an Emergency Physician at UNMC. My dad lives about 3 miles from me, and is a retired OBGYN. It’s great having family so close.