

Meet Executive Council Member, Dr. Kelly Tyler



At home, Gerardo has been by my side through it all and we have one son, Holden, who keeps us young-at-heart! I grew up in Connecticut and have a tight-knit, salt-of-the-earth family that has provided plenty of love, support, great food and gatherings, and some interesting stories over the years.



Hobbies: Running (a slow-jog at my age!), reading and listening to audio books on my commute, traveling, watching basketball with my family (die-hard Boston Celtics fans – there is nothing quite like watching the Celts play at the Boston Garden!), and watching Holden play basketball.

Hello ASCRS members!

I am Kelly Tyler – one of the ASCRS Executive Council (EC) Members-at-Large. I have been serving in this role for a little over a year and have enjoyed the opportunity contribute to the ASCRS in this capacity.

- I am currently the Division Chief of Colorectal Surgery and a Professor of Surgery at UMASS Chan -Baystate in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- I have been in practice since 2007 in Western MA and practice broadly including anorectal, complex open, laparoscopic and robotic surgery, and endoscopy.
- I am an alumni of the “Salvati Program” and serve as the Secretary of the E.P. Salvati Alumni Society which has recently become a 501c3. You may have stopped by our Salvati Suite at the Meeting or know of the limited project grant that is dedicated to Dr. Salvati’s memory.

I joined the ASCRS during my Colorectal training and have been very devoted to the mission of the ASCRS since then.

- I have served on just about 10 committees over the past 18 years.
- I began committee participation on the Awards Committee during my first years of practice and over time served on the Program Committee for many years as well.
- My favorite committee service was as a member of the Healthcare Economics committee. I eventually chaired that committee and currently serve as the Advisor. That work allowed me to lead the effort to formalize our work around advocacy through the Surgical Care Coalition as well as our American Medical Association (AMA) committee participation.
- I am the AMA Relative Value Update Scale Committee (RUC) Advisor for the ASCRS.

I have learned so much more about the ASCRS as an EC Member-At-Large including the complexities of running the ASCRS successfully, the dedication of our wonderful staff, and the talent and tireless work of the leaders that make up the executive council. I am truly humbled to be able to contribute to the ASCRS by being part of the EC's work!

Things to know:

- The 125th Capitol Campaign is well-underway, and the EC has worked hard to organize this to promote the success of the ASCRS on behalf of its members and their mission to promote the field of colorectal surgery into the future.
- It takes years to plan a national meeting and your EC works on picking a venue and planning many years in advance of an actual meeting.
- Dr. Ramamoorthy is leading the EC in formalizing a better-defined role of EC advisors to the ASCRS committees so that there are better opportunities for the EC to understand the work and the needs of each committee and to allow each committee ease by which to communicate to the EC.
- The EC doesn't just meet at the national meeting but has several other meetings a year where ongoing projects, financials, membership, educational efforts, and more are reviewed and voted upon. The EC is happy to hear from any member at anytime to address questions or needs.
- I appreciate the chance to introduce myself and give you a little bit of insight into the workings of the EC and my role as a Member-At-Large. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions about the EC, my committee work, the AMA, or just to chat at kelly.tyler@baystatehealth.org.



**E.P. Salvati Alumni Dinner, 2024 ASCRS
Annual Scientific Meeting, Baltimore, MD**



**Kelly and Family, San Juan, Puerto Rico
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