

My name is Josh Mergos, and I have served on the ASNM Board of Directors since 2023. I'm seeking re-election for a second term through 2031.

I came into the field of IONM in 2007 when I learned about it from a peer in class while studying biomedical engineering. I was fascinated by the clinical practice of testing the body's nervous system (electrical signals) during surgery. I began training at a local hospital with a high volume of spine surgery and earned my CNIM credential the following year. A few years later I began working at Michigan Medicine (U of M's hospital system) gained experience with more complex monitoring practices. In 2012 I launched the University of Michigan's IONM program within the School of Kinesiology. I've spent over a decade teaching our students in the program and am deeply passionate about advancing our field through formal education and practice standards.

Over the years I have served the society in many capacities, chairing 3 symposia (Fall, 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2026), serving on the Bylaws and Education Committees, and chairing the Membership Committee over the past three years. I also served as the ASNM's representative to the Committee on the Accreditation for Education in Neurodiagnostic Technology (CoA-NDT) for six years, where I advocated for the development and support of stand-alone IONM educational program standards, rather than simply add-ons to traditional neurodiagnostic technology programs.

I believe the work we do as surgical neurophysiologists requires a high level of skill, knowledge, and experience, and one way to elevate our profession is to elevate and to an extent standardize the educational requirements for entry to the field. This has been my main contribution to the field throughout my career.

My contributions to the ASNM have focused on our membership and I look forward to expanding the ASNM's reach through expanded membership benefits that recognize service to the profession as well as engaging more practitioners abroad who can benefit from what the ASNM offers.