

Candidate Details

Name: Jarrad Turner
Year Level: MED100 (2016)



What role are you applying for?

Operational Committee (Events)

Why would you like the role?

I was lucky enough to be selected, as one of the MED100 year representatives for NDASS this year and to say that what the organisation has achieved in it's first year of operation far surpassed what I was expecting would be an understatement. I feel very fortunate to have played a small role in the delivery of three, extremely successful events for the members of NDASS in 2016 and would relish the opportunity to build on the great success and reputation NDASS has established. I can't understate how thoroughly I enjoyed my time with NDASS this year. I found it to be a great learning experience of how well a student-run organisation can function under the guidance of the 2016 executive. With such a large portion of the 2016 executive moving onto their intern year next year, I would embrace the challenge of building on the high standards set from this year by taking on more responsibility in one of the operational roles largely aimed at the organisation of the events.

Judging by the turnout and student participation in the events organised by NDASS this year it is obvious that the medical students of UNDF really value the opportunity to be involved in a student surgical interest society and the eventual pursuit of a surgical career was the motivation for my own desire to study medicine. To be involved in NDASS and an area I'm so passionate about from such an early point in my medical training has proved to be a further motivation for my studies and added significant enjoyment to my time in medical school this year.

What are your ideas for the role in 2017?

Building on the great success of this year I would strongly like to see the same three events from last year delivered again to NDASS members, in some capacity next year. I believe there could also be the opportunity of another practical evening throughout the year to allow students further practice of their suturing skills to enable them to become more confident and competent before reaching the clinical years. This would also allow students to gain further benefit from the more technically challenging stations available at the Workshop event. I would also be in favour of some sort of mentoring program where willing clinical students are paired with pre-clinical students at a suturing event to help provide one on one supervision and feedback to help establish good habits from the start of their involvement with NDASS.

Being a pre-clinical student with a strong passion for surgery I'm aware of what a great practical opportunity the NDASS Suturing and Surgical Workshop events provide for all students. Having spoken to members of the 2016 NDASS committee I

would be very passionate about the establishment of a year by year curriculum/checklist established in conjunction with the University academic staff to ensure NDASS members are able to build strong foundations in basic surgical skills during their time at University to further build their passion and skillset towards a surgical career.

I would also like to see an opportunity for an event aimed just at the clinical student's that provides them with advanced practical skills to help set them apart from their peers. If this event was successful it would provide all NDASS members with something to look forward to in their final years at university.

What can you bring to NDASS as an executive or operations committee member?

Having been involved with NDASS this year I believe I can bring a substantial amount of knowledge of how the organisation functions to an operational role next year. I believe NDASS was so successful in their inaugural year because of the guidance and leadership we received from the 2016 executive. Having been apart of NDASS this year would allow myself and the other executive members to use the experience we gained this year to hit the ground running in 2017 in what will hopefully be a bigger and even more successful year for NDASS and it's members!

Apart from my previous experiences with NDASS I will also bring my passion for all things surgical, determination to further grow the NDASS reputation and a strong work ethic to organize and delivery all NDASS members the opportunity to attend more high quality events throughout the year. I would also bring the ability to function cohesively as a part of the NDASS team under the new 2017 executive based on the development of professional relationships and friendships developed this year. I'm always willing to put my hand up to have a go at any task that needs to be done, big or small.

Having been lucky enough to be inspired by and exposed to many great surgeons currently working in WA I would also really like the opportunity to try and engage some of these surgeons as key note speakers next year for the benefit of all NDASS members.

What is your relevant past experience?

I believe my previous NDASS experience from this year provides an exceptional advantage for any potential role with NDASS next year. I would also bring a wealth of experience from my involvement in other surgical and non-surgical organisations with me. For example I have been involved since the foundation of the "Run for Reconciliation" not-for-profit organisation, which brings indigenous and non-indigenous runners together each year to partake in the Perth City to Surf and provide awareness of reconciliation. With this comes experience in fundraising, event organisation, leadership and working within a team of twenty people.

My experience with the Rafiki Surgical Missions were I was lucky enough to travel as the physiotherapist to Tanzania with a surgical team has provided me with some further surgical, teamwork, fundraising and general life experience.