



## Candidate Profile Form

<b>Full Name</b>	Kosta Hellmanns
<b>Summary of Professional Experience</b>	<p>I am the Head of Ultrasound at the Repat Health Precinct, a public South Australian Medical Imaging site. In this role I'm fortunate to lead a great group of sonographers in the provision of general, obstetric, gynaecological, vascular and MSK ultrasound services. Our department is rapidly expanding to service the public's ultrasound needs, but I maintain a strong focus on sonographer wellbeing and providing support for staff to maintain a high standard of ultrasound, engage in research and train the next generation. Previous experience has included positions as a Specialist Sonographer at the Women's and Children's Hospital (specialising in paediatrics) and the Royal Adelaide Hospital (Adelaide's largest trauma centre). Over the last 14 years, I have continually taken on roles with increasing responsibility and sort opportunities to develop upon my leadership and management capabilities, including completing SA Health's Leading Clinicians Program and engaging in ongoing mentoring. Throughout my career I have also contributed to advocacy, as one of the faces of ultrasound for UniSA and at information sessions representing the public sector with students and graduates.</p>
<b>Home City</b>	Adelaide, South Australia
<b>Reasons for Nominating to become a General Director</b>	<p>I feel fortunate to work in a field that I am deeply passionate about. This passion motivates me to support my colleges, sonographers in my local community, and provide a high quality and accessible ultrasound service to patients. As a Director on the ASA board, I would be able to apply this passion and motivation to the broader profession and our Association – advocating more broadly for sonographers and patients, working towards establishing a sustainable and future-proof sonographic profession, and giving back to the ASA community which has supported me and fostered my passion.</p>
<b>Previous Experience as a Director, Board Member or Committee Member</b>	<p>I have acted as a Board Director for the Australasian Sonographers' Association (ASA) in 2022. As a Director I gained valuable experience with good governance, organisational strategy, business planning, financial and legal responsibility of a NGO, effective communication and advocacy for our profession. Since 2018 I contributed to the profession as a member of the ASA SA Branch Committee and from 2021 to 2022 I was a member of the Emerging Technologies SIG. Following my time on the Board, I have held the position of Chairperson for the SA Branch Committee.</p>

<b>Other Information</b>	<p>I believe I would to contribute diversity to the ASA Board by representing younger sonographers, whilst providing the experience and perspective that comes with having roles of increased responsibility.</p> <p>Key issues that are important to me include keeping up the pressure in the push for broad sonographer regulation, maintaining awareness and appreciation of sonographers in the broader community, and protecting the role of accredited sonographers at a time where there is increasing use of ultrasound by unqualified and unregistered users.</p>
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