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**Thinking Out of the Box Lunch**

Dear ASE Members:

The Curriculum Committee at the ASE is soliciting abstract applications for “**Thinking Out of the Box Lunch**” forum scheduled at **12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 13, 2016** during the upcoming Surgical Education Week in Boston, MA.

During the forum, educators are encouraged to describe creative ideas used at their institutions. These ideas should be educationally sound, but which may not have undergone rigorous evaluation of efficacy. Ideas presented in the forum include, but are not limited to, creative teaching methods, new assessment tools, practical faculty development programs, new usage of information technology in the educational enterprise and innovations for interdisciplinary educational courses. Presenters are limited to 5 minutes and 8 PowerPoint slides to allow for 10-12 presentations during lunch hour. During the forum a box-lunch will be provided to the attendees at a nominal cost.

We request abstract submissions by **November 15, 2015** in order to gauge the amount of interest and give all authors an opportunity to prepare. A special abstract form for this forum is attached. Accepted abstracts will be presented from the podium during lunch. PowerPoint slides may be presented but will need to be submitted well in advance.

An ASE Curriculum subcommittee will review submitted abstracts. Within our time constraints, we will accept as many submissions as possible. Presenters will be expected to produce a fact sheet for their presentation so that each attendee may have further references or contacts should they wish to adopt the idea. Please note the request to include your presentation on the members-only area of our web site after the meeting.

On behalf of the Curriculum Committee, we thank you for your interest and look forward to reviewing your creative submissions.

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