



Candidate for Director

Amy Down Steward, MS, CCS

Principal Scientist, McDonald's Research and Development – Tyson Foods, Inc.

AMSA member since 1997

Leadership

AMSA Committees

- ICoMST 2020 – Main Committee
- ICoMST 2020 – Student Programs, Chair
- SLC Host Chair, 2015
- RMC Program Planning, 2011-2015
 - Reciprocity Chair, 2012, 2013
- Award Selection - Meat Processing Award
- Award Selection - Undergraduate Scholastic Achievement Award, Chair
- Student Board of Directors, Advisor, 2011-2013

AMSA Awards

- Achievement Award, 2009

Leadership in Other Organizations

- Research Chefs Association
- Institute of Food Technologists
- Heart of Illinois Fair Board of Directors
- P.E.O, Chapter NL

Career

- Principal Scientist - McDonald's Business Unit, Tyson Foods, Inc. (2004-present)
- Corporate Product Quality Manager, Advance Food Company (1999-2004)

Additional

- McDonald's Our Food. Your Questions.—What are Chicken McNuggets Made Of—McNugget Subject Matter Expert

The AMSA's goal of expanding its leadership and outreach in academia and the public is critical for the future of the organization. The initiatives that the AMSA has identified to support this goal are vital to the AMSA being "increasingly recognized by the global meat science community to be the primary resource for assimilating and delivering relevant and timely knowledge". Specifically, launching a consumer-oriented web site will help better inform consumers about where their food comes from and how it is processed. This will also play an integral role in increasing consumer confidence in the areas of Food Safety, Sustainability and New Technologies. The speed and accuracy of which information is disseminated will be greatly improved. The website will also be a go-to source for the AMSA Members to access ready-to-use information in the areas of meat science, hot topics and other key issues.

I feel strongly that developing and engaging our membership, specifically the student membership, will be key to the success and longevity of the organization. As our membership continues to grow it will be increasingly important to promote committee participation, professional development opportunities and networking to tap the full potential of the breadth and depth of the organization. The successful transition of students to professionals will also be critical to long term growth and strength within the AMSA.