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### **What issues (2-3) are the most important for USASP to approach in the next few years?**

1. Membership growth. As the USASP is a new organization, the most important issue at hand is building a diverse and rich membership and establishing special interest groups (SIGs) essential to accomplishing the society's core goals.
2. Professional development. It is important to promote interactions between researchers and clinicians at all career stages in order to enhance career development in various settings (eg, academic, industry, and policy) and to grow future generations of leaders in the pain community.
3. Diversity, equity, and inclusion. The translation of basic science findings into improved patient centered outcomes has been hampered, in part, by an under appreciation of important racial/ethnic and gender differences and biases. These 'underrepresented topics' in pain research and management need to be highlighted and addressed.

### **What do you expect the USASP to provide for its membership?**

The USASP should provide opportunities for basic science, clinical, and translational pain researchers from diverse backgrounds at all career levels to share technically and conceptually innovative work that will have a positive impact on the quality of life of those in pain.