

## Introduction

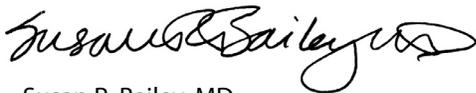
We are pleased to provide this 32nd edition of the American Medical Association Election Manual. It includes write-ups from announced candidates for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting, along with a description of our AMA election process and the current rules governing the conduct of campaigns.

In soliciting this information your speakers suggested that candidates list their sponsoring and endorsing societies, and include relevant biographical information and, if desired, a personal statement. Candidates and their sponsoring societies prepared the text and submitted the copy for publication, and responsibility for the content properly rests with the candidates.

AMA House of Delegates policy requires that each candidate's conflict-of-interest information be available for review. You can [find this information](#) posted on our password-protected web page. As we migrate toward making greater use of our digital platform, we trust you will find the online version both user-friendly and robust, but suggestions for future editions are welcome; just send your comments to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org).

Elections are scheduled for Tuesday morning, June 12.

Sincerely,



Susan R. Bailey, MD  
Speaker



Bruce A. Scott, MD  
Vice speaker



## Introduction

Officers and four councils are elected by the American Medical Association House of Delegates (HOD) at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices are widely solicited throughout the Federation. Campaigns are often spirited and are conducted under rules established by the AMA-HOD, rules that may be modified from time to time. This democratic process allows delegates ample opportunity to become acquainted with the candidates and their views. The elections are by secret ballot and are conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Rules and Credentials and the chief teller, who are appointed by the speaker and vice speaker, who are responsible for overall administration of the elections.

## Announcements of candidacy

Individuals intending to seek election at the next Annual Meeting should make their intentions known to the speakers, generally by providing the speakers' office ([hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org)) with an electronic announcement "card" that includes any or all of the following elements and no more: the candidate's name, photograph, email address, URL, the office sought and a list of endorsing societies. The speakers will ensure that the information is posted on our AMA website in a timely fashion, generally on the morning of the last day of a House of Delegates meeting or upon adjournment of the meeting. Announcements that include additional information (e.g., a brief resume or a slogan) will not be posted to the website as they are in violation of the rules. Printed announcements may not be distributed in the venue where the House of Delegates meets. The speakers may use additional means to make delegates aware of members intending to seek election. (G-610.020[2]) Only a single announcement of candidacy is allowed, after which active campaigning is not permitted until the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) nominates candidates for AMA councils (mid-April).

*This rule provides a standard mechanism by which individuals can make known their intention to seek office. Printed announcements may not be distributed at an AMA-HOD meeting under any circumstance.*

## Nominations

The AMA-BOT solicits nominations for four elected councils: the Council on Constitution and Bylaws, the Council on Medical Education, the Council on Medical Service, and the Council on Science and Public Health. The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 15 of each year, and the AMA-BOT announces council nominees after its April meeting. Council candidates who have announced their intent to seek election, including those seeking re-election, must submit the necessary nomination materials to the AMA-BOT Office by the deadline.

Officers are nominated by their sponsoring societies; they are not nominated by the AMA-BOT. As a courtesy and to keep the headquarters informed, these candidates are asked to send a letter to the AMA's executive vice president announcing their intention to seek office.

Under AMA bylaws, a delegate may also nominate candidates for council and officer vacancies from the floor.

### Conflict-of-interest disclosures

Under AMA-HOD policy, all candidates for election are required to complete a conflict-of-interest/disclosure of affiliations form prior to their election. Candidates should contact the Office of General Counsel ([ogc@ama-assn.org](mailto:ogc@ama-assn.org)) or the Office of House of Delegates Affairs ([hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org)) for information on completing the form. Forms must be submitted by March 15 of the year in which someone is seeking election. Completed forms are posted in the "Members-only" section of our AMA website. The requirement applies to all candidates for election, including those nominated from the floor. (G-610.020[15])

## Campaigns

Announcements of candidacy are considered separate and distinct from active campaigning. Active campaigns for AMA elective office may not begin until the AMA-BOT has announced the nominees for council seats after its April meeting. Active campaigning includes mass outreach activities such as letters or emails directed to all or a significant portion of the members of the AMA-HOD, communicated by *or on behalf of* the candidate. (G-610.020[3])

At the Opening Session of the Annual Meeting, each officer candidate in a contested election will give a two-minute self-nominating speech. The order of the speeches will be determined by lot. No speeches for unopposed candidates will be given, except for president-elect. When there is no contest for president-elect, the candidate will ask a delegate to place his or her name in nomination, and the election will then be by acclamation. When there are two or more candidates for the office of president-elect, a two-minute nomination speech will be given by a delegate. In addition, the speaker will schedule a debate in front of the AMA-HOD to be conducted by rules established by the speaker. (G-610.020[12])

There are no nominating or seconding speeches for council candidates; the chair of the AMA-BOT places their names in nomination at the Opening Session of the AMA-HOD, after which the speaker will call for additional nominations from the floor.

## Guiding principles for AMA-HOD elections

The following principles have been adopted by the AMA-HOD (Policy G-610.021) and provide guidance on how elections should be conducted and how the selection of AMA leaders should occur:

1. AMA delegates should: (a) avail themselves of all available background information about candidates for elected positions in the AMA; (b) determine which candidates are best qualified to help the AMA achieve its mission; and (c) make independent decisions about which candidates to vote for.
2. Any electioneering practices that distort the democratic processes of the AMA-HOD elections, such as vote trading for the purpose of supporting candidates, are unacceptable.
3. Candidates for elected positions should comply with the requirements and the spirit of the AMA-HOD policy on campaigning and campaign spending.
4. Candidates and their sponsoring organizations should exercise restraint in campaign spending. Federation organizations should establish clear and detailed guidelines on the appropriate level of resources that should be allocated to the political campaigns of their members for AMA leadership positions.
5. Incumbency should not assure the re-election of an individual to an AMA leadership position.
6. Service in any AMA leadership position should not assure ascendancy to another leadership position.

## Campaign rules

This listing of campaign rules reflects policies adopted by the AMA-HOD and procedures developed by the speakers to comply with AMA-HOD actions. Where AMA-HOD policies are listed, the relevant AMA policy number is listed in parentheses following the policy. The rules are listed in general categories. Questions and concerns may be directed to the speakers at [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org).

### **Expenses, events, parties and other activities**

1. Campaign expenditures and activities should be limited to reasonable levels necessary for adequate candidate exposure to the delegates. (G-610.020[10])

*Campaign giveaways are covered separately; see ¶ 4 below.*

2. Campaign parties are allowed only at the Annual Meeting. A state, specialty society, caucus or coalition may contribute to more than one party, but a candidate may be featured at only one party. Featured means: (a) being present in a receiving line, (b) appearing by name or in a picture on a poster or notice in or outside of the party venue, or (c) distributing stickers, buttons, etc., with the candidate's name on them. At these events, alcohol may be served only on a cash or no-host bar basis. (G-610.020[8])

*A candidate may be featured at only one party at the Annual Meeting irrespective of who sponsors the event. Any particular society may, however, contribute to more than one party or campaign event, so long as a candidate is featured at only one event.*

3. Campaign gifts may be distributed at only the Annual Meeting in the not-for-official-business bag and at one campaign party. Campaign gifts should only be distributed during the Annual Meeting and not mailed to delegates and alternate delegates in advance of the meeting. No other campaign memorabilia shall be distributed at any time. (G-610.020[10])
4. The speaker shall establish a limit on allowable expenditures for campaign-related gifts. In addition to these giveaway gifts, campaign memorabilia are allowed but are limited to a button, pin or sticker. (G-610.020[10])
  - The cost of stickers, pins or buttons will not be included in the spending limits. Stickers, pins and buttons should be simple and not be gifts in disguise.
  - For the 2018 Annual Meeting, each candidate is limited to spending no more than two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per delegate and alternate delegate for giveaways, including drawings or door prizes for items to be delivered either at the meeting or later. This limit applies for the entire year and is specifically intended to include the total cost of those items distributed in the not-for-official-business bag at the Opening Session as well as any raffle or drawing conducted on behalf of a candidate. The aggregate limit for 2018 is \$3,085 (617 x 2 x \$2.50).
5. Candidates for AMA office should not attend meetings of the state medical societies unless officially invited and could accept reimbursement of travel expenses by the state society in accordance with the policies of the society. (G-610.020[13])

### **Literature and publicity**

1. At the Interim Meeting, campaign-related expenditures and activities shall be discouraged. Large campaign receptions, luncheons, or other formal campaign activities and the distribution of campaign literature and gifts are prohibited at the Interim Meeting. It is permissible at the Interim Meeting for candidates seeking election at the next Annual Meeting to engage in individual outreach, such as small group meetings, including informal dinners, meant to familiarize others with a candidate's opinions and positions on issues. (G-610.020[6])

*This rule prohibits campaign parties as well as the distribution of campaign literature and gifts at the Interim Meeting. Announcements of candidacy (see above) may occur at the Interim Meeting.*

2. Displays of campaign posters, signs and literature are prohibited in public areas of hotels in which Annual Meetings are held because they detract from the dignity of the position being sought and are unsightly. Campaign posters may be displayed at campaign parties, and campaign literature may be distributed in the not-for-official-business bag for members of the AMA-HOD. (G-610.020[9])
3. An election manual containing information on all candidates for election shall continue to be developed annually, with distribution limited to publication on our AMA website, typically on the web pages associated with the meeting at which elections will occur. The election manual provides an equal opportunity for each candidate to present the material he or she considers important to bring before the members of the AMA-HOD. The election manual serves as a mechanism to reduce the number of telephone calls, mailings and other messages members of the House of Delegates receive from or on behalf of candidates. (G 610.020[4])
4. A reduction in the volume of telephone calls from candidates, and literature and letters by or on behalf of candidates is encouraged. The use of electronic messages to contact electors should also be minimized, and if used, must allow recipients to opt out of receiving future messages. (G-610.020[5])
5. No campaign literature shall be distributed and no mass outreach electronic messages shall be transmitted after the Opening Session of the Annual Meeting. (G-610.020[9])
6. Upon request, the AMA Office of House of Delegates Affairs will furnish a candidate with a file (typically a spreadsheet) containing the names and mailing addresses of members of the AMA-HOD, members of AMA councils and the AMA-BOT, and (if requested) other groups such as state and specialty society executives. The file may be used only for the mailing of a single announcement of candidacy or the mailing of campaign-related material(s) after the AMA-BOT has announced council nominations (approximately mid-April), at which point active campaigning is permitted. The Office of House of Delegates Affairs does not provide email addresses for any purpose.

*The file may not be used for mailing holiday cards, letters or other materials, even if not campaign-oriented; or inviting members of the AMA-HOD to events, other than invitations to campaign receptions or parties that will take place in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and that are mailed during the time allowed for active campaigning. Such other use constitutes a violation of the rules.*

## Interviews and presentations

1. The speakers' office shall coordinate the scheduling of candidate interviews for general officer positions (trustee, president-elect, speaker and vice speaker). (G-610.020[11]) Interviews are scheduled as follows:
  - Interviews will be scheduled only for officer candidates in contested elections.
  - Interviews will be scheduled from noon on Friday to 6 p.m. on Monday, the night before the election. On these days interview sessions may be scheduled from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., except for times when the AMA-HOD or reference committees are in session and except for when the usual hospitality suites are open.
  - Interviews coordinated by the speakers' office will be scheduled for 10 minutes. Each candidate will be given one open 10-minute period of time between each interview. Caucus staff should advise the speakers' office of the time slot during which they wish for their interview session to be scheduled as well as the location of the interviews. We will honor these requests as much as possible.
  - The speakers' office will prepare and distribute the initial schedule of interviews. *After the initial schedule is released, adjustments or revisions must be arranged with the caucus staff and/or other candidates affected.*

- Groups wishing to arrange their own interviews are free to do so but must await release of the initial interview schedule. These interviews must be arranged with the candidates directly. The speakers' office can provide candidate contact information for this purpose.
2. Interviews of council candidates are arranged by the candidates and the entities conducting the interviews. The speakers' office can provide candidate contact information for this purpose.
  3. Every state and specialty society delegation is encouraged to participate in a regional caucus for the purposes of candidate review activities. (G-610.020[14])

## Elections

The AMA elections are held on Tuesday of the Annual Meeting from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. under the supervision of the Committee on Rules and Credentials and the chief teller. All delegates eligible to vote must be in line to vote at the time appointed for the close of polls. Poll hours will not be extended beyond the times posted.

Only credentialed delegates are permitted to cast a ballot. If a delegate cannot participate in the election, he or she may have a designated alternate delegate properly credentialed at the AMA registration desk prior to voting.

Candidates are listed on the ballot in alphabetical order by name only. AMA bylaws require simultaneous elections that call for the exact number of votes for each vacancy. Each ballot clearly states the number of votes that should be cast. Ballots containing more or fewer votes will be declared invalid by the chief teller. If a delegate makes a mistake and spoils the ballot, he or she should immediately signal a teller and request another ballot. A majority vote of the legal ballots cast is required for election.

If all of the vacancies are not filled on the first ballot, a runoff ballot will be distributed and collected by the tellers on the floor of the AMA-HOD. AMA bylaws dictate that if three or more members of the AMA-BOT or any council are still to be elected, the number of nominees in the runoff election shall be no more than twice the number of remaining vacancies less one. If two or fewer members of the AMA-BOT or council are still to be elected, the number of nominees in the runoff shall be no more than twice the number of remaining vacancies. In either case, the nominees in runoff elections are determined by retaining those who received the greater number of votes on the preceding ballot and eliminating the nominee(s) who received the fewest votes on the preceding ballot, except where there is a tie. This process will continue until all the vacancies are filled.

Those candidates who are elected officially take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

## Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA



The AMA Section Council on Psychiatry, Medical Association of Georgia, Southeastern Delegation, Neuroscience Caucus, Section Council on Preventive Medicine, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Specialty and Service Society Caucus, and AMA Young Physicians Section proudly endorse Patrice Harris, MD, MA, FAPA, for president-elect of our AMA.

*"Transformational times require vision, bold leadership and the ability to adapt and respond quickly, advancing AMA policy and principles. I have been on the front lines at all levels and will bring my experience, energy and skills to the work ahead. My commitment in 2011 remains steadfast in 2018: Nothing about us without us."*

Patrice has been an advocate and leader in organized medicine beginning in residency. She is a practicing psychiatrist trained in child/adolescent and forensic psychiatry. As chief health officer for Fulton County, she spearheaded efforts to integrate public health, behavioral health and primary care. In addition to her work for our AMA, she remains involved in local initiatives ensuring the voice of physicians and patients is represented in local and regional health care transformation.

### Trusted leader

Elected secretary and then chair of our AMA-BOT, Dr. Harris chairs our AMA Opioid Task Force. She has chaired or served on AMA task forces on HIT, payment and delivery reform and private contracting, and is former chair of COL and co-chair of the WPC Governing Council. Prior to her AMA service, she was elected to the American Psychiatric Association Board of Trustees and president of the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association. These leadership roles at the local, state and national levels have afforded Patrice the opportunity to develop a rich understanding of the issues.

### Effective communicator

At the forefront of AMA action on matters critical to the health of our nation, Dr. Harris has been a voice for medicine, appearing on multiple media outlets, discussing topics including the opioid epidemic, prescription drug availability and cost, access to care, parity, obesity, and gun violence. She has represented the AMA at local and national meetings of our Federation, giving voice to the work of our AMA and our commitment to issues critical to health and health care today and in the future.

### Experienced advocate

Dr. Harris' passion for advocacy began with her first visit to the Georgia General Assembly working with the entire physician community to secure victories on scope of practice and medical liability reform. As a senior policy fellow at Emory, she worked to improve services for children who have been abused and neglected. She has advocated on behalf of physicians and patients with White House officials, federal agencies, Congress, governors and state legislators. Patrice has effectively advocated for the AMA's positions, acknowledging the complex nature of the health care system, and the value in fostering partnerships even with those holding different views.

A trusted leader through challenging times, an effective communicator giving voice to issues affecting our profession, and an experienced advocate fighting for a healthier future, Patrice Harris will serve us well as AMA president-elect.

[www.PatriceHarrisMD.com](http://www.PatriceHarrisMD.com)

## Carl A. Sirio, MD



I am proud of the Pennsylvania Medical Society's support to become the next AMA president-elect. I have the bold leadership, vision and skills needed to navigate our profession through challenges in times of tremendous change. During my AMA service, I've led initiatives that reduced physician burden and improved medical education and quality of care. In my practice and as an educator, I've focused on increasing student and physician engagement, success and prosperity while maintaining inclusion for all.

American health care is quickly shifting. The way we practice, how we are paid, regulator and payor demands, educational and certification requirements and the varied needs of patients all contribute to an environment requiring doctors, and our AMA, to lead rather than react. We are often frustrated by other segments of the health care industry defining how we live our professional calling. We must boldly engage to preserve our professional identity and quality of patient care.

*We know things continue to rapidly evolve for clinicians, the profession and the AMA. I thrive in changing environments and am eager to create cutting-edge solutions. The needed answers will come from integrating new technology, financing options and disruptive thinking to ensure doctors are leading the change, not reacting to it.*

### The three essential focus areas are:

#### Supporting doctors to practice their best medicine by:

- Continuing to transform medical education and lifelong learning, including revamping recertification requirements to align with real world practice needs and growing residency options to ensure opportunities for all medical school graduates
- Innovating approaches to challenges arising from the impediments of HIT, private and public regulatory requirements and the way we are reimbursed
- Developing new services to support doctors as practice evolves ensuring professional integrity and choice

#### Strengthening our AMA to best meet the needs of doctors and create a bold vision of health care's future by:

- Creating innovative products and services that decrease practice burden, reduce burnout and return joy to the practice of medicine

- Growing membership by increasing focus on the needs and interests of students, residents and young and established physicians through useful products and services across all practice types
- Generating member engagement by effectively utilizing technology to facilitate conversations to understand and provide real-time responses to clinicians' needs

#### Delivering quality patient care as doctors lead in preventing and treating disease by:

- Focusing care on preventative behaviors and the economic incentives that support them
- Increasing clear, powerful engagement with public health crises such as gun violence and opioids
- Becoming leaders in new approaches to strengthening health care through creative disruption

I began practicing in 1993. These goals reflect my career-long approach to medicine through innovation while improving processes and desired outcomes. I am eager to serve our AMA at this pivotal moment, and I ask for your support. Please visit [www.electsirio.com](http://www.electsirio.com) or follow me @csiriomd. The Great Lakes States Coalition, SCCM, ACP and ACCP endorse my candidacy.

### Susan R. Bailey, MD



The Texas Medical Association (TMA) and its delegation to the AMA enthusiastically endorse Susan Rudd Bailey, MD, for re-election as speaker of the American Medical Association House of Delegates. She is endorsed by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Bailey received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Texas A&M University, and graduated with honors from Texas A&M University College of Medicine. She completed her residency and fellowship training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn. She has been in the private practice of allergy and clinical immunology in Fort Worth since 1988. She is certified by the American

Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, and is a distinguished fellow of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

Prior to serving as vice speaker, she has held many positions within organized medicine. Dr. Bailey served two terms on the AMA Council on Medical Education culminating as chair of the council. She was a member of the AMA's Advisory Panel to the Women in Medicine Project and the AMA's Ad Hoc Committee on Women Physicians, the precursors to today's AMA Women Physicians Section. Dr. Bailey has also represented the AMA in the American Board of Medical Specialties Assembly, the board of directors of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, and currently serves on the board of directors of COLA.

She currently serves on the AMA Board of Trustees Finance Committee, and for two years served as chair of the Membership Committee. She serves as an ex officio member of the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws and is a liaison to the AMA Academic Physicians Section Governing Council.

Dr. Bailey is an experienced leader of organized medicine's policymaking bodies, having served as vice speaker and speaker of the over 400-member TMA House of Delegates as well as for the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology House of Delegates.

Over the past seven years, Dr. Bailey has demonstrated an efficient presiding style and the ability to skillfully guide the AMA House of Delegates in its debate on often contentious issues. Her boundless energy, expansive knowledge, and proven leadership qualify her for election as speaker of the AMA House of Delegates.

**Personal statement:**

*"As the policymaking body of the AMA, the House of Delegates is in a unique position to blend the views of physicians from across the country into one strong, unified, and effective voice for our profession and the patients we serve. My years as speaker and vice speaker have been rewarding and energizing, and I have worked hard to improve communication between the BOT and the HOD. I am excited about the opportunity to continue working to improve our deliberative process in the future, and am honored to serve this incredible profession."*

### Bruce A. Scott, MD



Dr. Bruce Scott is excited to seek another term as vice speaker of our House of Delegates. The Kentucky Medical Association and the Kentucky delegation to the AMA are proud to nominate him for re-election. His nomination is enthusiastically endorsed by the Southeastern delegation and the Otolaryngology Section Council.

Over the past three years, Dr. Scott has worked effectively alongside the speaker to efficiently and fairly guide our House through collegial debate. Bruce balances the formal rules of order with both understanding and an occasional dash of humor. Delegates look forward to the videos and creative "live cams" that Bruce has shared over his tenure, and more importantly have witnessed his growth as a presiding officer. We look forward to continued leadership from our speaker team.

Between our HOD meetings Dr. Scott has proven a respected and effective member of the AMA Board of Trustees. He has served on the board's Awards and Nominations Committee and Audit Committee and as a liaison to the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section. As vice speaker he has also been a member of the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws. In all his roles he has always remained a champion for the policies of our House.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University, Bruce moved to Texas where he began his medical education and involvement in medical associations. He attended his first Texas Medical Association and AMA meetings as a medical student. The experience obviously made a major impression upon him as he has been deeply involved ever since. Upon completing medical school and residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch, he returned to his hometown of Louisville to practice otolaryngology and soon became a leader in the medical community. Dr. Scott has served as chair of his hospital department of surgery, governor of his state specialty society, president of his county medical society, speaker of his state medical association, chairman of the AMA-RFS, delegate of the AMA-YPS, young physician on the AMA Board of Trustees and delegate from Kentucky to the AMA-HOD. He has served on both the Greater Louisville Medical Society and the Kentucky Medical Association boards for over 15 years. In August he will be inaugurated as president of the Kentucky Medical Association.

Dr. Scott understands the issues facing our profession because he lives them every day as an actively practicing physician in a five-physician independent private practice, the medical director of a multispecialty ambulatory surgery center and a clinical assistant professor at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

When Bruce is not busy taking care of patients or advocating for our profession, he and his spouse, Christy, enjoy traveling—mostly to visit their sons and daughter who are increasingly scattered around the country.

**Personal statement:**

*"Serving as your vice speaker alongside Speaker Bailey these last 3 years has been an amazing experience. I appreciate the feedback and suggestions you have shared as we explore efficiencies and ways to enhance our democratic process. Representing the will of our House remains my constant goal. I thank each of you for your support and once again ask for your vote."*

### Jack J. Beller, MD



Legislative and regulatory advocacy is what physicians most expect organized medicine to provide for them.

When I was elected president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in 2003, we were just beginning our efforts at tort reform. As president, I became the “face of tort reform” at our state capitol. During our legislative session, it was not unusual to find me at the capitol on a weekly basis, and sometimes more often than that. I talked with Legislators about issues of importance to physicians and their patients. I testified at legislative hearings. Over our 10-year effort at tort reform, which was ultimately successful, and promoting other legislative issues of importance to the practice of medicine, I learned the legislative process.

I have also chaired our state legislative council and our political action committee and have continued to be active in our state legislative process.

I have served on our state’s federal legislative council and, there, began to learn about the federal legislative process. I have made numerous trips to Washington, D.C., meeting with our state’s federal legislative delegation explaining to them about issues of importance to physicians and their patients.

As my work on our state AMA delegation progressed, I found that my interest was usually on the issues of legislation which were heard in Reference Committee B.

I sought appointment to our AMA Council on Legislation and just last year completed eight years on that council serving one year as its chair. I will forever be grateful to our Board of Trustees for their confidence in my legislative experience to offer me that appointment.

During my eight years of service on our Council on Legislation, I added considerably to my knowledge of the federal legislative process and worked closely with our exceptionally capable legislative team.

I know the legislative process at both the state and federal level.

I am comfortable working in that process.

And I would like to continue working for physicians, their patients, and the practice of medicine as a member of our AMA Board of Trustees using my legislative knowledge and experience to help provide the primary service that physicians expect from organized medicine.

I am an orthopaedic surgeon with a long history of private practice in a suburban area and a more recent history of serving the medically-underserved in Indian Health Clinics in Oklahoma.

I have been a member of our AMA House of Delegates for 22 years and ask for your vote to serve on our AMA Board of Trustees.

### Scott Ferguson, MD



Dr. Scott Ferguson has a long history representing physicians and patients at every level, driving change: in his home town, in his state of Arkansas, and in his nation. Scott has served as a State Legislator, Chair of the AMA Council on Legislation and as chair of the FDA National Mammography Quality Advisory Committee.

#### **Political activity**

Scott won a seat in the Arkansas Legislature and was a driving force, working on landmark legislation including "any willing provider," comprehensive Children's Insurance Programs, vaccination/immunization, and enhanced medical care for pregnant women, newborns and mastectomy patients. Unusual for a practicing physician, he also ran for the U.S. Senate. Dr Ferguson continues to encourage physicians and their families to engage in the political arena. Since leaving office he has spearheaded efforts for tort reform, network adequacy, and expansion of health care coverage.

#### **Health care advocacy**

Dr. Ferguson has served as president of his county medical society and the Arkansas Medical Society. He received the Distinguished Service Award from his state radiological society. He has long served as chair of the state society's Legislative Committee. Since 2009 he has served on the Arkansas delegation to the AMA and now serves as chair. He also serves as vice chair of the AMA Radiology Section Council.

Dr. Ferguson has also championed medical education at the University of Arkansas Medical School on the Admissions committee and worked hard both in and out of government to achieve five additional residency slots in Arkansas.

Scott's passion for advocacy is shared with his wife, Deborah, also an Arkansas state legislator and his children. Catherine is an emergency physician in California, Scott is a software engineer in Arkansas, and Caroline is a PhD candidate at Stanford.

#### **Endorsements**

Dr. Ferguson is endorsed by the Arkansas Medical Society, the American College of Radiology, the AMA Section Council on Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America, the Arkansas Radiologic Society and the American College of Radiation Oncology.

#### **Personal statement:**

*"I have spent my career fighting to preserve physician choice, autonomy, patient protections and the doctor-patient relationship. I want to emphasize the importance of the AMA Board of Trustees as advocates for the AMA House of Delegates, the medical profession and most of all for our patients. I look for your help and advice to be elected to the Board. I ask for your vote, for the AMA Board of Trustees."*

## Sandra A. Fryhofer, MD



The American College of Physicians is proud to sponsor Sandra A. Fryhofer, MD, MACP, as a candidate for the AMA Board of Trustees. Her candidacy is endorsed by the Medical Association of Georgia, Southeastern Delegation to the AMA, Specialty and Service Society, American Society of Anesthesiologists, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the AMA Young Physicians Section.

### History of Commitment and Dedication to the AMA

- Chair, AMA Council on Science and Public Health; CSAPH representative:

Commission to End Health Care Disparities; National Influenza Summit

- AMA/ACP Liaison to CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices since 2001: serving on work groups for flu, zoster, HPV, cholera, pneumococcal vaccines, and the adult schedule
- Chair, AMA Convention Committee on Rules and Credentials; member, Select Committee
- Joined AMA in 1983; delegate since 2000

### Proven Leadership

- President, American College of Physicians (ACP)
- Chair, ACP Committee on Women's Health
- ACP Board of Regents
- Board of Directors, Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA)
- MAA delegate to Medical Association of Georgia (MAG); MAG Task Forces on Health Outcomes, Health Insurance, and Prescription Drug Abuse
- Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy Class IX

### Valuable Experience

- Practicing general internist in Atlanta
- Adjunct clinical associate professor of medicine, Emory University School of Medicine

### Personal statement:

*"The practice of medicine faces challenges—from payers, hospitals, physician employers, and government. To succeed, we must be resilient, persistent, and effective. Now more than ever, our future, and that of our patients, truly depend on the house of medicine speaking with one voice through the AMA's policy and advocacy efforts. I know the future can be bright if we make the effort to listen and learn from each other, and put what we learn into action. I will listen. I am committed, experienced, and qualified. I would be honored to serve you and our patients as a member of our AMA Board of Trustees and respectfully ask for your vote and support."*

[www.SandyForTrustee.com](http://www.SandyForTrustee.com)

- Various committees and panels for CDC, IOM, and other organizations addressing breast and cervical cancer screening, STD guidelines, CDC Folic Acid Task Force, racial/ethnic disparities, obesity, challenges facing the uninsured, women's health issues, and immunizations

### Effective Communicator

- National spokesperson for the Doctors for Adults Public Education Campaign
- Medical correspondent for *CNN Headline News*, on air and in print with weekly CNN web column "Vital Signs by Dr. Sandy"
- Testified before Congress for AMA/ACP on several issues
- Host of "Your Health Matters" series on Georgia PBS affiliate
- "Staying Well" and "Medicine Matters" with Sandra Fryhofer, MD, in print and video, *WebMD's Medscape*

### Credible, Credentialed

- BChE, chemical engineering (high honors), Georgia Institute of Technology
- MD, Emory University School of Medicine (Alpha Omega Alpha)
- Internal medicine internship and residency, Emory Affiliated Hospitals
- ABIM board-certified in internal medicine, participating in MOC
- Master, American College of Physicians (MACP); Fellow, Royal College of Physicians

### Louis Kraus, MD



The AMA Section Council on Psychiatry, GLMA, and the Chicago Medical Society, join the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) in strong endorsement of Dr. Louis Kraus' election to our AMA Board of Trustees.

Dr. Kraus grew up in a medical family. His father often took him to work on weekends, inspiring him early to pursue medical school and advocate for patients and the profession in a wide range of settings.

From working in underserved areas of Chicago to serving on the board of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Louis quickly learned that organized medicine needed to be a key part of his professional life. The Chicago Medical Society and AMA Young Physicians Section opened his eyes to the possibilities of collective debate, policymaking, and physician advocacy, as he joined ranks with others interested in moving medicine and membership forward. At the same time, Dr. Kraus became an emerging leader in AACAP, later chairing its Assembly and serving on its Executive Committee.

Advocacy is embedded in Louis' professional life. In addition to serving as director and professor of forensic psychiatry and chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Rush University, and holding down a small suburban private practice, Louis regularly works with attorneys to defend physicians, protect the physician-patient relationship, and ensure fairer insurer practices. He is literally at the forefront of challenging health plans whose business model is to deny and delay patient care, and hassle physicians and patients, while maximizing obscene profits.

Louis' expertise has earned him the privilege of being continually tapped to appear in local and national television, radio, and print media to educate and simplify the complex medical, payment, and policy issues facing physicians, patients, and families. Yet through it all, Louis always returns to his AMA home. Here, as a past member and recent chair of the AMA Council on Science and Public Health, Louis helped to develop and author important reports and major new AMA policy on the critical public health issues confronting America.

Louis knows that our AMA has an essential role to play in these and so many other issues and fights, from unfair payer tactics, to scope challenges, to the needless hours spent on administrative burdens instead of patient care. He seeks your vote to bring his strong voice to the AMA Board table and represent your concerns, while also speaking up for the underdogs among us.

**Personal statement:**

*"Health plans, bureaucrats, and those who never went to medical school all want to separate us from our patients, cut payment, and increase hassles. Working together through our AMA, we are stronger than our foes and detractors."*

### Russell W.H. Kridel, MD



Russ Kridel, MD, strongly believes that we must take a leadership role in health care delivery and must not allow those who pretend to know medicine to steer its course. As a member of the Board of Trustees, Russ has demonstrated an outspoken advocacy for preserving the patient-physician relationship and has pressed for successful reductions in the red tape and regulations that keep us from caring for our patients. As an effective consensus builder, he believes the key to leadership and innovation is a coordinated, inclusive effort from all areas of organized medicine.

Currently Russ is chair of the Awards and Nominations Committee, a member of the Audit Committee, liaison to AMPAC, the IMG Section and the Senior Physicians Section. Russ has served as chair of the AMA Council on Science and Public Health, a member of the Governing Council of the AMA Specialty and Service Society, and was liaison to the Council on Legislation, Medical Student Section, Council on Medical Education and LGBTQ Advisory Committee. Russ is also on the Executive Committee and Board of the AMA Foundation.

While maintaining a busy private practice in Houston, he understands first-hand the challenges physicians in different venues and specialties share. He is a full clinical professor and director of the Facial Plastic Surgery fellowship program at the UT Health Science Center in Houston. Russ is a passionate supporter of medical education, having mentored more than 30 fellows, and has been a board examiner for two certifying boards.

A tireless advocate of public health issues, Dr. Kridel has published in *JAMA FPS*, "Opioid Use by Patients after Rhinoplasty." He founded the Houston Face Foundation and donates his surgical skills to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

He has served his specialty in numerous offices, including as AAFPRS national president. At the state level in the Texas Medical Association, Russ chaired its Professional Liability Committee, and as president of its Foundation, led efforts to raise over a million dollars to support public health projects.

As president of his county medical society, Russ worked with Harris County physicians across all disciplines to address the issues affecting their ability to maintain practice viability and established the "Shut Out Sugar" public health education program to combat obesity. Coordinating with the TMA and the AMA, he led his county's efforts to educate the Texas members of Congress on medicine's concerns with burdensome regulations.

For the expertise he will continue to bring to represent physicians, we—the AAFPRS, the AMA Specialty and Service Society, the TMA, the American College of Surgeons, the AMA Neurosurgery delegations, the American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery, the AMA Section Council on Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, and the AMA Council on Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery—proudly endorse Russ Kridel for re-election to the AMA Board of Trustees.

**Personal statement:**

*"We cannot leave our patients' destiny in the hands of those who have neither a license to practice nor the education to deliver medical care. It is our responsibility—AMA's responsibility to shape the future of health care. I respectfully ask for your vote."*

## Glenn A. Loomis, MD, MSHM



The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) is honored to nominate Glenn A. Loomis, MD, MSHM, FAFAP, for the AMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Loomis is endorsed by the AMA-YPS, and the Kentucky and New York AAFP chapters. He is an accomplished leader with decades of service to his patients, profession, and community. The AAFP believes Dr. Loomis will be an excellent addition to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Loomis currently serves as chair of the AMA Council on Long Range Planning and Development, working with a wide view of current and future issues affecting physicians. He “grew up” in the AMA, as an Indiana delegate to the AMA-RFS and a U.S. Air Force delegate to the AMA-YPS before spending almost 20 years on the AAFP’s delegation to the HOD. Dr. Loomis served as a leader of the Advisory Committee on Group Practice, helped form the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section, and was a member of the Task Force for Liability Reform.

**Words are important, but so are purpose and passion. Dr. Loomis is focused on the following topics among others:**

- 1) **“Practice options** – *Will ‘private practice’ rebound, or will group practice continue to grow? As a large group leader, I see new physicians and small practices opting to join groups almost daily. Instead of debating which model is better, we should support physician success and happiness in both models. My experience—military practice, academic practice, and large group leadership—will provide a broad perspective on empowering physicians in all settings.*
- 2) **“Professionalism** – *Will we continue the slide toward viewing medicine as a job instead of a profession? We need a reinvigoration of professionalism in medicine because it gives us purpose, and purpose diminishes burnout and improves wellness. My work with medical students, residents, and practicing physicians over the years provides a roadmap for empowering physicians to return to medicine as a profession.*
- 3) **“Artificial intelligence (AI)** – *Which specialties will AI impact most? Can AI improve the quality and reproducibility of practice, automate our offices, and improve physician economics, or will it be another EMR experience? Physicians are woefully under-represented in the world of high tech, which is creating AI algorithms and driving the process. My current work with the AI industry will help the Board empower physicians as users of AI while protecting patients and physicians from its pitfalls.*
- 4) **“Medical education** – *Will we revolutionize medical education to produce physicians for a world of group practice, genetics, and AI? The days of brute-force memorization are over. It is time to focus on the acquisition and application of facts. As a former residency director, currently leading the start-up of a new, cutting-edge medical school, I will share this vision and empower physicians to embrace this new paradigm.*

*“Due to multiple moves in my military and civilian careers, I have worked side-by-side with many of you, both at the AMA and at the state level. You know me as a hard worker, consensus builder, and a leader who gets results. Let me serve you and our patients on the AMA Board of Trustees. Together, we will create solutions to empower physicians!”*

*“I ask for your vote – Glenn Loomis – for Trustee.”*

[glennloomismd.com](http://glennloomismd.com)

### Peter S. Lund, MD



The Pennsylvania Medical Society is proud to nominate for election to the AMA Board of Trustees Peter S. Lund, MD. The Great Lakes Coalition, the American Urological Association and the Erie County Medical Society have also endorsed his nomination.

Dr. Lund is absolutely convinced the most effective health care reforms will come when physicians are leading all sectors of medical delivery and finance.

Dr. Lund has been a urologist in active practice in Erie, Pa., for over 30 years. As a dedicated physician with a strong commitment to his patients and colleagues, he has served in several leadership positions. They include medical staff president, president of the Erie County Medical Society, president of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, president of the NW Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, and past chair of the PA AMA delegation. He has had the honor and privilege to be elected twice to the AMA Council on Medical Service and served as chair. In addition, he was appointed by the AMA Board of Trustees to serve as their representative to the URAC board and is currently vice chair.

Outside of organized medicine, Dr. Lund has used his knowledge and experience on the AMA Council on Medical Service to implement AMA policy when founding one of the first accountable care organizations in western Pennsylvania. He is currently serving as chair of Physician Partners of Western Pennsylvania, a 2,100 physician member clinically integrated network geographically covering all of western Pennsylvania.

This year in addition to his clinical practice he is the physician director of NW Pennsylvania Allegheny Health Networks Physician group. Duties include physician recruitment, health care delivery transformation, quality and patient access. In this role, he is inspired by AMA policy to create a physician-led, patient-centered care delivery system empowering both physicians and patients.

Dr. Lund believes the future of medicine depends upon each physician's commitment to tenets of medical professionalism. "We must use our medical professionalism as our compass to guide our actions, maintain society's trust and foster the **patient-physician relationship**." He is a bridge builder and envisions a day when every entity in health care is led by an AMA member. The AMA is endowed with tremendous talent. He wants to hone our policy on leadership and put it into action, positioning our members in the drivers' seats of medical delivery transformation.

Peter Lund is the ideal Board of Trustee candidate based upon knowledge and experience. His energy and passion will serve us all at the AMA.

### Mario Motta, MD



*"Physicians are toiling under enormous stress, and their commitment to put their patients first is under assault. Maintaining a practice in the current environment is a monumental burden on physicians, leading to burnout or worse. Already, it is untenable in many locations for new physicians to set up an independent practice. My own practice of 14 cardiologists has finally succumbed this year and is now owned by our hospital. Our patients cannot afford their medications, which is a leading cause of noncompliance and poor clinical outcomes. Big Pharma needs to be held accountable, especially for the indefensible and absurd rising generic drug prices. Scope of practice problems are a multiheaded hydra that demands vigilance and action. The cost of a medical education is a national embarrassment and career burden on young physicians. Recertification and MOC has ceased being an educational endeavor and must be reformed. Insurance companies exert unjust control over our profession with prior authorization being particularly bothersome. These issues need a strong, knowledgeable advocate at the trustee level. I want to be your voice!"*

Mario Motta has been active in organized medicine and the AMA since medical school. A member of the AMA House of Delegates since 2003, Mario served eight years on the AMA Council on Science and Public Health. He introduced resolutions on the obscene and unjustified rise in drug prices and authored reports on generic drug pricing and shortages. Mario has published significant reports on environmental light pollution in 2012 and 2016 that have changed the lighting industry. General Electric produced a white paper quoting directly from the 2012 report. Major cities are now demanding warmer color lighting and shielding to combat glare, circadian rhythm disturbance, and environmental harm, and cite their lighting as being "AMA compliant."

As president of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), he dealt with a myriad of issues regarding the health care delivery system, health insurance, scope of practice, young physician engagement, and burnout. As chair of the MMS Committee on Legislation, he was intimately involved with Massachusetts health care reform, resulting in Massachusetts having the lowest rate of uninsured in the United States.

He is board-certified in cardiology, was director of research for his practice, and is a clinical professor of medicine at Tufts University.

Mario is well-known as an astronomer. Working with the American Association of Variable Star Observers, the Harvard center for astrophysics, and MIT, he has numerous observations and publications. In 2013, the International Astronomical Union named an asteroid in his honor. In the astronomical community, he is well-known for building the largest homemade telescope and observatory including the optics, a 32-inch f6 telescope.

The Massachusetts Medical Society and the New England Delegation to the AMA proudly sponsor the candidacy of Mario Motta, MD, FACC, for election to the AMA Board of Trustees. He is endorsed by the American College of Cardiology and the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology.

*"I have a proven record of activism, and ask for your vote to work on your behalf on the Board of Trustees."*

## Jack Resneck Jr., MD



**Jack Resneck, MD is a proven leader who believes deeply in the ongoing potential of our AMA** to make progress on the biggest challenges facing the profession. From the moment you elected him to the board four years ago, he has worked collaboratively with colleagues around the country to advance our HOD policy. Jack is proud that the AMA has abolished SGR and IPAB, defeated two major insurance mergers, protected patient access to care, reduced reporting burdens, and invested to regain our stature in medical education and public health. But too many physicians suffer from burnout, and he knows how much work we must do to get additional practice burdens out of the way.

As a practicing physician, **Jack lives medicine's challenges every day and skillfully communicates those stories to policymakers and the public.** He leads AMA's efforts to reduce the overwhelming burden of prior authorization, and fought many recent, ill-conceived insurer efforts to unilaterally reduce coverage or payments. He brings attention to the unaffordability of prescription drugs and the lack of transparency surrounding pharmaceutical manufacturer, PBM, and health plan pricing. Dr. Resneck has spoken out against clunky EHR products, data blocking, and tangles of uncoordinated quality measures that turn doctors in to data entry clerks. He testified before Congress about both the benefits of high quality, physician-led telemedicine and the risks of poorly conceived digital health. Jack also has supported and worked closely with the AMA's Litigation and Advocacy Resource Centers—hidden gems of our association—which collaborate with state and specialty medical societies to undertake vital work in the courts and state legislatures.

Jack's love for patient care drives his involvement in organized medicine and his desire to **ensure that all types of physician practices can thrive into the future.** He and his wife Ellen (also a physician) are the parents of two children, ages 10 and 12, and Jack hopes to leave behind a profession that future generations will want to join.

These are busy times when **physicians and our patients need a strong AMA.** That's why the California Medical Association delegation, the Pac-West States delegation, the Dermatology Section Council, the Specialty and Service Society Caucus, and the Young Physicians Section have endorsed Jack Resneck, MD, for re-election to the AMA Board of Trustees.

### **Personal statement:**

*"Our AMA can and must continue to convene all of medicine, carry out the wise policy of our HOD, and shape the future of healthcare. I'm optimistic that we can succeed, and I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving our profession as an AMA Trustee."*

### Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH



The American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Tennessee Medical Association, and the Southeastern delegation are pleased to nominate Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, for re-election as Young Physician Trustee on the AMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Ehrenfeld is endorsed by the Specialty and Service Society, the AMA Section Council on Anesthesiology, and the AMA Young Physicians Section.

Dr. Ehrenfeld currently serves as secretary of the AMA Board of Trustees, having been elected to this position on the Executive Committee by his fellow board members. Dr. Ehrenfeld has been an active member of organized medicine since medical school. He has held numerous state and national positions throughout his training and as a practicing physician. He previously served as speaker of the Massachusetts Medical Society, a member of the AMA Young Physicians Section Governing Council, and on the AMA Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council.

Society, a member of the AMA Young Physicians Section Governing Council, and on the AMA Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council.

Dr. Ehrenfeld is board-certified in both anesthesiology and clinical informatics and has an extensive background in clinical research, advocacy, and health care policy. He is a professor of anesthesiology, surgery, biomedical informatics and health policy at Vanderbilt University, where he serves as associate director of the Informatics Research Division, director of Education Research, and director of the Program for LGBTI Health.

Dr. Ehrenfeld's research and policy interests include biomedical informatics and the application of information technology to increase patient safety and reliability in the operating room. His research has been funded by National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, and the Foundation for Anesthesia Education & Research. His work has led to the presentation of more than 200 abstracts, as well as the publication of over 150 peer-reviewed manuscripts. He is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Medical Systems* and has co-authored 13 clinical textbooks which have been translated into multiple languages.

Dr. Ehrenfeld holds a doctor of medicine from the University of Chicago and a master of public health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his residency and fellowship in the Department of Anesthesiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. A combat veteran who deployed to Afghanistan in 2014, Dr. Ehrenfeld continues to serve as a commander in the U.S. Navy as a medical reserve officer.

**Personal statement:**

*"Serving as a member of your AMA Board of Trustees over the past four years has been one of the greatest privileges of my professional life. I have worked hard to represent you, and all of American medicine, at the White House, on Capitol Hill, and across numerous federal agencies including the Department of Veteran Affairs, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Drug Enforcement Agency. If re-elected, I will continue to do everything I can to advance the mission of our AMA."*

## Patricia L. Austin, MD



The California Medical Association (CMA) and its delegation to the American Medical Association are proud to nominate Patricia L. Austin, MD, to continue to serve on the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws.

Uniquely qualified in the ways of leadership and governance, as well as in her commitment to organized medicine, Dr. Austin will work to ensure that organizational structure continues to provide AMA members the opportunity to work together in a fair, unified and effective manner.

Dr. Austin's history with AMA began as a student when she was a student AMA representative. She became an active AMA member in 1974, a member of the AMA HOD since 2000, served on AMA's legislation reference committee in 2007, chaired Reference Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws in 2011, elected to the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws in 2014, and served on the Speakers Advisory Committee with the change of parliamentary procedure.

Joining the Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association in 1979, Dr. Austin was elected to the council in 1990 and was president in 1996–1997. She also joined the CMA in 1979 and became a member of the CMA HOD in 1991. She chaired the Committee to Restructure the CMA HOD in 1999, and chaired the Bylaws Committee in 2001, when the CMA's bylaws were extensively revised. She has served on the board of trustees twice, representing her district and then Solo/Small Group Practice Forum and now serves on the council for Membership and Governance. Dr. Austin served as a member of the board of directors of the local branch of the American Medical Women's Association.

Dr. Austin has been called on to serve in many leadership roles, including being appointed to serve on the Alternate Managed Health Care Improvement Task Force of the California Senate Rules Committee by then senate president pro tempore, Bill Lockyer. She was appointed to the board of directors of the Northern California Red Cross Blood Services in 1998 and was its chair from 2007–2012.

Dr. Austin graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a BA degree from University of Nebraska. She received her MD degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine and did her internship and residencies in pediatrics and ophthalmology at the University of California, San Francisco. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Austin's candidacy is also strongly endorsed by the PacWest Coalition, the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, California Academy of the Eye Physicians, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

### **Personal statement:**

*"As our AMA works on diversity to make sure all members feel represented, it is imperative to also have the structure to allow diverse opinions. I have been dedicated to represent the interests of the HOD on the Council on Constitution & Bylaws. We have worked to ensure the section IOPs are reflective of the desires of the section members but also consistent with AMA bylaws, that bylaws are rewritten to reflect new AMA policy passed by the HOD, and bring attention to issues for the HOD to consider. I had the honor of serving on the speakers advisory when the HOD adopted new parliamentary procedures. I wish to continue this work and respectfully ask for your vote."*

## Madelyn E. Butler, MD



The Florida Medical Association (FMA) and the Florida AMA Delegation are pleased to nominate one of our outstanding leaders, Madelyn E. Butler, MD, for re-election to the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws in 2018. She has been on the council since 2014. Dr. Butler has been an AMA member since 1986, served as an AMA delegate since 2004, and was chair of the AMA Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws in 2010. She is the current vice chair of the Florida Delegation.

Specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Butler has been an active participant in organized medicine since her first year of medical school in 1986, when she joined the AMA Medical Student Section. Her participation in organized medicine at the county, state and national levels has given her a thorough understanding of the range of issues facing physicians. In addition to serving as president of the FMA Medical Student Section, Resident and Fellow Section, and Young Physician Section, Dr. Butler has served on the FMA Board of Governors since 1996. Through her experience as FMA vice speaker, speaker and president, and her service to the FMA's Committee on Bylaws, Dr. Butler understands that first and foremost she represents the will of the House of Delegates in any document that she reviews.

Dr. Butler received her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Florida and completed her residency at the University of South Florida. Since 1994, her contributions to the medical field have been recognized by professional organizations and her peers. She has provided public education as "medical expert in OB/GYN" for her local news station and has received the "Outstanding Physician Award." Recently named "Best OB/GYN Group" by the *Florida Medical Journal* and the *Tampa Tribune*, Dr. Butler and her partners have seen their vision for a "best in class" practice become a reality.

Dr. Butler believes that the topics assigned to the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws are vitally important to the practice of medicine, and she hopes to continue her council service. For the past four years, she has been an involved and a productive member of the Council. The FMA and our Florida Delegation strongly support Madelyn Butler, MD, for re-election to the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Personal statement:**

*"I am uniquely qualified to serve on the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws because of my experience in organized medicine since medical school at the county, state and national levels. As Speaker of the FMA, my role was to be an advocate for the House of Delegates to ensure fair, balanced proceedings that maintained the decorum of professionalism, thus leading to optimal policies and the best possible decision-making by our Delegates.*

*"Through my service on the FMA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, I was able to take those resolutions passed by the House and have them reflected in the wording used in the document that serves as the framework for our state association's governance.*

*"I would consider it a privilege to continue advocating for the will of our constituent members to the AMA."*

### Kevin C. Reilly, MS, MD



Kevin C. Reilly, MD, was first appointed to the American Medical Association Council on Constitution and Bylaws in 1997. He was then twice elected by the House of Delegates to continue his service on the Council on Constitution and Bylaws as the resident and fellow member from 1998 to 2003. In 2003 the House of Delegates elected him to serve two years on the AMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Reilly attended his first AMA meeting in 1994 and has attended every annual and interim meeting since, except when deployed to Afghanistan and to sit for specialty board examination. Over the course of his career he has served on the HOD delegations for New York, Hawaii, the U.S. Army, American College of Radiology, and American Society of Neuroradiology. Since 2011, Dr. Reilly has served as a member of the Radiological Society of North America delegation to the AMA-HOD.

A graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N.J., Dr. Reilly earned, and still maintains, professional licensure in civil engineering and planning. Having risen to president of a regional engineering consulting firm engaged in partnership with environmental consultants performing underground storage tank, soil and groundwater remediation work, he took the opportunity to complete post-baccalaureate work in organic chemistry and biology. This re-kindled the dream of becoming a physician, specifically a radiologist.

Dr. Reilly attended Albert Einstein College of Medicine in The Bronx, graduating with a distinction in research for epidemiology. He entered active duty with the U.S. Army as a transitional intern, then diagnostic radiology resident, at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu. In his chief year, he won first place, retrospective category, of the James W. Bass Research Competition for his work on Swimmer's CT to improve visualization of the thoracic inlet. The Army selected Dr. Reilly to proceed directly to a neuroradiology fellowship. After completing his neuroradiology fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, he proceeded to his first duty station at Ireland Army Community Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky.

Dr. Reilly has served the Army as a diagnostic radiologist, staff neuroradiologist, neuroradiology division chief, department chief for radiology and nuclear medicine, command surgeon for U.S. Army Recruiting Command, and served one tour as radiology department chief for a combat support hospital in Afghanistan. He currently serves as the chief of ancillary services overseeing departments of radiology, pharmacy, and pathology. He additionally currently serves as the chair of the Army Diagnostic and Radiotherapy Subcommittee responsible for validating, specifying, and prioritizing all Army radiologic equipment purchases over \$100,000.

Dr. Reilly has served as chair or member of Bylaws Committees on three occasions for Army hospitals and twice for the AMA Section Council for Radiology. Service minded, he has volunteered in scouting for 15 years, currently serving as assistant scoutmaster for Troop 829 in Elizabethtown, Ky. He is also in his ninth year volunteering as a community member of the Hardin County Schools Facilities Planning Committee.

Dr. Reilly has been happily married for 21 years and is the proud father of three children.

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## **Ariel M. Anderson, MD**



Seeking election to the AMA Resident and Fellow Seat on the Council on Constitution and Bylaws.

Proudly endorsed by: the AMA Resident and Fellow Section and PacWest Conference.

## Vikram B. Patel, MD



Dear friends,

I am writing this to introduce myself as one of the candidates for the AMA Council on Medical Education.

Throughout my professional career I have been involved with teaching and training other physicians. I have served as a program director for a pain medicine fellowship and worked for several years in teaching institutions training residents in anesthesiology. I worked at Loyola University Medical Center as an associate professor in anesthesiology and pain medicine.

I currently serve as chair for the IMG section for the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS). I have been an active member of the CME Activities Committee at ISMS for five years and am currently a member of the CME Accreditation Committee at ISMS.

I have organized several training courses throughout my career and have also served as a member of the examination board for the Fellowship in Interventional Pain Practice exam. I have been an examiner for two different pain board examinations.

Over the course of my career I have been actively publishing journal articles and book chapters on pain medicine. I also review journal articles for six pain journals and serve on the editorial board of four international pain medicine journals, all of which are listed on PubMed.

I continue to serve as a faculty member for several national as well as international annual conferences including the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP), ASA, WIP and ISSP.

My goal is to enhance the understanding and knowledge of pain medicine in medical education, which, as we know, is sorely lacking in current curriculum. It is more important than ever to focus on this subject given the epidemic of substance abuse and especially drug diversion in prescription opiates.

I represent ASIPP at the AMA and am the advisor for CPT® as well as RUC. ASIPP is dedicated towards education and trains more pain physicians in interventional procedures, practice management and other pain related subjects than any other pain society. I am proud to be a member and faculty of this great organization. ASIPP has published guidelines for pain practice as well as opiate prescription over the last few decades. I have been a member of the guidelines committees and have actively participated in development of these very important guidelines. ASIPP members represent several different specialties that are involved in practicing pain medicine, and it has provided valuable education to all.

By electing me on the council you will not only elect a dedicated individual who has spent his entire career in teaching and training other physicians but also add significant value to educational focus on pain medicine.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vikram Patel, MD

## Niranjan V. (Bonki) Rao, MD



The Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ) and the Southeast Delegation are proud to endorse Niranjan "Bonki" Rao for re-election to the AMA Council on Medical Education.

Dr. Rao's dedication to organized medicine spans over twenty years and includes service at the local, state and national levels. He served as president of the Middlesex County Medical Society from 1997 to 1998. Dr. Rao was elected to the MSNJ Board of Trustees serving from 1998 to 2013, becoming chair of MSNJ's Policy Committee in 2010. He served as MSNJ's 219th president from 2011 to 2012.

Dr. Rao served as the chair of the medical staff at St. Peter's University Hospital and was appointed by Gov. Christie to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners in 2014.

Dr. Rao is active at the AMA-HOD. First elected an AMA alternate delegate in 2004, he attended both the Annual and Interim Meetings for 14 years. In 2014 he was appointed a delegate.

Dr. Rao attended medical school in India. He completed his residency in general surgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and a Vascular Surgery Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. His successful surgical practice has been an institution in New Brunswick, N.J., for over two decades. Currently, he is chief of medical staff at St. Peter's University Hospital.

Dr. Rao's service within St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick NJ is lauded by his students and fellow faculty members. He has a faculty academic appointment at the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (1991 to present).

## Betty S. Chu, MD, MBA



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."* —Margaret Mead

Raised in a General Motors family, Dr. Betty Chu has witnessed firsthand the dramatic changes in one of America's largest industries—which she similarly sees happening in health care.

A graduate of the University of Michigan where she played clarinet in the marching band, both a MD and a MBA, Betty has seen health care from all sides. Not only starting a private practice following OB/GYN residency but also in her current position as chief medical officer/vice president of Medical Affairs at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

For Betty, leadership has always been second nature. She understood from an early age the only way to affect change is to show up and advocate for your beliefs.

As young physician, Betty became active in the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) where she quickly rose to chairing the MSMS Committee on Legislation and Regulation and was elected to the Michigan Delegation to the AMA.

In her subsequent leadership roles, including president of her county society, current president of MSMS, and a Governing Council member of the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section, Betty has never shied away from taking on a challenge and volunteering her time for the collective advancement of physician issues.

At Henry Ford West Bloomfield hospital, Betty is a member of the executive leadership team with responsibility for medical staff affairs and ensuring quality and safety of patient care for a diverse community in Southeast Michigan.

As a candidate for our AMA Council on Medical Service, Betty wants to couple her practice experience with her leadership experience to advocate for the policies that best represent the interests of her physician colleagues and their patients.

Betty is honored by endorsements from the AMA Young Physicians Section, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Great Lakes States Coalition, and her state and county societies.

Betty is an active traveler, involved with her synagogue, and can often be found in Ann Arbor on fall Saturdays cheering on the University of Michigan football team.

Betty enjoys time with her husband, Navot Shores, and their sons, Aidan and Dylan.

Learn more at [www.bettychumd.com](http://www.bettychumd.com).

## Stephen K. Epstein, MD, MPP



The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the Section Council on Emergency Medicine are proud to nominate Stephen K. Epstein, MD, MPP, for election to our AMA Council on Medical Service. Steve is endorsed by the Massachusetts Medical Society, the New England Delegation, the Specialty and Service Society (SSS), and the AMA Young Physicians Section.

Steve is an academic emergency physician in full-time practice. He has a long record of service to our AMA, organized medicine, and his community. He currently serves our AMA as chair of the SSS and chair of the Section Council on Emergency Medicine, and ACEP as the founding chair of the Clinical Emergency Data Registry (CEDR), a CMS-approved qualified clinical data registry. Just completing its third year of operation, CEDR contains over 20 million patient records and reports physician-developed quality measures to CMS for more than 15,000 clinicians. In Massachusetts, Steve is also the president of the Norfolk District Medical Society and chair of the Board of Health for the Town of Needham where he is spearheading efforts to protect children from concussions. Previously at ACEP, he chaired the task force that produced the National Report Card on the State of Emergency Medicine, an evaluation of the emergency care environment in every state, assessing each state in critical categories that included access to care, public health and injury prevention, and quality and patient safety.

Steve graduated from Harvard Medical School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and then completed residency training at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. He practices at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He is board-certified in emergency medicine, a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and an assistant professor of emergency medicine at Harvard Medical School. An avid skier, he also volunteers as a physician with the U.S. Ski Team.

### **Personal statement:**

*"I have devoted my career to helping ensure access to quality care for all our patients, whether by working to eliminate ambulance diversion and emergency department crowding in Massachusetts or creating a national clinical data registry that aligns financial incentives with physician-driven quality measures that are both meaningful and feasible. In response to MACRA, my team and I developed a registry that is seamless for physicians and ensures that our members are fairly compensated for the work they perform and the value they provide their patients. Every day, when I see patients in the emergency department, I'm reminded of how the work we do together in organized medicine enhances our direct patient care. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve you and our patients on our Council on Medical Service."*

Steve's wife, Laura, is an orthodontist. They are the proud parents of two teenagers, and during their free time, might be found on the ski slopes, at Fenway Park, or playing on the beach with their labradoodle.

## Peter E. Lavine, MD



The Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC), the MSDC AMA Delegation, and Southeastern Delegation enthusiastically endorse Peter E. Lavine, MD, a full-time practicing orthopaedic surgeon, for re-election to the AMA Council on Medical Service.

For 25 years, Dr. Lavine served the AMA-HOD—currently, as MSDC delegate and alternate on the Southeast Delegation Executive Committee. As AMA delegate and alternate, he authored numerous successful AMA-HOD resolutions and served on a reference committee. Dr. Lavine started as MSDC YPS delegate where he developed many current HOD friendships.

Throughout his accomplished service to his fellow physicians and patients, his thoughtful leadership style was one of listening, learning and uniting people to get things accomplished.

At the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, Dr. Lavine served three terms as both president and chairman of the board of directors, vice chair of the medical society's for-profit entity, Medical Society Services, and chairman of the YPS Governing Council. He was appointed to D.C. Mayor Fenty's Emergency Preparedness Task Force and D.C. Councilman Catania's Medical Liability Task Force.

Dr. Lavine has made numerous media appearances on behalf of doctors and patients on national and local TV, radio, print, on-line publications and rallies. During the national health care debate, he met with members of the U.S. Congress and served as CSPAN town hall moderator with eight members of Congress. His close relationships with members of the press allowed him to invite AMA President Palmisano to join him on the "McLaughlin Show" on MLR.

Dr. Lavine practices full-time in Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia as a general orthopaedic surgeon focusing on sports and performing arts medicine. He regularly takes emergency room call and has great interest in orthopaedic trauma. He has lectured all over the US and the world on dance medicine injuries. He is a founding member of the Massachusetts Avenue Surgical Center and Centers of Advanced Orthopaedics, a growing practice of over 175 orthopaedic surgeons.

Born on an air force base in Japan, he is a second-generation orthopaedic surgeon, who has private practice experience with solo, small group, and now hybrid large group practice. He has personally dealt with many of the socioeconomic aspects of our health care system.

### **Personal statement:**

*"I am greatly honored to have served the HOD as a member of Team CMS, to develop a deeper understanding of the complexity of socioeconomic challenges confronting the practice of medicine, & to develop Reports to guide the HOD toward consensus for patient-centered, physician-led policies.*

*"Working in Washington, DC & being in leadership positions provided me the unique opportunity to advocate for protecting the doctor patient relationship at AMA & MSDC meetings, in halls of Congress & DC government. I advocate for free market principles that welcome guidance & assistance, but not intrusion from insurance companies or government. America needs increased access of patients to physician-guided medical care by a pluralistic & diverse approach to the practice of medicine that allows any willing qualified physician the ability to care for patients through a variety of practice opportunities.*

*"I would be honored to continue to serve on CMS and humbly ask for your vote."*

## Asa C. Lockhart, MD, MBA



The Texas Medical Association (TMA) and its delegation to the AMA enthusiastically nominate Asa C. Lockhart, MD, MBA, for re-election to the AMA Council on Medical Service. He is endorsed by the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the AMA Young Physicians Section.

A practicing anesthesiologist in Tyler, Texas, for 39 years, Dr. Lockhart received his medical degree from the University of Texas at Houston School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency at Emory University School of Medicine. He received his MBA from the University of Houston at Clear Lake in 1998.

His TMA involvement includes serving as a member of the Texas Delegation to the AMA since 2000 and as vice chair since 2014. He has held numerous leadership positions with his state and national anesthesiology societies, including serving as president of the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists. He has served 19 years on the ASA Committee on Practice Management and as course director of the society's Certificate in Business Administration program that has about 1,000 graduates; its 18th class began in April to teach basic business skills to physicians.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Lockhart is a principal with Golden Caduceus Consultants where he has assisted some 190 clients in 39 states with business planning and stabilization strategies. He served as an adviser to the Medical Group Management Association, authored numerous publications, and lectured at many state and national meetings.

Dr. Lockhart also was appointed to the Texas Surgical Quality Collaborative (SQC) that is dedicated to surgical quality improvement, including better patient care and lower costs. With limited options by proceduralists in alternative payment models, the state SQC options are critically positioned.

Dr. Lockhart's record shows his dedication to enhance our health care system. He has brought a unique perspective to the council that transcends his local experience. We are confident our AMA will continue to benefit from his participation on the AMA Council on Medical Service.

### **Personal statement:**

*"During my time on CMS, I have had the privilege to help draft policy on the critical issues that offer both opportunity and threats to physician practices. Some such as precertification, maintenance of certification, and scope of practice are recurring while others such as the VA access, physician practice models, strategic responses to MACRA, and team-based care require adaptation to changing circumstances and regulations. Others such as precision medicine, augmented intelligence, and evolving health care platforms require positioning for the future. Working with medical staffs across the country, I have developed stabilization and rehabilitation strategies that provide sustainable and innovative solutions to balance utility and expectations between competing stakeholders. As MACRA and our health care system evolve, we must remain nimble and innovative yet ensure that regulatory efforts by the government and insurers do not compromise patient care or financially threaten the viability and sustainability of your chosen model of medical practice."*

## Sheila Rege, MD



The Washington State Medical Association is proud to nominate Sheila Rege, MD, FACRO, for election to the AMA Council on Medical Service. She is enthusiastically endorsed by the PacWest Conference, YPS, ACR, ASA, ACRO, ASCO, ASTRO, Section Council on Radiology, and the Cancer Caucus.

Dr. Rege has actively practiced radiation oncology and palliative medicine for 18 years in a two physician independent practice in a rural community. She successfully led her group to a joint venture in 2015 with a large national company to help navigate increasing regulatory burdens. Sheila's insight into medical practice has been honed through her professional experience in a small single specialty physician owned group, an academic center and a large multi-specialty organization. Sheila has held teaching positions at Louisiana State University Medical Center, UCLA Medical School and the University of Washington School of Medicine. She is currently clinical associate professor at WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine while maintaining her private practice.

From the time she led a tort reform movement in 1998 to the time she successfully lobbied against internists being replaced by APRNs at a rural health clinic, Sheila has understood the importance of involvement in advocacy, policy reform and organized medicine. Within her community, Sheila and her husband Kees are actively involved in the local Boys and Girls Club to enable children in need to reach their full potential.

Sheila is a tireless physician advocate who has personally experienced many of the struggles physicians, regardless of specialty, are currently facing. An enthusiastic mentor, she gives freely of her time to help physicians with problems she has personally experienced such as employment contract issues, medical staff bylaw disagreements, medical ethics committee subjects and quality measures reporting audits. A recognized leader and champion for all physicians and all practice types, she serves on an independent committee of health care providers (HTCC) within Washington state to advise state health programs on various issues such as glucose monitoring etc. She was the lead physician to develop a symposium on physician led medical homes in 2006. Aside from her work in professional organizations, Sheila actively promotes cancer awareness and prevention within her community. Among her undertakings, she has hosted a regional radio program, "Cancer Chat with Dr. Rege" and hosts an annual "Rise Above Cancer" event to raise funds to provide screening tests and financial assistance.

Learn more about Sheila at [www.sheilaregemd.com](http://www.sheilaregemd.com).

### **Personal statement:**

*"With my experience in a variety of practice settings, and having personally experienced the struggles my fellow colleagues are facing either as employed or independent practicing physicians, I have a deep understanding and respect for the issues confronting us as physicians. I am an advocate for the profession and patients, a good listener and communicator, and I follow through on my commitments. I am humbled by the breadth of knowledge we have within our AMA HOD, Council members and staff. With your help, I hope to serve as your voice within the distinguished Council on Medical Service (CMS)."*

## Eric H. Bernicker, MD



Dr. Eric H. Bernicker is a board-certified medical oncologist. He completed medical school, a residency in internal medicine, and a fellowship in hematology at Baylor College of Medicine, followed by a fellowship in medical oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Bernicker is currently head of thoracic oncology at Houston Methodist Hospital (HMH) and assistant clinical professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. He is chair of the HMH Cancer Committee and the liaison for the American Society of Clinical Oncology's quality program, Quality Oncology Practice Initiative. He is a member of ASCO, the American Association for Cancer Research, the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, Physicians for Human Rights, the Union of Concerned Scientists and serves on the Patient Advocates Committee of the IASLC.

Dr. Bernicker's main clinical focus is on targeted therapy and immunotherapy treatments that can lead to more personalized treatments for cancer patients. He served on the expert committee that just revised guidelines for molecular testing in lung cancer and is an editor of a just published text, *Precision Molecular Pathology of Lung Cancer*. However, his interests are broader than immediate patient care; he is also the editor of a forthcoming textbook, *Cancer and Society: A multidisciplinary approach*, that will look at issues at the intersection of malignancies and public health, including tobacco, pollution, climate change and vulnerable populations.

Dr. Bernicker has been honored for his compassionate care and commitment to dealing with social issues that cancer patients and their families face, receiving the prestigious Phoenix Award presented by the Pink Door, an organization that provides financial assistance for cancer patients and survivors in need. As an oncologist who trained and has practiced in a number of settings, Dr. Bernicker has a broad perspective. He is "in the trenches" and is involved in training of residents and fellows, our next generation of physicians.

### **Personal statement:**

*"Dealing with lung cancer patients has given me a close-up view of many of the public health issues facing patients and society. It is the leading cancer killer yet underfunded compared to many other malignancies. It disproportionately affects minorities and the elderly. And often its pathogenesis—tobacco and pollution—intersects with social justice issues. While the purpose of the AMA is not necessarily social justice, it is an organization that is uniquely placed to advocate for those who have or might develop health issues from the environment, where advocacy could potentially lead to improved health for all. In addition, in a world threatened both with climate change and frequent attacks on scientific reasoning, I feel it is imperative that a strong medical voice be raised to both educate the public on science and health risks and help press for a healthier society.*

*"The nexus between an individuals' health and current societal issues—diet, pollution, factory farming, income disparity and access to care—has never been as important to address as now.*

*"The Council on Science and Public Health is an essential public health advocate and I would be honored to serve."*

## Kira Geraci, MD, MPH



It is with great enthusiasm that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY), the Great Lakes State Coalition, the American Academy of Pediatrics; the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology; and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology endorse the candidacy of Kira Geraci, MD, MPH, for re-election to the AMA Council on Science and Public Health.

### **Background**

Dr. Geraci is a graduate of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. She trained in pediatrics and then completed a fellowship in allergy/immunology at Weill Cornell/New York Hospital. She received a master's in public health with a focus on health care policy and management from New York Medical College.

Dr. Geraci is boarded in both pediatrics and allergy/immunology. She has been a member of the American Medical Association for more than 20 years and a member of the N.Y. Delegation since 2006. Dr. Geraci has actively participated on the AMA Council on Science and Public Health since her election in 2014.

She continues as an active participant in the Medical Society of the State of New York, now serving as speaker of the society's House of Delegates. Dr. Geraci remains active with MSSNY's Preventive Health Committee and Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Committee, which she has chaired in the past.

She represents MSSNY at the New York State (NYS) Department of Health Ad Hoc Committee for the State Health Prevention Agenda and continues to serve on the Clinical Advisory Committee for pulmonary disorders for the NYS Department of Health Value Based Medicaid Program.

Dr. Geraci has served as a consultant on a telemedicine asthma management project for Westchester's Center for Regional Health Care innovation in 2017.

### **Personal statement:**

*"I am asking for your vote to continue to serve and contribute to the critical work of the Council for Science and Public Health as we address the challenges that confront us in the ever evolving world of medicine.*

*"Participation on the Council for Science and Public Health has confirmed my belief that collaboration and cooperation among physicians of many specialties creates better outcomes for our patients and enriches our clinical experiences as physicians. The reports generated by the Council provide valuable and insightful information that help physicians address the health care challenges we face every day.*

*"My continued participation with New York State Department of Public Health on many issues from the State Prevention Agenda to Disaster Preparedness provides insight on how office-based physicians play a critical role in implementation of public health policy.*

*"The Council for Science and Public Health will continue to stay at the forefront of evaluating and advising the American Medical Association regarding public policy on health care in all its ramifications. I would be honored to continue my work with this Council."*

## Michael M. Miller, MD



The Wisconsin Medical Society (Society) is proud to nominate the senior member of our delegation, Michael M. Miller, MD, DLFAPA, DFASAM, for re-election to the Council on Science and Public Health. His leadership and experience is extensive, as is his commitment to organized medicine.

Dr. Miller is the director of addiction program development and training for Rogers Behavioral Health (RBH) System, responsible for clinical standardization and staff education in addiction care in the seven states where RBH offers services, including six Wisconsin locations. He previously served eight years as medical director for the Herrington Recovery Center at Rogers and is currently president of the medical staff of Rogers Memorial Hospital. He also is a full professor on the clinical adjunct faculty

at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and an assistant clinical professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW).

Dr. Miller is speaker of our society's house of delegates and has been president and board chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine. He is a distinguished fellow of ASAM and a distinguished life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He is also a recipient of the ASAM Annual Award and has been selected to Best Doctors in America® every year since 2004.

In his role on the Council on Science and Public Health, Dr. Miller has been a point person for reports on e-cigarettes, powdered alcohol, novel psychoactive drugs and urine drug testing, as well as for the council's consideration of various aspects of the opioid epidemic. His AMA involvement has included membership on three reference committees, serving as chair of the Reference Committee on Advocacy Related to Medical Education and Science and Public Health, and a decade on the Steering Committee of the AMA's Action Team on Alcohol and Health. He has been both a specialty society delegate (ASAM, 1996–1999), participating in the Specialty and Service Society, and a state society delegate. Since 1996, he has served as an ASAM representative to the Section Council on Preventive Medicine and has served as ASAM's representative to the Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement.

He is a graduate of Georgetown University and the Tulane University School of Medicine. After his residency in psychiatry at MCW and the University of Minnesota (U of M), he completed a fellowship in chemical dependency at the U of M.

In addition to the society, Dr. Miller's endorsements include ASAM, the American Psychiatric Association, the Section Council on Preventive Medicine, the Section Council on Psychiatry, the Pain and Palliative Medicine Section Council, the AMA Young Physicians Section, the North Central Medical Conference, the PacWest Conference, the American College of Medical Quality, the Waukesha County Medical Society, the Dane County Medical Society and the Medical Society of Milwaukee County. The Society looks forward to his continued service on the Council on Science and Public Health, bringing subject matter expertise especially in the areas of psychiatric conditions and care, addiction medicine and public health, and drawing on his experience in health care financing and delivery, medical education and public policy.

## Robert (Bob) R. Orford, MD, MS, MPH



The Arizona Medical Association is pleased to nominate Robert Orford, MD, MS, MPH, FACP, FACOEM, for election to the AMA Council on Science and Public Health. He is enthusiastically endorsed by the PacWest Conference, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), American College of Preventive Medicine, American College of Physicians, and the AMA Section Council on Preventive Medicine.

Bob has an extensive background and broad experience in public health. He is board-certified in internal medicine as well as in three preventive medicine specialties. He is a leader and past president of the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA), the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, the Airlines Medical Directors Association, and is a board member of the International Commission on Occupational Health.

Holding academic appointments at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science and the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Galveston, he has published research and has been a speaker on public health, occupational health, and aerospace medicine. He has been both a residency program director and medical school instructor. He is currently chair of the ArMA Public Health Committee, and vice chair of the ArMA Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee, and Parliamentarian for AsMA.

Dr. Orford has had executive management experience as deputy minister with responsibility for all public health, mental health, and occupational health services in Alberta, Canada, and has served as medical director for Northwest Airlines. He practices internal medicine as well as preventive, occupational, and aerospace medicine in a large integrated physician practice in Arizona. He represents Mayo Clinic Arizona at the Integrated Physician Practice Section. As a result of his extensive experience as a physician leader, he has broad knowledge, clear vision and is an effective communicator, sensitive listener, and consensus builder.

Bob has always been a strong advocate for private practice. A longtime member of the Private Practice Physicians Congress (PPPC), he is a regular contributor to postings on the PPPC Listserv, and has been a winner of PPPC's "Joe Heyman Virtual Award." He is supported by his charming wife, Dale, and family.

### **Personal statement:**

*"My focus as an AMA Delegate representing ACOEM has been primarily on occupational, environmental, aerospace, and public health issues. I am committed to helping maintain the quality, accessibility and affordability of health care in the face of economic, political and big business challenges. I believe that the best interest of the patient is the only interest to be considered.*

*"As a leader and Past President of state, national, and international medical associations, I have long advocated for best practices in patient care and for the betterment of public health. We must continue to strongly support evidence based medicine, innovation in practice and in research, excellence in education, recognition of and sensitivity to diversity, and global cooperation in all aspects of medicine and public health."*

Learn more at: [www.azmed.org/page/orford\\_AMA/Robert-Orford-MD-MPH-for-AMA-CSAPH.htm](http://www.azmed.org/page/orford_AMA/Robert-Orford-MD-MPH-for-AMA-CSAPH.htm)

## Padmini Ranasinghe, MD, MPH



In her daily rounds at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Padmini Ranasinghe, MD, MPH, FACP, FACPM, experiences first-hand the pressures on physicians responding to our changing medical environment. As an assistant professor and clinician dedicated to the education of young doctors, she is acutely aware of how vital it is that our profession leads that change.

Padmini cannot recall a time when she was not interested in science. After attending the second oldest medical school in South Asia, she came to the U.S. in 2001 and completed a combined residency in Internal and Preventive Medicine and an MPH from Yale focused on the epidemiology of chronic diseases.

During her residency, when the Asian tsunami struck, Padmini organized volunteers to travel to Sri Lanka to serve those who were directly affected. She also went to East Timor to attend mobile camps. Those experiences, plus subsequent work at a New Haven clinic for urban underserved, drew the attention of the AMA Foundation, which recognized her with an Excellence in Medicine Young Physician Leadership Award in 2007.

That recognition awakened Padmini's awareness of the value of organized medicine at all levels. Padmini began her AMA involvement in 2007 with YPS and later the IMG Governing Council, as member, delegate and chair. She has served as a delegate to OMSS and is currently a MedChi alternate delegate to the AMA. She currently serves on the board of trustees for MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and as president of the Baltimore City Medical Society.

Dual board-certified and faculty of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Padmini fulfills multiple roles: a full-time clinician, teaching residents and students; co-chairing the hospital's patient education program; and—the role she enjoys most—serving as a faculty advisor to the AMA student chapter. Her efforts on behalf of young doctors were honored in her recent induction to the Distinguished Teaching Society. At Hopkins, her ongoing research efforts focus on medical students, residents, and physician burnout and wellness.

Padmini knows that in this current climate of questioning evidence-based science and medicine, the role of the Council on Science and Public Health has never been more essential in supporting the AMA House of Delegates to develop policy our patients and our nation can trust.

Nominated by MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, she wants to contribute to that work and advance the mission of our Council on Science and Public Health and AMA. Padmini is supported by the American College of Physicians, the American College of Preventive Medicine, the Baltimore City Medical Society, Johns Hopkins medical staff, and the Southeastern Delegation of the AMA.

Padmini lives in Baltimore with her husband and two young daughters.

### **Personal statement:**

*"I am privileged to work at one of the nation's oldest teaching hospitals dedicated to uniting the functions of patient care and population health with education and research. I will bring the same focus and dedication to the Council on Science and Public Health as I work to promote the efforts of our AMA and extend physician involvement in the great house of medicine."*