



**AAEM 2017  
CANDIDATE  
PLATFORM  
STATEMENTS**





Dear AAEM Member,

Enclosed are the candidate statements for the 2017 AAEM board of directors election.

As you are aware, the call for nominations was sent to all voting members. Those AAEM members who appear on the enclosed ballot have indicated their willingness to serve on the AAEM board.



Statements from each of the candidates full listing of previous board service and awards, and AAEM activities dating back five years are on the following pages. Please review the enclosed information, then exercise your democratic right to vote for the representatives you would like to see serve as AAEM's leaders. Remember, we have a one member, one vote system, so your voice counts. Please follow these instructions for casting your ballot in the 2017 election.

### **If You Will Attend the Scientific Assembly:**

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- ***We recommend that you do not complete your official ballot at this time.*** There will be a Candidates' Forum held during the Scientific Assembly on March 17, 2017, 2:00-3:30pm where you can hear the candidates respond to direct questions from the voting membership. You will be asked to submit your ballot online at the conclusion of that Forum.
- ***If certain of your choices or unsure if you will attend the Forum,*** you may vote online at [www.aaem.org/elections](http://www.aaem.org/elections). Voting will remain open until March 17, 2017 at 11:59pm ET.

### **If You Are Unable to Attend the Scientific Assembly:**

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- You may complete your official ballot online at [www.aaem.org/elections](http://www.aaem.org/elections). Online voting will remain open until March 17, 2017, at 11:59pm ET.

### **Balloting Procedure for 2017:**

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- ***Voting ballots will only be available online.***  
Please visit [www.aaem.org/elections](http://www.aaem.org/elections) to cast your vote electronically.

**Thank you for your continued support of AAEM.** Please call 800-884-2236 with any questions you may have regarding the election procedure.

Sincerely,

Kay Whalen  
Executive Director



## Robert A. Frolichstein, MD FAAEM

### Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: Robert McNamara, MD MAAEM FAAEM; Sumeru Mehta, MD FAAEM; Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM

Membership: 1998-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

Independent Practice Support Committee 2016-2017

Palliative Care Interest Group 2016-2017

"The doctor, to the extent he is a doctor, considers only the good of the patient in what he prescribes, and his own not at all"--Plato

As President of Greater San Antonio Emergency Physicians (GSEP), the first group to join the American Academy of Emergency Medicine Physician Group (AAEM-PG), I believe I can bring material experience and capability to the AAEM Board that will assist the Academy in its efforts to advance and protect the independent practice of emergency medicine.

We are held to a lofty standard as physicians. Our profession, and the resulting social contract, demands that we consider the patient's well-being above anything else. This is becoming increasingly difficult in today's practice of medicine as we are continually pressured by entities under control and management of non-physicians that may, or may not, have the best interest of the patient in mind. As a leader in an independent democratic group that has survived and thrived through tumultuous hospital mergers, gaining, then losing, then regaining hospital contracts, buy-out offers, and workforce shortages, I am immensely proud of our recent decision to join the AAEM-PG. This decision reflects our confidence that remaining independent of the potential to be influenced by non-physician owners always creates the best environment for doing what is best for our patients.

After graduating from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, I served ten years in the United States Army receiving my EM residency training in San Antonio, Texas at Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Medical Center. During this residency, I first became aware of the values of AAEM during a residency visit by Dr. Robert McNamara. The discussion that day, perhaps harmonizing with values I already possessed, shaped the values I carried into the future. Throughout the years, it has become evident that my values coincide with the AAEM Vision Statement "A physician's primary duty is to the patient. The integrity of this doctor-patient relationship requires that emergency physicians control their own practices free of outside interference."

I have been a leader in GSEP for twelve of my fifteen years with the group, serving on the GSEP Board of Directors, as ED Medical Director, as member and chair of numerous hospital committees, and as GSEP President for the last six years. Given the opportunity, I will use my experience, my commitment to a belief that remaining an independent democratic group is important to help prevent further erosion of our autonomy, and my passion for preserving the sacred physician-patient relationship to serve the Academy and each of its members to the best of my ability.



**Megan Healy, MD FAAEM**

**Candidate for At-Large Director**

Nominated by: Kevin Rodgers, MD FAAEM

Membership: 2010-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

AAEM Board of Directors 2016-2017

Young Physicians Section Board of Directors 2014-2016

Resident and Student Association Board of Directors  
2012-2013

Marketing Task Force 2016

Women in Emergency Medicine Committee, Co-Chair 2015

Women in Emergency Medicine Committee, Board Liaison 2016

Scientific Assembly Speaker 2015, 2016

*Common Sense* Author 2015, 2016

I have been an active member of AAEM/RSA and AAEM since beginning residency training at Temple University Hospital in 2010. As RSA Advocacy chair, I organized the first RSA Capitol Hill Day in 2012 and have continued to participate in our lobbying visits every year since that time. I am well versed in the threats to our specialty and enjoy engaging with our members of Congress on vital issues, such as due process for physicians. In 2015-2016, my primary focus as founder and co-chair of the new Women in Emergency Medicine (WiEM) committee was to recruit, retain and champion female emergency physicians in our organization. I led the planning of the first WiEM social in 2015, women's track at SA in 2016, and collaborated with the Diversity and Inclusion Task force to host a larger social event that welcomed members of both groups in 2016. I was honored to serve the past year on the Board as an appointed At-Large member. In this role, I championed a proposal for a Lactation Room at SA 2017 for our members who are mothers to nurse/pump, and brought to the board a plan for a new Ultrasound Section, led by experts from my home institution. I also chaired the new Marketing Task Force to take a fresh look at AAEM's logo and slogan as we plan ahead for the continued success of the Academy in 2017 and beyond.

The future of AAEM lies in reaching young physicians to educate them on our core values and to engage and retain our very active and talented resident and student members. The focus of our efforts should be in two areas: education and advocacy. The first step is by continuing to provide the highest quality educational offerings at Scientific Assembly and through our Board preparation courses by using innovative learning formats. The second step is to reach our members, especially young physicians and those in training, and our representatives in Congress about the principles of fair practice environments so that we can shape the future of our specialty for the better. I believe my recent efforts demonstrate my desire to push our organization forward and grow the benefits we provide to our members, while staying true to the central mission on which we were founded. Education and advocacy - for the emergency physician and ultimately for our patients - are the lifeblood of the Academy and I hope to continue to lead on the Board of Directors with these central themes as my guide.



## **Bobby Kapur, MD MPH FAAEM**

### **Candidate for At-Large Director**

Nominated by: David A. Farcy, MD FAAEM FCCM

Membership: 2012-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

Academic Affairs Committee 2013-2017

Inter-American Emergency Medicine Congress Speaker 2012, 2014, 2016

AAEM has been and continues to be the pivotal organization advocating for both emergency physicians' and patients' rights in our nation's Emergency Departments. In addition, AAEM's members have inspired medical students, guided residents in training, and collaborated with physicians in other countries. I have had the privilege as a member of AAEM to serve in these various roles. I completed residency in Emergency Medicine from Yale New Haven Hospital and fellowship in International Medicine from Brigham & Women's Hospital. Then I was the International Emergency Medicine Fellowship Director at George Washington University from 2004-2009 where I started 4 Emergency Medicine residency programs in India, helped launch an Emergency Medicine residency in Beijing, and led a 3-year project in Turkey to provide training courses for more than 2,000 physicians working in Emergency Departments in government hospitals. I worked with the AAEM International Committee as faculty for both the Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress and the Inter-American Emergency Medicine Conference. For these achievements, I was awarded the "Fellow of the International Federation of Emergency Medicine." In 2009, I was recruited to Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) to develop and start the new Emergency Medicine residency program, and within 10 months, we received full initial accreditation for the residency program with 14 residents each year. During this time, I served on the AAEM Academic Affairs Committee, and as Program Director, I ensured we had 100% resident membership in AAEM. In 2014, I led a 6-person team from BCM to provide Ebola preparedness & response training in Nigeria at the height of the epidemic in the country. In 2015, I was recruited as Chief of Emergency Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) in Miami, and the Jackson Memorial Hospital/ University of Miami Emergency Medicine residency program received initial full accreditation and was started in June 2016. The JMH/UM residency program is also 100% AAEM resident membership. In addition, I am the senior editor for the first book in the field of Emergency Public Health titled *Emergency Public Health: Preparedness and Response*.

It is an honor to be nominated for an At-Large Position on the AAEM Board of Directors, and if elected, I will continue to work with my AAEM colleagues and use my experiences to support AAEM's mission to provide each person with access to high-quality emergency care provided by emergency medicine specialists. I will work with AAEM's national, state and local leadership to support emergency physicians in their professional endeavors and provide resources for their personal wellbeing, and I will encourage the voice and efforts of our Resident and Student Association as they train to be the future of our specialty.



**Robert P. Lam, MD FAAEM**

**Candidate for At-Large Director**

Nominated by: Jonathan S. Jones, MD FAAEM

Membership: 2002-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2012-2016

Wellness Committee, Chair 2016-2017

Wilderness Medicine Committee 2015-2016

Social Media Committee 2012-2016

Diagnostic Case Competition Award 2016

*Common Sense* Author 2016

Dear Colleagues:

Most importantly, I am a practicing emergency physician in an independent democratic group staffing a busy university affiliated community hospital. I am also a teacher who believes in medicine as a profession. I feel honored to be entrusted to make a difference every day serving on the front lines of medicine and I am committed to sharing this honor and responsibility with students. One of the greatest challenges we, as emergency physicians, currently face is burnout. Unfortunately, burnout has already impacted many of us with a reported 65% of emergency physicians having lost the joy of practicing this great profession through disengagement and physical exhaustion. The syndrome of burnout is part of my own story as well as the source of my passion to fight against it. I am proud to serve AAEM and my colleagues as Chair of the Wellness and Burnout Committee as we journey together to find evidence based solutions to this complex problem.

In these challenging times, we must receive support from the institutions that advocate for the practicing emergency physician and no institution is better situated to champion wellness and fight burnout than AAEM. The Academy was founded on this advocacy and continues to fight for our right to practice in fair and equitable work environments. There is no greater example of this advocacy then when AAEM come to the aid of our democratic group when we lost our contract to a contract management group. Over the years AAEM has given me education, professional relationships, advocacy, and service opportunities. I believe that it is time for me to give back to my colleagues and this organization that I believe in. It would be my honor to serve my fellow colleagues on the AAEM board of directors. I hope you will support me in this endeavor.



**Evadne G. Marcolini, MD FAAEM FACEP**

**Candidate for At-Large Director**

Nominated by: David A. Farcy, MD FAAEM FCCM

Membership: 2005-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

ACCME Sub-Committee 2013-2016

Education Committee 2013-2016

Mentorship Sub-Committee 2016

Scientific Assembly Speaker 2013-2016

Scientific Assembly Planning Committee Co-Chair 2015-2016

Scientific Assembly Abstract Competition Reviewer 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress Speaker 2015

Inter-American Emergency Medicine Congress Speaker 2012, 2014

It is a great honor to be nominated to the Board of Directors of AAEM. I have been a member of AAEM since 2005, back when I was a resident, trying to figure out the landscape of emergency medicine, and what different organizations mean to the practicing emergency physician. As I discovered, AAEM does the best job of representing the individual emergency physician and focuses on how to do the right thing for those who are giving excellent patient care to all patients, irrespective of cultural or socioeconomic backgrounds. The world of medicine, including emergency medicine is changing. It is no longer as simple as doing the best job we can in taking care of patients; we must understand and attend to the details of financial, legal and management practices in order to accomplish the best care for our patients. This is more complicated than what we learned in medical school, and takes a team of dedicated experts to interpret, communicate and implement changes in our practice structure. My role has been in education and integrating AAEM membership into an active role in the Academy.

In all of my activities with AAEM, I have appreciated the spirit of the individuals who organize and participate in the Academy and its activities. We are a diverse group of professionals dedicated to excellence in taking care of patients as well as taking care of each other. We volunteer our time to make AAEM and emergency medicine the best that it can be. Part of this mission includes communicating our values to the next generation, and getting them involved. This has been a core element of my work on the Education committee, and the Scientific Assembly. My goal is to continue representing the best that we stand for, and to educate, inspire and recruit younger professionals to become involved. It has been exciting to see new educators and speakers step up to the plate in our education activities, as well as to mentor them in involvement in their growth as educators. I look forward to contributing my talents to the Board, and to earning your vote!



**Brian R. Potts, MD MBA FAAEM**

**Candidate for At-Large Director**

Nominated by: David A. Farcy, MD FAAEM FCCM; Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM; Kevin Rodgers, MD FAAEM

Membership: 2002-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

AAEM Board of Directors 2016-2017  
 Young Physicians Section Board of Directors 2008-2009  
 Young Physicians Section Board of Directors, Vice President 2009-2010  
 Young Physicians Section Board of Directors, President 2010-2011  
 Young Physicians Section Mentor 2012-2015  
 Resident and Student Association, Student Representative 2002-2004  
 Resident and Student Association, Secretary-Treasurer 2004-2005  
 Resident and Student Association, Vice President 2005-2006  
 Resident and Student Association, President 2006-2007  
 Resident and Student Association, Immediate Past President 2007-2008  
 California Chapter Division Board of Directors, Resident Representative 2005-2008

California Chapter Division Board of Directors, Secretary 2008-2010  
 California Chapter Division Board of Directors, President 2010-2011  
 California Chapter Division Board of Directors, Immediate Past President 2011-2012  
 California Chapter Division San Francisco Speaker Series, Co-Chair 2012-2015  
 AAEM Residency Visit Speaker 2016-2017  
 Chapter Division Committee 2012-2016  
 Government Affairs Committee 2012  
 Membership Committee 2016  
 Resident of the Year Award 2005  
 James Keaney Award 2015

I would like to ask for your vote for At-Large Director to represent you on the AAEM Board. As a current At-Large Director, I have enjoyed my role as the board liaison for the Membership and State Chapter Division committees as well as my direct involvement with two board task forces. If elected, I would continue as a voice for AAEM's community emergency physicians. Our Board should reflect a diverse group of both academic and community emergency physicians to best represent our organization's membership. I believe strongly in AAEM's mission and vital efforts to improve the practice environment for all emergency physicians, defend the value of board-certification, and provide excellent educational activities. AAEM's hard work to promote fairness in the workplace (control over professional fees, equitable ownership, due process, open books) can directly impact the job environment for emergency physicians in a positive way.

Through medical school, residency, and now while in community practice, I have held numerous national and state leadership roles within AAEM and previously served on the AAEM Board as a past YPS Director (2011) and past AAEM/RSA President (2007). Additional key positions where I contributed to AAEM include YPS President and Medical Student Section President. For five years, I served on the RSA Board of Directors in various positions and was involved in RSA's early development, and RSA's continued growth and success have been exciting to watch over the years. Closer to home, I have been actively involved with the California chapter (CAL/AAEM) as a member of the chapter's Board of Directors since 2006 and served as President in 2010.

After finishing my emergency medicine residency at UC-Irvine in 2007, I went to work in for a small private democratic group in the San Francisco Bay Area (Berkeley Emergency Medical Group). I am currently the medical director and chair of emergency medicine for our Berkeley campus. As the group's CFO, I'm also actively involved in managing our group's operations, so I understand the complexities of running a group practice and the challenges we face within the health care system. I feel fortunate to be a partner in a group which embodies the cores values of AAEM. My work with AAEM has always been to help support the growth of the democratic group model, so more emergency physicians can have the opportunity to work in an environment and for a group like mine.

In closing, I joined AAEM as a medical student and have been actively involved in AAEM leadership ever since. In 2015, I was the recipient of the James Keaney Award. I've been fortunate to work with many amazing past AAEM leaders, current AAEM leaders, and AAEM staff over the years and in many ways consider AAEM to be part of my extended family. I would be honored, if elected, to continue supporting the mission and values of AAEM and serving as a champion for AAEM's members.



**Thomas R. Tobin, MD MBA FAAEM**

**Candidate for At-Large Director**

Nominated by: William Durkin, MD MBA CPE FAAEM; David A. Farcy, MD FAAEM FCCM

Membership: 2002-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

AAEM Board of Directors 2016-2017

Independent Practice Support Committee, Chair 2015-2017

Chapter Division Committee 2016-2017

AAEM Residency Visit Speaker 2012-2017

I was fortunate enough to have been part of the Board of Directors for the past year. I was appointed to fill a one year vacancy left from last year's election. I continued to chair the Independent Practice Support Committee during the past year.

During the past year, I contributed to several projects. These included advocating and fighting for EM Physician rights in billing and employment. Supporting and successfully pushing back against insurance companies continued efforts to not fairly pay EM physicians for patient care.

It has been my pleasure to serve every EM Physician in my roles as part of AAEM. I have spent my whole career supporting, advocating and fighting for EM Physicians and the independent practice of medicine. Ultimately benefiting the patients for which we care every day.

I ask that you allow me to continue to serve you at AAEM as a member of the board of directors. Thank you for considering me and voting for me.



**Jennifer Kanapicki Comer, MD FAAEM**

**Candidate for YPS Director**

Nominated by: Self Nomination

Membership: 2007-2017

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

- Young Educator of the Year Award 2016
- Resident and Student Association Board of Directors 2008-2010
- Young Physicians Section Board of Directors 2010-2011
- Young Physicians Section Board of Directors, Secretary-Treasurer 2011-2012
- Young Physicians Section Board of Directors, Vice President 2012-2013
- Young Physicians Section Board of Directors, President 2013-2014, 2016-2017
- Young Physicians Section Board of Directors, Immediate Past President 2015-2016
- Young Physicians Section Mentor 2012, 2014-2015

- California Chapter Division Board of Directors 2011-2013
- California Chapter Division Board of Directors, Secretary 2013-2014
- California Chapter Division Board of Directors, Vice President 2014-2016
- California Chapter Division San Francisco Speaker Series, Co-Chair 2012-2015
- Women in Emergency Medicine Committee 2015-2017
- Education Committee 2016
- Chapter Division Committee 2016
- Scientific Assembly Speaker 2015-2016
- Scientific Assembly Open Mic Judge 2015-2016

For the past year it has been my pleasure serving on the AAEM/YPS Board of Directors as President. I, with the support of AAEM/YPS, have accomplished a lot in the past few years. Our ALiEM-AAEM Social Media and Digital Scholarship produced the very popular multimedia product, AAEM/YPS Rules of the Road. This is an important tool that we provide to our members to help make the transition into their post-residency life as smooth as possible. Under my presidency we also launched "AAEM/YPS EM Flash Facts," an application used to help our members prepare for the EM boards, help educators teach EM topics to students, and assist learners in reviewing important EM topics portably. This was a huge accomplishment that was no easy feat, but a rewarding endeavor in order to provide our members this amazing benefit. On a local level, I am serving as the Cal/AAEM Vice-President. This role allows me the opportunity to be the Co-Director of the San Francisco Speaker Series, a great way for Northern California physicians to network and learn from amazing local speakers.

Also under our YPS belt this year is a very successful Scientific Assembly. We have been working on improving mentor/mentee relationships and are planning on continuing the very successful annual "Mentor/mentee Lunch" at Scientific Assembly in 2017. We are also working to bring back the YPS/RSA Social and will be continuing to host Open Mic. We are always working on new initiatives to provide opportunities to young physicians.

As for my background outside of AAEM, I have completed two fellowships and serve as an Assistant Professor at Stanford. My first fellowship was in International EM, and the second in Academics. I am very honored to have the title of Assistant Residency Director for the Stanford/Kaiser Residency Program. I am also the course director of a Stanford Undergraduate course entitled Introduction to Emergency Medicine. Given my passion for teaching and residents, I look forward to continuing to promote resident education and help shape new EM physicians.

I ask that I be elected as YPS Director, in order to continue utilizing AAEM to advance emergency medicine, provide new resources to its members and support to its youngest physicians. I have served many roles on both RSA and YPS and now look forward to working more closely with the AAEM board.



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

# Board *of* Directors *Elections*

## Candidate Platform Statements

AAEM does not endorse any statement made by candidates and specifically rejects anticompetitive statements.

The nomination period for AAEM's upcoming elections has ended. All individuals running for an open seat on the board of directors have been identified, and the race has begun. Presented here for the benefit of all AAEM full voting, emeritus, and Young Physician Section (YPS) members of AAEM are the formal platform statements of each of the candidates.

AAEM's democratic election process is just one of the many things that make our organization unique among medical specialty societies. Please carefully review the information presented here, and make your arrangements to join us in Orlando for the Forum and final elections. ■

## Online Voting

New in 2017 ballots will only be available online. We encourage all members to attend the State of the Academy, Town Hall, and Candidates' Forum and all eligible members to cast their vote online. ■

## Important Dates

- Online voting opens: January 23, 2017
- Attend the State of the Academy, Town Hall, & Candidates' Forum: March 17, 2017 from 2:00pm-3:30pm
- Online voting closes: March 17, 2017 at 11:59pm CT ■

# **CAST YOUR BALLOT!**

**NEW FOR 2017**

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