



AAEM 2016 CANDIDATE PLATFORM STATEMENTS





Dear AAEM Member,

Enclosed are the candidate statements for the 2016 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 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 2016 election.

If You Will Attend the Scientific Assembly:

- ***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 February 18, 2016, 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 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. Voting will remain open until February 18, 2016 at 11:59pm CT.

If You Are Unable to Attend the Scientific Assembly:

- You may complete your official ballot online at www.aaem.org/elections. Online voting will remain open until February 18, 2016, at 11:59pm CT. Mailed ballots must be received by February 12, 2016.

Balloting Procedure for 2016:

- ***Voting ballots will be available online only prior to Scientific Assembly.*** Please visit www.aaem.org/elections to cast your vote electronically or download a paper ballot. You may submit ballots by mail to AAEM Elections, 555 E. Wells St., Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI, 53202. *Please note that the paper ballot will supersede all online voting ballot submissions and all previously submitted ballots will be discarded.*
- ***Voting onsite at Scientific Assembly will occur by paper ballot.*** As in previous years, paper ballots will be distributed at the Candidates' Forum during the Annual Business Meeting to members who have not already cast their vote. Paper ballots will also be available at the registration desk throughout the conference. Online voting will remain open until 11:59pm CT on February 18, 2016.

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



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 Las Vegas for the Forum and final elections. ■

President-Elect

To ensure clear planning and leadership succession each term, the AAEM board of directors has introduced a president-election position on the board. This officer will serve a two-year term as president-elect and then transition to a two-year term as president. The 2016 election is unique in that both a president and president-elect will be elected this transition year. In 2018, only a president-elect position will be included on the ballot. ■

Important Dates

- Online voting opens: November 25, 2015
- Mailed paper ballots must be received by: February 12, 2016
- State of the Academy, Town Hall, & Candidates' Forum: February 18, 2016 from 2:00pm-3:30pm
- Online voting closes: February 18, 2016 at 11:59pm CT ■



Kevin G. Rodgers, MD FAAEM
Candidate for President

Nominated by: Carey D. Chisholm, MD FAAEM; Robert McNamara, MD FAAEM; Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM; and Joel Schofer, MD MBA CPE FAAEM

Membership: 1999-2015

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

AAEM Board of Directors 2002-2008, 2011-2016
 AAEM Foundation Board of Directors 2011-2016
 AAEM Vice President 2014-2016
 AAEM Secretary-Treasurer 2012-2014
 Joe Lex Educator of the Year Award 2009
 AAEM Written Board Review Course Top Speaker Award 2012
 AAEM Representative ACGME/RRC EM Milestone Working Group 2012-2013
 ACCME Subcommittee 2011-2015
 ACCME Accreditation Review 2011, 2015
 Education Committee Board Liaison 2014-2015
 Education Committee 2011-2015
 Finance Committee, Chair and Board Liaison 2012-2013
 Scientific Assembly Subcommittee Co-Chair 2012-2014
 AAEM/RSA's *Emergency Medicine: A Focused Review of the Core Curriculum*, Author
 AAEM/RSA Board Liaison 2013-2015
 Scientific Assembly, Speaker 2011-2015
 AAEM Representative ABEM Board Eligibility Working Group 2015

AAEM/RSA Program Director of the Year Award 2015
 Scientific Assembly, Pre-Conference Course Speaker 2010
 Scientific Assembly, Photo Competition Judge 2011-2014
 Scientific Assembly, Open Mic Judge 2012, 2014
 Scientific Assembly, Morbidity & Mortality Judge 2012, 2015
 Oral Board Review Course, Examiner 2011
 Oral Board Review Course, Director 2011-2014
 Written Board Review Course, Speaker 2011, 2013, 2015
 Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Executive Committee 2012-2013
 Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC), Speaker 2011, 2013, 2015
 Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC), Abstract Judge 2015
 AAEM/RSA Midwest Medical Student Symposium, Speaker 2013-2015
 AAEM & AAEM/RSA Residency Visit Speaker 2012-2015
Common Sense Author

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."-Warren Bennis

Bob McNamara, Joe Wood, Antoine Kazzi, Tom Scaletta, Larry Weiss, Howard Blumstein, Bill Durkin, Mark Reiter. Big shoes to fill, but I believe that my eleven years on the Board of Directors (including my time as Treasurer and Vice-President) and the opportunity to serve with and learn from this dynamic cadre of AAEM presidents has prepared me for the challenge! I know our organization, I know where we've been, I know where we must go. Today more than ever, AAEM must lead the way as the preeminent EM organization protecting the rights of the individual board-certified EM physician as well as those of our patients. I enthusiastically embrace the opportunity to lead AAEM into the future.

How will we do that?

We must steadfastly uphold our focus on supporting our mission statement. As the influence and control of CMGs continues to grow, we must find new ways to support our members in maintaining and creating fair and equitable practice environments. Insuring that the newly created AAEM Physician Group receives all the necessary resources to successfully grow and sustain democratic EM groups is a major innovative step in the right direction.

We must be diligent in identifying threats to AAEM members such as joint ventures and the elimination of balance billing for out-of-network emergency care. The best counter to these threats is to increase our visibility and influence in Washington with Congress and CMS, thus invoking legislative changes that protect EM physicians across the country.

While we continue to champion the most important AAEM tenant, board-certification in EM, we should challenge and collaboratively work with ABEM on ways to streamline and improve the maintenance of certification process.

We must enhance and expand our educational opportunities for members as well as EM physicians around the world. While maintaining Scientific Assembly as the most renowned and affordable EM educational venue is a given, we should also focus on creating more on-line resources for CME, fostering opportunities for FOAMed, and supporting the development of international EM meetings .

We must increase the productivity of our organization by increasing and utilizing our most important resource, our members. Successful growth of our organization is dependent upon aggressive recruitment and retention of EM residents and medical students through support of the RSA. They are our future! Meanwhile, enhanced productivity is directly tied to utilizing the talents of our members through our committee structure.

My mantra: "There is no greater calling than service to others." When I became involved in AAEM in 1997, I believed it was the best organization in EM through which I could advocate for my patients, colleagues and specialty. Now I want the opportunity to lead those with similar beliefs. As an organization, AAEM is setting the agenda for the future of our specialty and the specialist in Emergency Medicine. I believe I have the foresight, commitment and energy to lead that charge. ■



David A. Farcy, MD FAAEM FCCM
Candidate for President-Elect

Nominated by: Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM; Kevin G. Rodgers, MD FAAEM; and Lisa Moreno-Walton, MD MS MSCR FAAEM

Membership: 2002-2016

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

AAEM Board of Directors 2015-2017
AAEM Foundation Board of Directors 2015-2017
Florida Chapter Division Board of Directors 2011
Florida Chapter Division President 2011-2014
Florida Chapter Division Immediate Past President 2014-2015
Florida Chapter Division Scientific Assembly Speaker 2011, 2013-2015
Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2013, 2015
Scientific Assembly Speaker 2013-2015
Delaware Valley State Chapter Resident's Day Speaker 2013

AAEM & AAEM/RSA Residency Visit Speaker 2015
Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC),
Speaker 2013, 2015
Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC),
Abstract Judge 2013, 2015
State Chapter Committee 2011-2014
AAEM Podcast Contributor 2012-2015

As a member of AAEM since residency, I am honored to be nominated to lead the Academy in the future. I was born and raised in France and moved to the U.S. in 1987. After high school, I joined the U.S. Air Force and served as a medic, which sparked my interest in emergency medicine. As a resident at Maimonides Medical Center, I was enlightened by the lectures given by Dr. McNamara and Dr. Keaney about issues that we would face during our career. AAEM's mission statement strongly resonated with me. AAEM was the only organization truly advocating for its membership. AAEM was committed to core beliefs such as workplace fairness, transparency, and due process. AAEM was the only organization willing to take on well-funded contract management groups, hospital chains, and pharmaceutical companies when their actions could negatively impact emergency physicians and our patients.

As a resident member, I joined AAEM's critical care committee and became the resident representative for that section. My love for critical care led me to complete an emergency medicine critical care fellowship at Baltimore Shock Trauma. More recently, I have created several AAEM podcasts for critical care. Currently, I serve the Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami, Florida, a community hospital that also hosts an osteopathic emergency medicine residency. I also serve as their Director of Critical Care.

Since the beginning of my career, I have been dedicated to helping AAEM accomplish its mission and vision. I practice in Florida, which likely has the highest penetration of contract management groups in the country. Workplace fairness is a major issue for emergency physicians in my state. I quickly became active in Florida's AAEM Chapter and was soon elected to the FL-AAEM Board. I served two terms as FL-AAEM President and currently am the Immediate Past President. As FL-AAEM President I developed the FL-AAEM Scientific Assembly, which greatly increased AAEM's exposure to Florida's emergency physicians. In addition, we provided members a free, high-quality meeting for CME, networking, and advocacy; we are currently planning our 5th meeting. When I began my involvement, AAEM had little to no representation in Florida. We rapidly grew our membership and now have a voice and a seat at the table, FL-AAEM has partnered with Florida ACEP on several legislative issues, and a legislative day, and together we have successfully repealed several bills.

I was recently elected to AAEM's Board of Directors. Our current AAEM Board, under Dr. Reiter's leadership, has been exceptional, and we are writing history as we speak. Our specialty is currently under attack, and the Academy is often our only major advocate on important issues that affect all of us. On the AAEM Board, I have been active and vocal, doing my best to represent community and academic emergency physicians, residents, fellows, and students. I am passionate about I will devote my best effort to lead this great organization. ■



Leslie Zun, MD MBA FAAEM
Candidate for President-Elect

Nominated by: William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM; Robert Suter, DO MHA FAAEM; and Larry Weiss, MD JD MAAEM FAAEM

Membership: 1993-2016

Disclosure: Service to other organizations, President Elect, American Association for Emergency Psychiatry

AAEM Board of Directors 1998-2002, 2011-2016
 AAEM Foundation Board of Directors 2011-2016
 AAEM/RSA Board Liaison 2012-2013
 AAEM David K. Wagner Award 2011
 Academic Affairs Committee 2011-2013, 2015
 ACCME Subcommittee 2013-2015
 Education Committee 2011-2015
 Finance Committee 2012-2015
 Operations Management Committee 2011-2015
 Practice Management Committee 2011-2014
 Independent Practice Support Committee 2015

Quality Standards Committee 2014-2015
 AAEM Scientific Assembly Speaker 2011-2015
 AAEM & AAEM/RSA Residency Visit Speaker 2012-2015
 Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Speaker 2011, 2013, 2015
 Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC), Abstract Judge 2015
 Pan-Pacific Emergency Medicine Congress (PEMC) Speaker 2012
 Inter-American Emergency Medicine Congress (IAEMC) Speaker 2014
Common Sense Author 2011, 2014-2015

I am running for President-Elect of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine because I am concerned about the direction emergency medicine is going. Sitting at the table with Jim Keaney, author of *The Rape of Emergency Medicine*, I experienced the humble beginnings of a great organization. The dream was to be the premier emergency medicine organization that represented the little guy, the practicing emergency physician. The goal has always been to secure an equitable and fair practice environment. As the unethical and unequitable practices continue to grow and thrive in this environment, our influence continues to shrink. We need to get back to our roots to protect, educate and promote board certified emergency physicians.

What is needed is to get back to a focus on the working emergency physician? We need to level the playing field for emergency physicians to work in the hospital of their choosing with due process and an equity stake in their practice. We must support AAEM Physician Group Practice, independent democratic groups and expand the benefits for physicians in order to compete with contract management companies. We need to educate students, residents, hospital administrators and other physicians about the detrimental effects of contract management companies. AAEM must be viewed as the "go to" organization both nationally and internationally. No longer can we stand by when other emergency medicine organizations provide their biased positions when queried by governmental and other related organizations. We need to be viewed as the lead organization that always takes the high ground for physicians and patients. And last but most important, we must stop the illegal and unethical collaboration between hospitals and contract management companies to increase their profits by taking physicians fees.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to serving the board certified emergency physician ■



John B. Christensen, MD FAAEM

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

Nominated by William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM; Robert McNamara, MD FAAEM; and Andy Walker, MD FAAEM

Membership: 1994-2015

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

AAEM James Keane Leadership Award 2002

AAEM Board of Directors 2012-2016

AAEM Foundation Board of Directors 2012-2016

Finance Committee 2012-2015

State Chapter Committee 2014

Practice Fairness Task Force 2015

Government Affairs Committee, Liaison 2012-2013

Government Affairs Committee 2015

California Chapter Division President 2014-2015

California Chapter Division Vice President 2013-2014

California Chapter Division Board Member 2011-2014

AAEM & AAEM/RSA Residency Visit Speaker 2012

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC)

Speaker 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC),

Abstract Judge 2015

I hope to earn your vote as AAEM's next Secretary-Treasurer. As Secretary-Treasurer of AAEM, powered by a passionate, long term commitment to AAEM's founding principles, I will bring over 25 years of extensive experience and innovation in:

- organizational leadership
- managerial (strategic) and financial accounting
- medical practice business valuation
- complex litigation on fair market value of management services in EM
- medicolegal risk management
- medical practice management
- pension fund management
- local, state and national advocacy on complex issues of fairness in emergency medicine work environments

At a time when medical professionalism is under siege by CMGs, I believe broad and deep expertise is needed on the AAEM Executive Committee to best represent the interests of AAEM's members.

AAEM Mission Statement Number 5, the support of fair and equitable practice environments—AAEM's founding principle, has been the heart of my professional life. I've spent major segments of my 40 years in community-based EM struggling to right the wrongs posed by EM contract management groups and large hospital systems. Those struggles began in 1978 with legal action to break a restrictive covenant imposed by one of the original large CMGs in California to allow formation of one of the first democratic independent local EM groups in the state.

From 1997 to 2002, I led the largest legal action in EM's history on the fair market value of EM management services. Victory in that battle prevented the cumulative loss, to date, of over \$140 million to working EPs in California and prevented several billion in potential losses to thousands of other hospital based physicians over the intended 30 year duration of the arrangement blocked by the lawsuit. In 2002 I received the James M. Keane Leadership Award for my role in this incredibly complex legal action.

In February 2012, I was elected to AAEM's Board of Directors on my promise to lead the Academy to become "an Independent Trustee to promote Fair Market Value transactions in every aspect of the business of EM" and to create and develop an AAEM "Practice Fairness Toolkit" that rigorously delineates what fairness is in the many facets of the practice of EM. On December 5, 2012, I am happy to report that AAEM's Board unanimously approved the establishment of AAEM as *The Trusted Advocate of Fairness in Emergency Medicine*TM and the formation of the *AAEM Practice Fairness Council*.

I would be honored to serve as AAEM's Secretary-Treasurer to repay my debt of gratitude to the Academy through service to its Members.

Education: University of Michigan Medical School (M.D., 1973)

Board Certification: ABEM (1982), ABIM

Selected Professional activities:

California Medical Association (CMA), Delegate

CMA Hospital Based Physician Forum, member

Santa Cruz County Medical Society, Board of Governors

Santa Cruz Emergency Physician Medical Group, Inc., CEO (1992-2011), CFO (1992-2009) SCEP Pension-Profit Sharing Plan Administrator (1992-present)

Med-America Mutual Risk Retention Group (medical liability insurance company), Claims Advisory Council member (2001-2010)

Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), member

National Association of Certified Valuators and Analyst (NACVA), member ■



Lisa Moreno-Walton, MD MS MSCR FAAEM

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer

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

Membership: 2001-2015

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

- AAEM Board of Directors 2015-2107
- AAEM Foundation Board of Directors 2015-2107
- ABEM Certification White Paper Task Force 2011
- Academic Affairs Committee 2011-2015
- Education Committee 2011-2015
- Learning Management System Task Force 2014-2015
- Scientific Assembly Planning Subcommittee 2014-2015
- Women in Emergency Medicine Interest Group 2014-2015
- Women in Emergency Medicine Interest Group, Board Liaison 2015
- Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2011
- Scientific Assembly Speaker 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015
- Scientific Assembly Abstract Judge 2012, 2014, 2015
- Scientific Assembly Open Mic Judge 2014
- Scientific Assembly Diagnostic Case Competition Judge 2014
- Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Steering Committee 2015
- Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Scientific Committee 2015
- Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Speaker 2011, 2013, 2015
- Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Abstract Judge 2011, Chair 2015
- Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Clinical Case Competition Organizer 2015
- Pan-Pacific Emergency Medicine Congress (PEMC) Speaker 2012
- AAEM & AAEM/RSA Residency Visit Speaker 2015

When I ran for the Board last year, I shared that when I decided to change specialty from Surgery to Emergency Medicine, I enrolled in EM residency training. I don't believe that it's ethical or responsible to practice EM without appropriate training. I am proud of the body of knowledge and the skill set that define EM as a specialty which cannot be practiced by anyone who has not met the requirements of board certification. I am proud of the Academy's unwavering commitment to the highest standards of practice, graduate medical education, fair and equitable practice environments necessary for delivery of the highest quality patient care, and the establishment of EM internationally as an independent specialty.

Since my election to the Board, I have actively participated in decision making in a timely and thoughtful manner. Last year, I authored a proposal to develop Women in EM Interest Group, and support this IG as Board liaison. This year, I authored a proposal to establish a committee on Diversity and Inclusion, to further broaden the scope of the Academy's membership to better reflect today's diverse EM practice, and to increase our appreciation of diversity and cultural competency, supporting our commitment to every patient's right to the highest level of care. I proposed a scholarship program for international EM residents to attend Scientific Assembly and learn from the Academy- particularly RSA- the true principles on which EM was founded and can thrive. Along with colleagues, I worked with the Polish Society for EM to develop a Young Physician Section, and am working with the Lebanese Society to develop a strong chapter committed to Board certification and residency training. I have engaged the Minister of Health in Cuba in plans for consultation and educational collaboration with the Academy. I have formed an alliance with the National Medical Association and, with Dr. Reiter, am working to establish a joint membership agreement with NMA. At the recent Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress, I served on the Scientific Committee and chaired the Abstract Committee, reviewing over 600 abstracts from >60 countries, setting up scientific sessions and engaging representatives from Puerto Rico, Central America and the Middle East to serve as speakers and moderators.

At Louisiana State University-New Orleans, I continue to serve as Professor of Emergency Medicine, Director of Research, Director of Diversity, and Director of HIV and HCV Testing. In addition to the clinical practice of EM, I am a well-funded researcher and an award winning educator.

This year, I again request the honor and privilege of serving you. I am nominated for Secretary-Treasurer by the current president, vice president, and candidate for president elect. As an executive board, we will work collaboratively to accomplish much for the Academy. We are mature enough in our careers to have experience and judgement, yet recent enough residency graduates that our perspective is fresh and current. I promise to work always in support of the Academy's mission and to serve our membership with dedication, passion and pride. ■



Scott Goldstein, DO FAAEM

Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: Self Nomination

Membership: 2009-2016

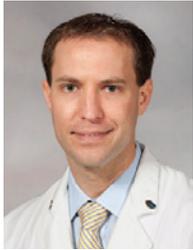
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee 2012-2015

Scientific Assembly Speaker 2013

I am Dr. Scott Goldstein, a member of AAEM, an academic and clinically practicing Emergency physician in the Philadelphia area. I have been involved in Emergency medicine since 2002. Within these 13 years I have gained a strong interest in academics, education and pre-hospital medicine.

In my time as an emergency physician I have the honor to be part of many committees locally and nationally, specifically EMS and education, and feel that I would like to expand my involvement to a higher level. This interest is to have a greater impact on the current and future generations of emergency physicians along with our specialty as a whole. AAEM is not just US known, but world renown, for its ability to make change, educate and advance emergency medicine. To be involved with such a prestigious organization on a national level will help me give back to the Emergency medicine community in a broader sense.

My local leadership positions as Director of Tactical Medicine and Director of Physician Support Unit along with my involvement with numerous committees within national organizations have prepared me well to take on this next challenge. I would be honored to be your next member at large. ■



Jonathan S. Jones, MD FAAEM

Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM; and Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM

Membership: 2009-2015

Disclosure: Service to other organizations, Prior service as President of the Mississippi chapter of ACEP. I now still serve on the MS-ACEP board as Immediate Past President. My term for this position is set to expire in August 2016. The Mississippi state chapter of ACEP is mainly engaged in delivering educational content to EM physicians in Mississippi and is mainly composed of physicians from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) which is the only academic center in the state. I was asked to participate in MS-ACEP as I oversee all educational content for the Department of Emergency Medicine at UMMC. I have never held a role in national ACEP. I feel that this service to MS-ACEP is beneficial to EM care in Mississippi and am glad that I participated. I do not feel that this service in any way conflicts with AAEM's mission and feel that it will not impede my dedicated service to the Academy.

AAEM Board of Directors, YPS Director 2015-2016

AAEM Foundation Board of Directors 2015-2016

YPS Board of Directors 2013-2014

YPS Vice President 2014-2015

YPS Mentoring Program 2012-2014

Education Committee 2014-2015

Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2011-2015

Common Sense Assistant Editor 2013-2015

Common Sense Author 2012-2015

Scientific Assembly Speaker 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC)
Speaker 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC)
Abstract Judge 2015

AAEM & AAEM/RSA Residency Visit Speaker 2015

Over the previous year, I served on the AAEM Board as the YPS director and I now ask for your vote to serve as an at-large director. I would have been content continuing to serve as the YPS director; however, I was recently notified that, as of this year, I am no longer "young" and so have been kicked out of the YPS. So maybe this means that I am now mature and experienced. No, just because I have graduated from the ranks of the young, doesn't mean I automatically get to join the ranks of the experienced. I find myself in that awkward phase that we thought we had all outgrown. I'm now experienced enough to know that the world of EM is not all wonderful, yet I'm naive enough to keep trying to make it wonderful.

As a residency program director, I have a unique understanding of the challenges faced by new EM physicians today. I see my residents study hard and work hard and get excited about Emergency Medicine. I see them struggle through years of residency so that one day, they can practice good medicine on their own. Unfortunately, I then see some of them graduate into jobs where they cannot practice good medicine.

Over the last several years, I have served the Academy in multiple roles, from YPS Vice-president, to Education Committee member, to Assistant Editor of *Common Sense*, and this past year as YPS Director. To be honest, I have not dedicated my time to the Academy because I inherently love the Academy. No, I have done this because I love Emergency Medicine. Our profession can be the most rewarding and most noble in the world. For some of us it is, but for many it is not. I have served the Academy because it is the only organization which understands the threats to the specialty and which fights for both patients and physicians.

I am running for an at-large Director position because I want to continue to serve the Academy. I want the Academy to do a better job reaching out to new EM physicians. Too many students, residents, and young physicians still don't understand the importance of due process, restrictive covenants, or other contract issues. Many students and residents, while members of AAEM, do not feel they are valued or encouraged appropriately. Students, residents, and young physicians don't have all the right answers, but they usually have all the right questions. We need to do a better job educating and engaging with these groups. These groups often have the energy and ideas to truly affect change. We need to do a better job encouraging this. The first part of this is accessibility. We are colleagues, so please call me (601-421-1033) or email me (jsjones3@umc.edu) any time if you want to chat about Emergency Medicine. ■



Geoffrey D. Lifferth, MD FAAEM

Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: David Lawhorn, MD FAAEM

Membership: 2005-2015

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

Tennessee Chapter Division (TNAEM) Member 2011-2015

I completed my training at the Brigham and Women's/Massachusetts General Hospital Harvard-Affiliated EM residency in 2002, then moved to Tennessee and was a founding partner in a private, democratic, single-hospital group where I eventually rose to become the Business Director. I've served as the Chair of my Hospital's Ethics Committee for the past three years, and will serve as my hospital's Hospital's Chief of Staff starting in January. I am involved in teaching EM residents and medical students when they come to my community hospital near Nashville. I recently became vice-president of the Academy's Tennessee chapter division, TNAEM.

In my area, many private groups have been displaced by contract management groups over the last three years, which has increased my support for AAEM and its mission and finally pushed me to run for the Academy's Board of Directors. I passionately support the fair and equitable practice of Emergency Medicine, and want to fight for it. I have benefited greatly from AAEM's leadership and support, and I hope to give back by serving on the Board and furthering AAEM's mission. ■



Terrence Mulligan, DO MPH FAAEM FIFEM

Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: William T. Durkin, Jr., MD MBA CPE FAAEM and Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM

Membership: 2009-2015

Disclosure: Service to other organizations, Board member, International Federation for Emergency Medicine; Personal interests, international emergency medicine development

Amin Kazzi International Emergency Medicine Leadership Award 2015

International Committee Chair 2015

International Committee Co-Chair 2012-2014

Scientific Assembly International Track Chair 2013, 2014, 2015

Government and National Affairs Committee 2014-2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Speaker 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Executive Committee, 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Steering Committee 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Pre-Conference Course Director 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Scientific Committee 2015

Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC) Abstract Judge 2015

Inter-American Emergency Medicine Congress (IAEMC) Speaker, Moderator, Pre-Conference Course Director 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014

Pan-Pacific Emergency Medicine Congress (PEMC) Speaker 2014

Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2015

Young Physicians Section (YPS) Mentor 2013-2015

I am pleased and honored to have been nominated for the position of At-Large Board Member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine. This past year I was the Executive Director of the highly successful 8th MEMC in Rome, and am currently a Board member of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine, representing all North American EM Societies since 2012. I've been an active member of AAEM for many years, and have been very active in AAEM's international programs for more than a decade. In addition, I've also been involved in investigating the formation of a combined Maryland/Washington, D.C. State Chapter of AAEM for the past 12-18 months, which is currently being considered by interested parties.

AAEM represents emergency medicine in its truest expression — with dedication to representing board-certified emergency physicians, ensuring due practice rights, and acting in the best interests of EM and EM specialists. Given my experience in helping build EM and acute care systems in over 35 countries, I believe that AAEM holds a crucial position in the field of global emergency medicine development, and can make tremendous contributions to developing EM systems around the world. Many EM systems,

EM societies, universities and national governments are looking to established EM systems and EM societies for collaboration, cooperation and assistance with building their own national and regional EM systems. AAEM holds within its membership tremendous institutional wisdom and experience in EM education, and in creating, building and strengthening EM systems. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve AAEM and its membership, and to foster and encourage AAEM's continued and growing collaborations in the U.S. and in global emergency medicine development.

I have completed two residencies and board certifications, three Fellowships, and two Masters degrees. I am a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and am Director of our International EM program. From 2006-2010, I lived and worked in The Netherlands, directing two emergency departments and EM residencies, two of the first EM programs in that country. I'm also a Visiting Professor at in South Africa, India and China. In addition to working in academic EM, I have also worked extensively over the years in many community ED's, and understand the needs and concerns of the community-based emergency physician.

I am a co-founder and Board member of the African Federation for Emergency Medicine (AFEM), the past Chairman of the ACEP Section for International EM, a past chairman of the ACOEP International EM Committee, and the co-founder of the International EM Fellowship Consortium. I am an Associate Editor and co-founder of the peer-reviewed journal, The African Journal of Emergency Medicine and an executive editor of Emergency Physicians International magazine. I've established EM residencies, national and international EM societies and federations, Fellowships in EM and EM subspecialties, schools for emergency nursing, training schools for paramedics, relief agencies for underserved areas, disaster medicine and disaster preparation, hospital disaster preparedness and hospital trauma system development all around the world. ■



Joel M. Schofer, MD RDMS CPE FAAEM, Commander, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy

Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: Robert McNamara, MD FAAEM; Mark Reiter, MD MBA FAAEM; and Kevin G. Rodgers, MD FAAEM

Membership: 1999-2016

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

- AAEM Board Member 2011-2016
- AAEM Foundation Board Member 2011-2016
- AAEM Young Educator Award 2011
- Education Committee 2011-2012
- State Chapter Committee 2012
- Uniformed Services Chapter Division Secretary-Treasurer 2011-2012
- Uniformed Services Chapter Division Scientific Assembly Preconference Planning Committee, Chair 2011-2012
- Virginia Chapter Division President 2011-2013
- Virginia Chapter Division Past President 2014-2015
- AAEM/RSA *Rules of the Road for Medical Students*, Chief Editor
- AAEM/RSA *Emergency Medicine: A Focused Review of the Core Curriculum*, 1st & 2nd Ed., Chief Editor
- AAEM/RSA *EM Survival Guide*, Co-Editor
- AAEM/RSA *Rules of the Road for Medical Students*, 2nd Ed., Author
- AAEM/RSA Board Liaison 2010-2012
- AAEM/RSA Publications Advisor 2011-2015
- AAEM Scientific Assembly, Speaker 2009-2012, 2015
- AAEM Scientific Assembly Photo Competition, Judge 2011-2012
- AAEM Scientific Assembly AAEM/JEM Resident Research Competition, Judge 2011
- AAEM & AAEM/RSA Residency Visit Speaker 2014-2015
- Mediterranean Emergency Medicine Congress (MEMC), Speaker 2015
- Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2014
- Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*, Clinical Practice Section, Editor 2011-2015
- Journal of Emergency Medicine*, Peer Reviewer
- Common Sense* Author 2011-2015

It has been a pleasure serving as AAEM Secretary-Treasurer from 2014-2016. While my military commitments will not allow me to run for the President-Elect position at this time, I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to continue serving the AAEM membership as an At-Large member of the board of directors. I also appreciate the nomination to do so by Drs. McNamara, Reiter, and Rodgers and thank them for their support.

Our specialty is at a critical juncture in its history where the ever-expanding influence of contract management groups, increased government regulation, and electronic health records collides with physician autonomy and happiness. AAEM needs to continue to serve as a strong voice in the emergency medicine marketplace, advocating for its members as well as the patients they serve. The efforts by the organization, most importantly its efforts to form a physician group to support independent practice and its outreach to policy decision makers, need to continue. In addition, our educational outreach to the future of our specialty, the medical students and residents, should be strengthened to improve the future of our specialty.

My involvement in the board of directors would bring support for all of these critical initiatives and an unparalleled work ethic demonstrated by my extensive involvement in AAEM. I appreciate your consideration and would respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming election. ■



Thomas R. Tobin, MD MBA FAAEM

Candidate for At-Large Director

Nominated by: David Lawhorn, MD FAAEM

Membership: 2002-2015

Disclosure: Nothing to disclose at this time.

Independent Practice Support Committee, Chair 2015

I am honored and excited to be nominated for the AAEM Board of Directors. I would first like to thank Dr. David Lawhorn for the nomination. Given his many accomplishments and years of contribution to AAEM, his confidence in me is appreciated and humbling.

I became a member of AAEM during my first year of residency. Dr. Bob McNamara spoke at my residency in Pittsburgh and I immediately recognized the alignment of AAEM's mission and my own.

During the 11 years of my EM career I have personally experienced many of the great things in our specialty as well as many of the challenges facing Emergency Medicine. I was privileged to start my career with what could be considered the gold standard for Independent Democratic Groups. I had great mentors and teachers within the group and I learned a lot.

Unfortunately that group became one of the casualties of the push by hospitals to forgo community based independent groups and contract with CMG's. That provided the fire for me to become more active in AAEM and promotion of the mission.

Since that time I have continued to work in EM as well as spending more time and effort to help strengthen EM and the mission of AAEM. I obtained my MBA from the University of Tennessee for the sole purpose of strengthening my business knowledge in order better serve EM and the promotion of independent democratic group practices.

I believe I am now at a point where I have the experience and knowledge to serve AAEM and you, the membership, best by being on the board of directors. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Please feel free to contact me with any question.

After reading all of the candidate statements; Please take a couple of minutes right now to cast your ballot/vote. Your participation in the election process is critical to AAEM's continued success.

Yours in Service,

Thomas R Tobin, MD MBA FAAEM ■



Robert Stuntz, MD RDMS FAAEM

Candidate for YPS Director

Nominated by: Jonathan S. Jones, MD FAAEM

Membership: 2005-2016

Disclosure: Disclosure: Service to other organizations, I am a member of the social media committee for CORD. I am an Academic Emergency Medicine Social Media Faculty member (SAEM). I am a member of the Annals of Emergency Medicine Social Media Team. I do not chair or lead any of these, and do not feel that my responsibilities with these entities would pose any conflict with my responsibilities to AAEM.

Young Physicians Section (YPS) Secretary-Treasurer 2014-2016

YPS EM Flash Facts Author 2015

Social Media Committee, Chair 2014-2015

Social Media Committee 2012-2013

Young Physicians Section (YPS) Mentor 2015

Oral Board Review Course Examiner 2013

Hello, my name is Bob Stuntz, and I would appreciate your consideration for a position on the AAEM Board of Directors as the YPS director. I am currently the EM Residency Program Director and Vice Chair for Education at WellSpan York Hospital in York, PA.

Since my graduation from residency, AAEM and the YPS have been integral to my professional development. In the first years after graduation, I began pursuing educational interests within AAEM, serving as a Pearls of Wisdom Oral Board Review Course examiner since I was eligible. I also co-authored the introductory chapter to the second edition of the AAEM Focused Review of the Core Curriculum review book, and authored questions for two sections of the AAEM Board Review App, EM Flash Facts. I was fortunate to serve on the AAEM Social Media Committee, and subsequently became Chair. As Chair of the AAEM Social Media Committee, I have been able to lead the development and advancement of an AAEM Educational Twitter account that is staffed by social media committee members. Our goal is to advance AAEM's mission, sharing and advertising the great education we provide. We have also begun a social media column in Common Sense, attempting to educate others on the benefits of social media and how to best utilize available resources.

For the last two years, I have had the fortune of serving as the Secretary/Treasurer on the AAEM YPS board of directors. In this role, I have participated in the YPS CV review program and the YPS mentoring program. During my time on the board, I have had the privilege of working with some fantastic people, all of whom are invested in advancing the YPS. Having served on the YPS Board, I would now like to represent the YPS to the AAEM Board.

As I am nearing the end of my seven years of eligibility to be a member of the AAEM YPS, I have experienced firsthand the benefits of membership. AAEM and the YPS have helped me greatly as I have developed in my first years in practice. As a residency program director, I have extensive insight into the issues facing young physicians and residency graduates. As an active member of the YPS board the last two years, I have the insight into the YPS itself, and feel that I can be a strong representative and advocate of the YPS, and young physicians in general, to the AAEM board. It would be an honor to serve as the YPS Director and represent the young physicians within AAEM. Thank you for your consideration. ■