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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

If elected, what goals would you set for the Academy and what steps would you take to achieve them?

The Academy of Medicine has such a strong foundation and historical reputation in Cincinnati and offers an opportunity for the President to continue to develop and grow a regionally recognized society focused on physician and patient advocacy and promoting value based care. I believe a good President has many roles: leading and supporting our Councilors, members, and staff endeavors in our goal to improving patient care through fostering physician collaboration with support of education and advocacy for our field. I believe my professional and academic activities attest to my ability in this as a potential candidate and would be an exciting opportunity for me to contribute back to our community in Cincinnati, which I have been proud to be a part of for many years.

We are facing current challenges in our healthcare system that demand us to be vigilant in fostering optimal patient care while remaining a good financial steward for our patients and physicians. I would continue the AOM's work in developing committees and events for physician collaboration. I would also work on developing resources and access for help for our members to ensure a healthy practice with a deeper understanding of the effects of reimbursement policies and hospital costs on our practice of medicine. To help lead our colleagues through these times of change, I would promote more diverse educational events and speakers with expertise in areas such as law and business, in addition to revamping our web site and content, for the AOM to serve as a reference resource for our members. I would also look at developing social events which engages our various stakeholders and bring together diverse groups, to look past the local competitiveness, in order to work in collaboration for our mutual goals of ensuring quality patient care, physician autonomy, and appropriate reimbursement to sustain our practices. In order to promote quality in medicine within our region of Cincinnati, I would like to engage our stakeholders in the health systems such as Children's, Christ, Mercy, Trihealth, and UC, along with a number of smaller hospitals and practices to consider efforts in the area of data sharing and outcomes assessment to further support Cincinnati as a region for high quality patient care which is second to none.

BACKGROUND

MEDICAL SCHOOL: MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 1994

SPECIALTY: NEUROSURGERY

YEARS IN PRACTICE: 21

PRACTICE NAME/HEALTH SYSTEM

AFFILIATION: UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI PHYSICIANS

ACTIVITIES

ACADEMY COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

- Secretary (2020-2023)
- Councilor (2018-Current)
- Education Committee Chair
- Advocacy Committee Chair
- Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati Foundation
- Director, Board of Trustees (2022-2025 expected)

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICES/COMMITTEES

- CPT Editorial Panel (Term: 2023-2027)
- CPT Advisory Committee (2008-Present)
- AMA CPT Literature Workgroup
- AMA CPT Spinal Issues Workgroup

SPECIALTY SOCIETY OFFICES/COMMITTEES

STATE:

- ·Ohio State Neurosurgical Society
- ·Secretary 2019-2023
- ·Board of Directors

NATIONAL:

American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)

- ·Board of Directors, Member at Large 2021-2024
- ·Ex officio, 2012-2013
- ·ACS/AANS Health Policy Scholar, 2011
- ·AANS CPT Advisor (2007-2023)
- ·Annual Meeting Committee (2008-2009, 2012-Present)
- ·Chair, Coding and Reimbursement Committee (2014-2022)
- ·Director, AANS Coding & Reimbursement Education (2008-2014)
- ·Chair, Education and Practice Management Committee (2012-2020)

NeuroPoint Alliance, National Neurosurgery Quality and Outcomes

- ·Board of Directors, Officer, Secretary (2011-2012)
- ·AANS/CNS Joint Section of Spine and Peripheral Nerves
- ·Chair, Future Sites Committee (2022-Present)
- ·Chairperson (2012-2013)
- ·Director, Committee for Payer Policy Responses (2009-2013)
- ·Chairperson, CPT/Reimbursement Committee (2006-2010)
- ·Chairperson, Web Site Committee (2005-2010)
- ·AANS/CNS Trauma Section
- ·American Board of Neurological Surgeons (ABNS)
- ·Oral Board Examiner (2013-Present)

American College of Surgeons

- ·Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS)
- ·ACS/AANS Health Policy Scholar, 2011
- ·Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery (Term: 2021-2024)
- ·AO Association for the Study of Internal Fixation (AO/ASIF)
- ·Chair, AO SNA Fellowship Committee (2022-2024)
- ·Chair, AO Practice Management (2022-Present)
- ·Chair, North America Spine Education Committee (2014-2016)
- ·Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS)
- ·Chairperson, Affiliated Liaison Program (2007-2011)
- ·Co-Chairperson, Sergeant-at-Arms Committee (2005)
- ·Web Editorial Board (2002-2010)

Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (CSNS)

- ·Chair (2021-2023)
- ·Vice Chair (2019-2021)
- ·Corresponding Secretary (2017-2019)
- ·Treasurer (2015-2017)
- ·Recording Secretary (2012-2015)
- ·Chairperson, Medical Practices Committee (2011-2014)
- ·Chairperson, Web Site Subcommittee (2006-2011)
- ·Vice-Chairperson, Southeast Quadrant (2008-2011)

North American Spine Society (NASS)

- ·Board of Directors (2013-2020)
- ·Vice chair, Coding & Reimbursement Committee (2007-2019)
- ·Chair, Professional, Economic and Regulatory Committee (2013-2017)
- ·Chair, Public Affairs Committee, (2009-2013)

HOSPITAL OFFICES AND/OR COMMITTEES

- ·Chair, Neurosurgery Service Line at UCH
- ·Director, Clinical Operations UCGNI
- ·Medical Executive Committee (MEC), University of Cincinnati Medical Center