



Ohio ACEP Board of Directors & Councillor Candidates

Board Elections

Board members will be elected by ballot by majority vote of the Chapter membership at the Chapter's [Annual Meeting](#) on **June 8, 2022**.

Board members will serve for three years. Their terms of office will begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected. There are 15 members of the Ohio ACEP Board.

Three (3) Board Members will be elected by the membership to serve a three-year term. Current Board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-nomination and re-election.

Councillor Elections

Councillors will be elected by ballot by majority vote of the Chapter membership at the Chapter's [Annual Meeting](#) on **June 8, 2022**.

Councillors represent the Ohio Chapter on ACEP Council. [ACEP Council](#) is the deliberative and representative body that meets once a year for two days prior to the College's annual Scientific Assembly (2022's Scientific Assembly, ACEP22, is planned to be held in San Francisco, CA on September 29 & 30, 2022). The Council votes on resolutions, elects members to the National ACEP Board of Directors, and ensures grassroots involvement in the democratic decision-making process.

Four (4) Councillors will be elected by Ohio ACEP membership to serve a two-year term. All current Councillors with expiring terms are eligible for re-nomination and re-election.

Board Candidates



John Casey, DO, MA, FACEP, FACOEP; Board Candidate (Columbus, Ohio)

Dr. John Casey currently serves as the Residency Program Director at OhioHealth Doctors Hospital, a community academic site. He has significant experience as a member of the ACEP Federal Government Affairs and Public Health and Injury Prevention Committees and has previously served on the Board of the American Osteopathic Association and OhioHealth.

The next few years in Ohio remain critical in regard to legislation impacting physician practice, and Dr. Casey wants to contribute back to Ohio ACEP for being so supportive of him during residency and his early years in practice. Dr. Casey brings a strong voice representing emergency physicians with legislators and policy leaders, having a long history of political advocacy including being named as a Champion of Change for Healthcare by President Obama. His experience as hospital Chief of Staff allowed Dr. Casey to develop the skillset to effectively communicate with hospital leaders and the medical staff from all specialties. In that position, it was Dr. Casey's responsibility to address practice right concerns with non-physician providers and identify solutions for ED boarding.

Dr. Casey understands the challenges of daily EM practice with continued shrinking resources; increasing workplace violence; fair reimbursement; the ongoing opioid epidemic; and workforce concerns. Dr. Casey has significant career based knowledge in both EMS and academic emergency medicine, and is eager to use this varied skillset in service to his emergency medicine colleagues.

Dr. Casey is running to serve on the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors because activity at the state chapter level affords the opportunity to advance emergency medicine while supporting his colleagues at the local, regional, state, and national level.



Hannah Hughes, MD, MBA; Board Candidate (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Dr. Hannah Hughes is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Cincinnati (UC) where she also completed residency and was Chief Resident. She currently serves as the Assistant Medical Director of UC's Center for Emergency Care.

"Best doctor. Best leader. Best specialty." This is the mantra that guided Dr. Hughes' 3-year term as EMRA's President and is markedly like the 3 pillars of education, leadership, and advocacy that guide Ohio ACEP's efforts to advance emergency medicine for its practice, physicians, and patients.

Like many with previous involvement in organized medicine, she has gained experience being both a member and leader of a board of directors, connecting with and representing members, and advocating for the specialty as an ACEP Councillor and at ACEP's Lobby Day.

Unique to leading an organization during a pandemic, Dr. Hughes learned invaluable skills that she hopes to bring to Ohio ACEP as it faces the aftermath of market changes from COVID-19, including; maximizing member value when traditional member benefits are compromised; making key financial decisions to ensure organizational sustainability during market uncertainty; and conceptualizing an organization's future through strategic planning when faced with internal and external crises.

Dr. Hughes hopes to learn from the legacy of Ohio ACEP leaders that have come before her and simultaneously add a unique perspective to its' Board of Directors.



Ryan Squier, MD, FACEP; Board Candidate

Incumbent (Powell, Ohio)

Dr. Ryan Squier was born in Toledo, Ohio, graduated from St. John's Jesuit High School, and pursued a Bachelor of Science in Biology degree from Loyola University of Chicago. While studying at Loyola, Dr. Squier earned minors in Bioethics and Business Administration. He then returned to Toledo to attend the University of Toledo College of Medicine for his medical degree. Seeking to continue training for emergency medicine in arguably the most beneficial climate for the specialty, Dr. Squier stayed in Ohio and trained at Akron General Medical Center, the first community-based emergency medicine residency program in the country.

After residency, he relocated with his wife and four children to Powell, Ohio, joining the Mid-Ohio Emergency Services group in 2013. He has continued to focus on developing his position in the specialty through involvement in the Ohio Chapter's Leadership Development Academy, continued service as a member of the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors, member of the Executive Board, and as President of the Chapter from 2020-2021. Through that experience, Dr. Squier has had the opportunity to learn and interact with many of our state and national leaders and he hopes that he, too, may enact a further sense of leadership for an organization that supports our specialty of emergency medicine.

As an Ohio ACEP member, Dr. Squier has helped to further EM's voice to the community about the opioid abuse epidemic, serving as project coordinator for NIX Opiates. He has also been privileged to develop strong local, state, and national relationships in his advocacy for our specialty and the issues that are pivotal to our practice and our patients. Dr. Squier looks forward to continuing to serve emergency physicians, the specialty of emergency medicine, Ohio ACEP, and the National College in the future.

Board & Council Candidates



Thomas Lukens, MD, PhD, FACEP; Board and Council Candidate

Incumbent (Cleveland, Ohio)

Dr. Thomas Lukens has been a member of Ohio ACEP for greater than 30 years and believes his career in emergency medicine has greatly benefited from his involvement in the Chapter. Dr. Lukens is proud that Ohio ACEP continues to remain a well-regarded resource for medical education and, in addition, has demonstrated excellence in monitoring and acting on the political forces that affect the practice of medicine today.

Dr. Lukens would like to continue to contribute to the Chapter by serving as a Councillor and on the Board of Directors. He has been a member of the Board for 19 years, serving as the 2011-2012 Chapter President. He has also served as a Councillor for the past 17 years and is well acquainted with the processes and procedures used at the Council meeting. Having this experience, Dr. Lukens believes he can bring to the organization the benefit of institutional history and a willingness to work hard to represent his fellow emergency physicians as the specialty moves forward in the ever-changing field of healthcare.

Council Candidates



Christopher San Miguel, MD, FACEP; Council Candidate
(Columbus, Ohio)

Dr. Christopher San Miguel is originally from North Carolina but has been a member of Ohio ACEP since moving to Columbus for residency in 2014. He currently serves as a faculty member at The Ohio State University, where he serves as the 4th year Emergency Medicine Clerkship Director.

Dr. San Miguel is a second-generation emergency physician, and his father continues to practice in a critical access hospital in North Carolina. Because of his close relationship with his father, he feels that he is in a unique position to understand the concerns of and day to day challenges faced by community emergency physicians, even though he practices in an academic setting.

Dr. San Miguel is running for Chapter Councillor because he is concerned about the future of our specialty. He understands that the multitude of issues facing emergency medicine are complex, ranging from the regulation of billing practices to physician practice ownership to changes in residency educational requirements. He believes that our organization has an obligation to take action, make a stand, and advocate for its members.

In approaching these problems and their potential solutions, Dr. San Miguel will rely on his fundamental belief that residency-trained, physician-led healthcare teams provide the highest quality patient care and that local leadership with democratic contributions creates the most sustainable practice environments. He would greatly appreciate the opportunity to represent all Ohio emergency physicians as we work towards a brighter future.



Imran Shaikh, MD, FACEP; Council Candidate
Incumbent (Columbus, Ohio)

Dr. Imran Shaikh is in his seventh year as an attending physician and currently practices with Mid-Ohio Emergency Services. During his time serving as a Councillor, he says he has seen the critical importance of advocacy for the specialty of emergency medicine at both the local and national level.

Dr. Shaikh believes that ACEP Council is a platform for emergency medicine physicians, particularly with protecting jobs, strengthening our specialty within the healthcare field, and most importantly, improving physician wellness. He feels that his experience serving as an Ohio ACEP Councillor and his involvement in Ohio ACEP's Leadership Developmental Academy, has allowed him to experience firsthand how big of an impact we can make as individuals, and has solidified his desire to be an advocate for our specialty.

Dr. Shaikh says he would be honored to combine his experience, knowledge, and innate passion for emergency medicine with that of his colleagues in continuing to strive for positive progress within the specialty.



Joseph Tagliaferro, DO, FACEP; Council Candidate

(Brecksville, Ohio)

Dr. Joseph Tagliaferro was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, attended medical school in Athens, Ohio, and completed his residency at MetroHealth where he continues to practice and develop his career as an Emergency Medicine Physician.

He currently serves on the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors as well as the Chapter's Education and Government Affairs committees and is a member of ACEP's Education and QPSC committees.

Dr. Tagliaferro served as an alternate Councillor for Ohio ACEP last year and feels compelled to serve the Chapter as a Councillor moving forward. He has a desire to represent our members, patients, and specialty at the National level, doing so humbly and willingly. He believes that grassroots involvement of the Chapter is something that gives Ohio ACEP its strength and he looks forward to the possibility of representing our specialty in our great state at ACEP Council.



Nicole Veitinger, DO, FACEP; Council Candidate

Incumbent (Columbus, Ohio)

Dr. Nicole Veitinger is an attending physician in Columbus with Mid-Ohio Emergency Services, a democratic group covering several Central Ohio hospitals with OhioHealth. She is Medical Director for one of these sites, the Westerville Emergency Care Center.

Dr. Veitinger has been on the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors since 2015, currently serving as Chapter President and previously co-chair of the Leadership Committee and Leadership Development Academy (LDA). She has served as an Ohio Councillor since 2014, serving on both Reference Committee and the Tellers, Credentials, & Elections Committee. She is a member of the National ACEP Membership Committee and served on the Member Engagement subcommittee for ACEP's Strategic Plan.

Dr. Veitinger hopes to continue and enhance the Chapter's outreach to members, residents, and medical students. Dr. Veitinger is running for re-election as a Councillor because she is eager to continue representing her fellow Ohio ACEP members, and she feels she is well positioned to accomplish that on ACEP Council. She is interested in continued participation on Council committees, as well as pursuing National ACEP leadership later in her career. Dr. Veitinger has a long-term interest to better the policies and practices of Ohio emergency physicians, as well as emergency medicine colleagues nationally.