



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 7, 2023**.

- **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.
 - Their terms of office will begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected.
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Councillor Elections

Councillors will be elected by ballot by majority vote of the Chapter membership at the Chapter's [Annual Meeting](#) on **June 7, 2023**.

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 (2023's Scientific Assembly, ACEP23, is planned to be held in Philadelphia, PA on October 7 & 8, 2023). The Council votes on resolutions, elects members to the National ACEP Board of Directors, and ensures grassroots involvement in the democratic decision-making process.

- **Nine (9) Councillors will be elected by the membership to serve either a 1-year or a 2-year term.**
- Terms will be assigned following the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- Current Councillors with expiring terms are eligible for re-nomination and re-election.

Board Candidates



Laurel Barr, MD, FACEP; Board Candidate *(Columbus, Ohio)*

Dr. Barr became active in Ohio ACEP advocacy through Hill Day over the last several years. She recently expanded her involvement with Ohio ACEP through the 2022-2023 Leadership Development Academy. This opportunity has allowed her to become more involved through participation in the Annual Meeting, as an Alternate Councillor in National ACEP Council as well as through participation in the Government Affairs Committee, Workplace Violence Task Force, Young Physician Section and through various efforts supporting Ohio ACEP activities.

Dr. Barr is also an active member of National ACEP's Young Physician Group where she is currently serving as an Alternate Councillor.

As a board member, Dr. Barr plans to prioritize advocacy efforts to support all Ohio Emergency Medicine Physicians with special attention to creating proactive solutions to workplace violence and to continue and expand upon the high-quality educational initiatives Ohio ACEP currently offers.

Dr. Barr humbly submits her candidacy and says she would be honored to serve on the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors in continuing to support her colleagues at the local, regional, state, and national level.



Christina Campana, MD, FACEP; Board Candidate *(Akron, Ohio)*

Dr. Christina Campana currently serves as an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and is a board-certified physician and core faculty member for the Emergency medicine residency at Cleveland Clinic Akron General in Akron, Ohio. She is also an ABEM Oral Board Examiner and is an active EMS Medical Director in Summit County for the past ten years.

In addition to the above leadership roles, she is a 2018 graduate of Ohio ACEP's Leadership Development Academy and has served on the Ohio ACEP Chapter council since 2017. She has been an ACEP and Ohio ACEP member since 2009 when she began her residency at Akron General.

Dr. Campana has been active in education and research and has several publications in peer-reviewed journals in emergency medicine. She has a passion for government affairs, working closely with Ohio ACEP in educating legislators locally and on Capitol Hill regarding the issues that affect physicians and patients the most. Her diverse background and experience will bring a unique perspective to the Board of Directors. She is fully committed to continue advocating for high-quality emergency medicine on both a state and national level for patients and physicians in defining the future of emergency medicine.



Eric Drobny, MD, FACEP; Board Candidate *(Columbus, Ohio)*

Incumbent

I have enjoyed Ohio ACEP membership for over 25 years. During this time, I have worked in the MountCarmel Health System for an independent group, Emergency Services, Inc. In addition to my clinical duties, I have served as the group's CFO for the last 15 years. In this role, I have been responsible for negotiating the group's payer contracts and have instituted/administered a self-funded health insurance program for our employees. These two experiences, coupled with mine as a patient and physician, have provided me with a unique perspective on the "workings" of healthcare. As we move from fee-for service into pay-for-performance, I can draw on these experiences to help Ohio ACEP better advocate for its members in the shifting healthcare landscape.

In addition to my experience running a practice, I have been active in organized medicine for several years. Through my service on The Columbus Medical Association Board of Directors, The Ohio State Medical Association Council as the District 7 Councilor, and more recently as the OSMA President-Elect, I have gained insight into the workings of the organizations speaking on behalf of the House of Medicine and an appreciation for the importance of having Emergency Medicine perspective represented. As an example, I worked with the OSMA on the Ohio Surprise Billing Law and was awarded the OSMA Advocate of the Year Award in 2019.

Given the opportunity to serve on the board of Ohio ACEP, I will use my experience to advocate on behalf of Ohio Emergency Medicine physicians so that their patients receive the quality care they need and deserve.



Daniel Martin, MD, MBA, FACEP; Board Candidate *(Columbus, Ohio)*

Incumbent

I humbly ask for your vote to represent Ohio on the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors. As a board member and councillor, I have experienced the excellence of our organization and our people.

As a councillor and board member, I have been fully engaged in nearly all of our many committees, often in leadership roles. My goal to invest my heart and soul into my role as an ACEP leader is second only to my passion for simply being the best Ohio ACEP team member I can be. This is accomplished by being prepared for every discussion at every meeting and promoting the sharing of ideas, diverse opinions, and widespread participation.

To be an effective Ohio ACEP board member one must possess several characteristics. We must have a comprehensive understanding of our pillars of advocacy, leadership and education and how these were developed and elevated to excellence. Board members must understand our new strategic plan with emphasis on professional education, practice and workforce, advocacy for quality patient care, creating member value and supporting our upcoming young physicians.

I bring a unique perspective in that I represent many important communities. Working at The Ohio State University, I am connected to academics and learners at all levels. Most of our residency graduates practice in communities all over Ohio and so I am connected to community practices. Ohio ACEP is now faced with an unprecedented number of challenges and my experiences, connections, humility, and sincere passion for ACEP will help me be the most effective board member I can be. Again, I ask for your support and I am honored to serve you.



John Queen, MD, FACEP; Board Candidate *(Cleveland, Ohio)*

Dr. John Queen works as an attending physician at the Cleveland Clinic and, since 2003, has served as Assistant Residency Director and presently is the Associate Program Director of the Case Western Reserve University / MetroHealth Medical Center / Cleveland Clinic Emergency Medicine Residency. Dr. Queen's greatest honor was winning the 2006 Teacher of the Year Award at Cleveland Clinic for his work with the emergency medicine residents.

Dr. Queen attended medical school at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and completed his emergency medicine/internal medicine residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago Hospital. He has been closely involved with Ohio ACEP for many years. He previously served on the Board of Directors and is a Past President of the Chapter. He also served as the Course Director for the Ohio ACEP Oral Board Review Course for more than ten years. He currently serves as a Councillor and as a member of the Government Affairs and Education Committees. Dr. Queen is also the current co-chair the Residents' Assembly Planning Task Force.

Mentoring residents and younger physicians has become a significant part of Dr. Queen's career and he often encourages younger physicians to get involved with the Chapter by committee involvement, running for elected positions, participating in conferences and contributing to the Chapter in any way possible.

Dr. Queen humbly asks for your vote as he hopes to be elected to the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors so he can continue to serve the Chapter and represent Ohio emergency physicians until he hangs up the stethoscope for good.



Dacia Russell Goman, MD, JD; Board Candidate *(Springfield, Ohio)*

Dr. Dacia Russell Goman is an emergency medicine physician, lawyer, mom and advocate. Currently, she works clinically in high acuity community and rural practices in the Springfield, Ohio area. She bolsters her clinical practice with high stakes Emergency Medicine issue advocacy in her role as Ohio State Advocacy Lead for US Acute Care Solutions.

Dr. Russell Goman's advocacy extends to strong community efforts on a diverse portfolio of issues. She has been tapped to provide community education on Covid-19 with a former State of Ohio Representative, moderate a Stanford Law School alumni policy discussion on black maternal health with an incumbent US Representative and lecture on rural health disparities at Carlow University. Her fund of relationships is deep and would immensely serve Ohio ACEP.

She is committed to Ohio ACEP's mission and endeavors to execute that mission through completing the Leadership Development Academy and serving as a current member of the Government Affairs Committee.

Emergency Medicine contends with fierce headwinds. We function in an environment of value and confidence erosion. Ensuring compassionate bedside care is increasingly tough. Emergency physicians face mounting performance challenges. Our aspiring and current trainees are skeptical about the specialty's prospects.

Dr. Russell Goman is seeking a board position to get "EM ahead" - ahead of the detractors and distractions, and ahead of the prevailing adverse policy. Her ambition is to position Emergency Medicine ahead of an agenda to improve optimism and confidence in the asset that we constitute as EM physicians to both patients and the full spectrum of healthcare delivery.



K. Robert Thompson, III, MD, MBA; Board Candidate *(Cincinnati, Ohio)*

I am interested in the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors position because of my goals to help grow the specialty of Emergency Medicine and to further grow as a leader within the specialty.

After graduating residency at the University of Cincinnati, I completed a 2-year Administration and Operations Fellowship, obtaining an MBA with a certificate in Health Care Administration.

As Medical Director for University of Cincinnati Medical Center's Center for Emergency Care, I serve on numerous committees – both departmental and at the health system level. For example, I am the Chair of the UC Health Drug Policy and Development Committee and I have recently been tasked to work alongside the UC Health Chief Executives to help lead the organization through our "Journey to Better" strategic initiative.

My leadership role allows me to keenly appreciate the struggles our specialty and our patients are facing due to inpatient boarding, adapting our practice to lobby medicine while we actively lobby on the Hill for support. Moreover, my appointment at an academic medical center provides me with intimate understanding of how the challenges of boarding and the pandemic have led to a substantial increase in the number of unfilled residency positions, many of which are right here in Ohio.

I am always looking for opportunities and challenges to both improve as a leader and to help others within Emergency Medicine achieve excellence. I believe that the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors is the perfect next step in my career. Most importantly, if elected, this position will provide me with greater reach to improve care for patients – our most important role as Emergency Medicine Physicians.

Council Candidates



Eileen Baker, MD, PhD, FACEP; Council Candidate *(Bowling Green, Ohio)* *Incumbent*

Dr. Eileen Baker has worked as a community emergency physician since 2001 and moved to Bowling Green, Ohio, to pursue her PhD in Applied Philosophy at Bowling Green State University.

She has been an active member of the American College of Emergency Physicians since medical school, serving National ACEP on the Continuing Education, EMS, Reference, Tellers, and Ethics Committees. Dr. Baker began her commitment to Ohio ACEP in 2004. She has co-chaired the EMS Committee and been involved with the Education and Government Affairs Committees. She has also served the Chapter as Secretary, President-Elect, President, and Past-President. She has been an ACEP Councillor since 2004.

Dr. Baker wishes to continue to provide a voice for Ohio's Emergency Physicians. Issues such as ED staffing, APPs and work-life balance are forefront in her mind. She is excited to assist the Chapter in demonstrating our value to the community, providing excellent patient care, and representing those who have committed their lives to emergency medicine.



Christina Campana, MD, FACEP; Council Candidate (Akron, Ohio)

Incumbent

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In addition to the above leadership roles, she is a 2018 graduate of Ohio ACEP's Leadership Development Academy and has served on the Ohio ACEP Chapter council since 2017. She has been an ACEP and Ohio ACEP member since 2009 when she began her residency at Akron General.

Dr. Campana has been active in education and research, with several publications in peer-reviewed journals in emergency medicine. She is fully committed to continue advocating for high-quality emergency medicine on both a state and national level for patients and physicians in defining the future of emergency medicine.



Daniel Martin, MD, MBA, FACEP; Council Candidate (Columbus, Ohio)

Incumbent

I ask for your vote to represent Ohio as an Ohio ACEP Councillor. Having been a councillor for many years I have helped support and write resolutions and have been engaged in nearly all council activities. I have been proud, honored and humbled to participate in the annual ACEP Council meeting. Whether explaining the Council processes while providing mentorship to more junior councillors or speaking at a microphone on the council floor, trust that I will be fully engaged in representing my Ohio colleagues with my greatest passion, effort and integrity.

Being an Ohio ACEP Councillor comes with a number of critical responsibilities such as serving on committees, preparing meticulously for meetings, being 100% engaged and knowing and supporting candidates for a variety of elected positions, particularly those from Ohio. We must be aware of the various national ACEP committees and their contributions to ACEP and the ACEP Council. Serving on all the various Ohio ACEP committees and the national ACEP Ethics committee has been excellent preparation. Reading, studying, and discussing all resolutions and council topics with fellow Ohio councillors helps all of us gain a deeper understanding. As councillors we have a tremendous responsibility to support colleagues, particularly those from Ohio as our state boasts an impeccable record of contributing to ACEP leadership.

Finally, as academic emergency physicians, we help develop our state's Emergency Medicine physicians. Although some graduates journey into academic careers, the majority practice in communities all over the country but especially here in Ohio. Therefore, I feel uniquely qualified to represent Emergency Physicians from every practice possibility and I humbly ask for your support.



Michael McCrea, MD, FACEP, FAAEM; Council Candidate *(Toledo, Ohio)*
Incumbent

Dr. McCrea has been an ACEP member since 2004 when he began his residency at The Ohio State University. After finishing residency in 2007, he worked in the community in Mansfield, OH. In 2009 he joined the Emergency Medicine Residency faculty at St. Vincent's in Toledo becoming the program's simulation director and currently serves as the residency's curriculum director. He is a graduate of Ohio ACEP's Leadership Development Academy as well as the national ACEP Teaching Fellowship.

He is a two-term past-President of the Ohio Chapter, currently serves on the Board of Directors, is the Board liaison to the Chapter Education Committee, and Chair of the Chapter Bylaws Committee. Nationally, he has served on multiple ACEP committees and is currently Chair of the ACEP Bylaws Committee. He has served as a Councillor since 2011, as Reference Committee Chair in 2021, and received the Council Horizon Award in 2014 and ACEP Council Meritorious Service Award in 2020.



John Queen, MD, FACEP; Council Candidate *(Cleveland, Ohio)*
Incumbent

My first experience with ACEP Council was as President Elect for the chapter when I served as an alternate councillor. Before then, I could not describe what it means to the college to serve on the council. Now I know how much work is required. Even before getting on the plane to whichever city is hosting the annual council meeting hours are spent reading, taking notes and posting comments and concerns online. This is before very long days for debating resolutions, evaluating candidates and voting.

The phrase "You either have to be part of the solution, or you're going to be part of the problem" is an oldie but a goodie. It also lies at the heart of why I want to continue to serve on ACEP Council. Never before has there been so much uncertainty in our specialty, as evident by the absolute number of resolutions that were proposed last year. I anticipate an equal or greater number of resolutions in 2023 and I also believe that we will see a great variety of issues being addressed.

When councillors vote for leadership positions and on the resolutions, it is our chapter's way to have a voice in the future of our specialty. I know there are many problems facing our college and profession, and I want to be a part of the solution. I hope to continue to serve ACEP and the Ohio Chapter and I humbly ask for your vote to represent our chapter on ACEP Council.



Matthew Sanders, DO, FACEP; Council Candidate *(Springboro, Ohio)*
Incumbent

Dr. Matthew Sanders is employed by Community Health Partners, where he serves on the board of directors. He works primarily at Highland District Hospital in Hillsboro, Ohio.

Dr. Sanders has practiced community emergency medicine since completing his residency at The Ohio State University Medical Center. He has been involved in the teaching of emergency medicine to OSU medical students rotating through the ED at Memorial Hospital in Marysville, Ohio; as well as supervising Family Practice residents in the ED at Highland District Hospital.

Dr. Sanders has been an ACEP member since 2001 and became an ACEP Fellow in 2011. He has served as a member of the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors since 2012 and is former Chair of the Ohio ACEP Government Affairs Committee. He is also a graduate of Ohio ACEP's Leadership Development Academy.

Dr. Sanders has participated in local and state advocacy in the fight against prescription drug abuse by representing Ohio ACEP at the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team - Emergency Department Guidelines Committee. More recently, he advocated with his state senator on Scope of Practice issues and the Prudent Layperson Standard.

Dr. Sanders has served as an ACEP Councillor or Alternate since 2011. He represented Ohio ACEP on a Council Reference Committee in 2019, served on the Tellers, Credentials and Elections Committee at ACEP Council from 2015 through 2019 and served on the Council Awards Committee in 2022. He is currently serving national ACEP on the State Legislative and Regulatory Committee.

Dr. Sanders asks for your vote for re-election as an Ohio ACEP Councillor so he can continue to support our chapter's best interests, candidates, and resolutions at Council.



Brian Scharfenberg, DO; Council Candidate *(Marietta, Ohio)*

Dr. Brian Scharfenberg currently serves as the medical director of emergency and urgent care services for Memorial Health System, based in Marietta, Ohio. In this role, he oversees four emergency departments and two urgent care locations. The service line continues to expand with the opening of a pediatric emergency department and an additional free-standing ED slated for the coming year. Dr. Scharfenberg is also a member of the clinical faculty for the emergency medicine residency program at Memorial, where he was the chief resident during his training. He lives in Athens, Ohio, with his wife and two children.

Dr. Scharfenberg was a member of the Ohio ACEP Leadership Development Academy class this past year and is grateful for the opportunity to develop his relationships with leaders in our specialty across the state. This year's LDA class participated in the creation of our chapter's latest strategic plan, which included robust discussion of our challenges and aspirations in caring for our patients and ourselves. Dr. Scharfenberg, with his LDA classmates, served as an alternate councillor last year in San Francisco. He enjoyed the privilege of representing Ohio's emergency physicians at our national meeting, and he is hoping for an opportunity to do so again.

This is a challenging time for emergency medicine. Dr. Scharfenberg is passionate about protecting our specialty and its critical role. He is proud to be a part of this chapter and will be a considerate and persuasive representative of Ohio's emergency medicine physicians and the patients they serve.



RJ Sontag, MD; Council Candidate *(Columbus, Ohio)*

The first time I spoke at ACEP Council, I was so nervous that the notes I held in my hand were shaking. I was prepared to deliver my message, but I was humbled by the level of expertise in front of me. Despite my nerves, I delivered my message. I was speaking as the President-Elect of EMRA, and I wanted to make sure that I was a worthy voice for the thousands of residents and students I represented. The success I experienced gave me the courage to grow my voice on that stage.

With each subsequent year at ACEP Council, my ability to communicate my message and form coalitions with other Councillors strengthened.

I believe in ACEP, and I believe in the power of ACEP Council. As your Chair of Government Affairs for Ohio ACEP, I will continue to keep my finger on the pulse of the issues that matter to you. Whether sharing Ohio's success at stopping independent practice or working to end workplace violence, I will work to represent Ohio's voice on the national stage.

When I step to the microphone in Philadelphia, I will have the expertise to represent your voice, and you will have an ACEP Councillor with the experience to make a difference.



Ryan Squier, MD, FACEP; Council Candidate *(Columbus, Ohio)*

Incumbent

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.