Board News From The Executive Director

Dr. Robert F. Avant, professor and chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, has been elected president of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) for a 1-year term beginning April 1988.

A member of the ABFP Board of Directors since 1984, Dr. Avant was treasurer before his election as president. He had also previously served as chairman of the Recertification, Credentials, and Examination Committees since being named to the Board.

In addition to his post at the Mayo Clinic, he serves on the Residency Review Committee for Family Practice and is past president of the Association of Departments of Family Medicine.

Dr. Avant has served on many intra-Mayo committees, including the Medical School Education, Clinical Practice, and Education Committees. In August 1986, he was named the Sanders Professor of Primary Care at Mayo Medical School.

Dr. Avant, who has published numerous articles and presented scores of medical papers before prestigious groups in the last decade, attended the University of Minnesota Medical School, in Minneapolis, and served in the U.S. Air Force for 2 years following his internship in San Bernardino, California, in 1964.

In addition to Dr. Avant being nationally known as a leader in family practice, those who know him intimately regard him as a man of integrity, warmth, and congeniality, as well as a wonderful family man. We are pleased to have him on our Board as president. He succeeds Dr. Paul Brucker of Philadelphia.

Robert F. Avant, M.D.

Paul C. Brucker, M.D.

Dr. Brucker, who has served his 5-year term as a director of the American Board of Family Practice has shown that he also is a great physician and educator. He is an outstanding clinician with all the idealistic attributes of a family physician. Like Dr. Avant, Dr. Brucker is known to his associates as a kind and loving family man who is most concerned about our profession and our specialty. Dr. Brucker has spearheaded educational research on the Board and will continue to work closely with us on other research agendas. We thank Paul Brucker for his devotion and hard work on behalf of the American Board of Family Practice as well as for the specialty of family practice as a whole.

Other appointments to the ABFP's Board of Directors are: Dr. Ronald A. Miller, Whitefish, Montana, as Vice President; Dr. William F. Ross, of Dallas, Texas, as Treasurer; Dr. Roy Guyther, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, as Member at Large of the Executive Committee. Dr. Howard K. Rabinowitz, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Kenneth A. Frederick, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were elected as new Board members.

In keeping with the tradition of having physicians of other medical specialties serve as ABFP Board members, Dr. Norton J. Greenberger, of Kansas City, Kansas, will represent Internal Medicine. He is an eminent gastroenterologist and is welcomed to the ABFP.

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