

BOARD NEWS

American Board of Family Medicine Elects New Officers and Board Members

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The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is pleased to announce the election of 4 new officers and 3 new board members. The new officers elected at the ABFM's spring board meeting in April are John Brady, MD of Newport News, Virginia as Chair; Michael Magill, MD of Salt Lake City, Utah as Chair-elect; Colleen Conry, MD of Denver, Colorado as Treasurer; and Wendy Biggs, MD of Overland Park, Kansas as Member-at-Large, Executive Committee. In addition, the ABFM welcomes this year's new members to the Board of Directors: Andrea Anderson, MD of Washington, District of Columbia; Mott P. Blair, IV, MD of Wallace, North Carolina; and George A. Macones, MD of St. Louis, Missouri.

The New ABFM Officers Will Each Serve a 1-Year Term

Dr. Brady is a practicing family physician working at Tidewater Physicians Multispecialty Group's—The Village Doctor, a solo family practice office located in the historic Hilton Village neighborhood of Newport News, Virginia. He is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School and has been an active member of the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (having served on its board from 2010 to 2013), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and Ideal Medical Prac-



John Brady

tices, where he served as both President and Secretary.

Dr. Magill is a Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine and Director of the Utah Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program. He previously served as Director of the Faculty Development Fellowship at the University of Arizona and served as Director of the community hospital-based family medicine residency program in Tallahassee, Florida where he became a Senior Vice President of Tallahassee Memorial



Michael Magill

Regional Medical Center. In this role, Dr Magill established the Big Bend Area Health Education Center, affiliated with the University of Florida AHEC, to support young people from the most rural, low-income part of Florida to enter health professions.

Dr. Conry is a Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Senior Vice-Chair for Quality and Clinical Affairs. She currently serves in multiple leadership positions in a large university-based medical system with responsibility for quality, practice transformation, and operations. She is President-elect of the Medical Staff of the University of Colorado Hospital. Dr. Conry dedicated the first half of her career to



Colleen Conry

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residency education, serving as residency director for 3 different residency programs, Director of Graduate Medical Education, consultant for the AAFP's Family Medicine Residency Assistance Program, member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee for Family Medicine, and faculty for the National Institute for Program Director Development.

Dr. Biggs is Professor of Family Medicine at Central Michigan University College of Medicine



Wendy Biggs

and director of the College of Medicine's Comprehensive Community Clerkship, a 6-month longitudinal primary care clerkship for the medical school. Dr. Biggs is also faculty in the Central Michigan University Family Medicine Residency. She previously served as the program director for the University of Kansas Family Medicine Residency in Kansas City, Kansas from 2013 to 2017 and was faculty at Mid-Michigan Medical Center-Midland's Family Medicine Residency in Midland, Michigan from 2002 to 2011. Before going to Midland, Dr Biggs was assistant program director at the University of Michigan Family Medicine Residency, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The ABFM Welcomes 3 New Members to the Board of Directors

Dr. Anderson provides bilingual care at Unity Health Care's Upper Cardozo Health Center in Washington, District of Columbia, where she also serves as medical director of Family Medicine. She is a core faculty member for the National Family Medicine Residency where she teaches physician advocacy and serves the public as Chair of the District of Colum-



Andrea Anderson

bia Board of Medicine. She was recently appointed Associate Chief of Family Medicine at George Washington School of Medicine, where she teaches students, serves on the Curriculum Committee, and directs the Transition to Residency course. Dr. Anderson is the Chair of the DC Board of Medicine and serves on the Ethics and Professionalism Committee of the Federation of State Medical Boards. Frequently invited to testify by governmental agencies, Congress and the White House, she was honored with the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) Advocate award in 2019.

Dr. Blair is a practicing family physician with Vidant Family Medicine in his hometown of Wallace, North Carolina, and serves as a regional medical director and medical director for population health for Vidant Health. He precepts medical students and participates in practice-based research; he has served in many roles in his community and the local school system. After service as President in the North



Mott P. Blair

Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, he served on the AAFP's Committee on Rural Health, the Commission on Public Health, and as alternate delegate/delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates. From 2014 to 2017, Dr Blair was a member of the AAFP Board of Directors.

Dr. Macones is Professor and Head of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. A maternal-fetal medicine specialist and perinatal epi-



George A. Macones

demiologist, his 2 main areas of research are prediction and prevention of preterm birth and general obstetric issues (vaginal birth after cesarean, labor induction). Dr. Macones has authored over 300 peer-reviewed articles and serves as Deputy Editor for Obstetrics for the American Journal of Obstetrics and

Gynecology. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Obstetrics and was recently elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

ABFM Governance

The ABFM Board of Directors sets overall policy for ABFM. The ABFM Board has 18 members—10 family physicians, 5 physicians from other specialties—Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, Psychiatry and Neurology, and Obstetrics and Gynecology—2 public members and the past Chair of the Board. Each member of the Board serves for 5 years; the Board elects its Chair, who serves for 1 year and stays on for an additional year to provide continuity. Virtually all the physicians are clinically active, and they represent a broad diversity of clinical experience, in terms of size and kind of practice, participation in large systems, region of the country, employment model, and rural or urban. Representatives from the other specialties bring valuable perspectives on the national health care

environment and the perspective of other specialty Boards, and public members bring the voice of patients and the public interest into discussions.

ABFM welcomes nominations from the AAFP and other Family Medicine organizations each winter. What is the Board looking for? Most important is evidence of outstanding leadership and service to the specialty and the profession. Beyond that, the Board looks for diversity of experience along a variety of dimensions, including gender, race and ethnicity, but also kind of practice, region of the country, employment status and rurality. Each spring, the ABFM elects the candidates whose leadership track record, experiences and competencies best fit the needs of the Board at the time.

We are grateful for the outstanding candidates submitted by our partner organizations. We welcome Drs. Anderson, Blair, and Macones to the Board and thank them for their service.

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