

# Board News

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The Board of Directors held its annual meeting in conjunction with a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the American Board of Family Practice. Past and present Directors along with invited guests shared a day of inspiring lectures and an evening of good fellowship to mark the Board's silver anniversary. The first annual Nicholas J. Pisacano, MD, Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, Director of the Center for Advanced Study of Ethics and John Carrol Professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics at Georgetown University.

Dr. David Satcher, Director of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, addressed the meeting about current issues in public health as they impinge on family physicians. Dr. Paul Brucker, President of Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and past President of the ABFP, provided a pictorial history of the Board. It is expected that these presentations will be published in future issues of the *JABFP*.

At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected three new members and new officers. Dr. Kenneth Noller, Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, was elected as a nominee from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He replaces Dr. Norman Gant of the Southwestern University of Texas Medical Science Center, Dallas. Dr. Gant also presently serves as the Executive Director of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Noller was formerly Professor of Obstetrics-Gynecology at Mayo Medical School in Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Warren Heffron, Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, was elected as the nominee from the American Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Heffron has served many leadership roles in the specialty. He replaces Dr. Lanny Cope-land, the retiring President, of Moultrie, Georgia.

Dr. Lonnie Fuller, acting Dean and Professor and Clinician of the Department of Family Medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, was elected as a nominee from the Association of

Departments of Family Medicine. Dr. Fuller comes from an academic background at Hahnemann in Philadelphia and the University of Texas at Galveston. He replaces Dr. James Puffer of the UCLA School of Medicine in Los Angeles.

The Board of Directors elected as its new President Dr. Ed Bope, the Program Director of the family practice residency at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. William Bernhardt of Midwest City, Oklahoma, was elected Vice-President. Dr. Bernhardt is in private practice. Dr. Michael Hagen, Vice-Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, was elected Treasurer for the coming year. Dr. James Shetlar, a family physician in private practice in Frankenmuth, Michigan, was elected as member-at-large of the Executive Committee.

These elected officers assume their duties immediately and all serve for 1 year. The Board of Directors is composed of 15 members, 10 of whom are family physicians and 5 represent 5 other major specialties. They serve for 5 years without opportunity for re-election.



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