TMA Balloting Procedures

TMA BYLAWS REFERENCE

7.42  Balloting.

All elections shall be by secret ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there are three or more nominees for a single position, the one receiving the least number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped until one of the said nominees receives a majority vote. When there is only one nomination, vote may be by acclamation.

When (1) two or more vacancies exist, and (2) there are three or more nominees, election procedures are as follows:

7.421  First ballot.

All nominees shall be listed in a randomly determined sequence on a single ballot. Each elector shall have as many votes as there are positions to be filled, and each vote must be cast for a different nominee. No ballot shall be counted if it contains fewer or more than the number of votes to be cast, or if the ballot contains more than one vote for any nominee. Nominees who receive (1) a vote on a majority of the legal ballots cast and (2) the highest majorities shall be elected to the vacancies to be filled.

7.422  Run-off ballot.

The house shall hold a run-off election to fill any vacancy that cannot be filled because of a tie vote.

7.423  Subsequent ballots.

If all vacancies are not filled on the first ballot and three or more positions are still to be elected, the number of nominees on subsequent ballots shall be no more than twice the number of remaining vacancies less one. The nominees on subsequent ballots shall be determined by retaining those who received the greater number of votes on the preceding ballot and eliminating those nominees who received the fewest number of votes on the preceding ballot, except when there is a tie. When two or fewer positions are still to be elected, the number of nominees on subsequent ballots shall be no more than twice the number remaining vacancies, with the nominees determined as indicated in the preceding sentence. On any subsequent ballot, the electors shall cast as many votes as there are positions yet to be elected, and must cast each vote for a different nominee. In any subsequent ballot, if no nominee receives a majority, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped. This procedure shall be repeated until all vacancies have been filled.

ONLINE VOTING

Please refer to the TMA House Standing Rules – Special Circumstances, found in the General Information tab of this handbook, to review the process for online voting for the 2020 TMA House of Delegates contested races.
### CONTESTED ELECTIONS
#### 2020

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*Trustee positions are “at large,” not slotted. TMA Bylaws provide that all nominees for trustee will be listed on a single ballot. At-large trustees serve three-year terms.

### CONTESTED AMA DELEGATION ELECTIONS
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Delegates and alternate delegates serve two-year terms, Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2022.

*Dr. Gephart is moving out of state; this position will be vacant at TMA 2020 Annual Session.
Disclosure of Affiliations and Statement of Compliance with the Conflicts of Interest Policy of the Texas Medical Association

The Conflicts of Interest Policy of the Texas Medical Association requires each member of the Board of Trustees, each member of an association council, the executive vice president, the chief operating officer, and staff vice presidents to disclose annually his or her affiliations and to execute a statement confirming that, to his or her knowledge, the member or staff member has complied with the conflicts of interest policy.

Mere membership in professional or civic organizations does not require disclosure.

Disclosure of affiliations by these individuals is intended to assist the Texas Medical Association in resolving conflicts of interest. Such affiliations do not necessarily mean that a conflict of interest exists or that the affiliation would unduly influence the board, council, or staff member.

TMA House of Delegates’ action also requires that a listing of the affiliations of candidates for the Board of Trustees (at-large trustee or any office that includes an ex officio seat on the Board of Trustees, i.e., president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer, and speaker and vice speaker of the House of Delegates) be reported to the House of Delegates in the Handbook for Delegates.

A listing of the affiliations of all members of the Board of Trustees, the executive vice president, the chief operating officer, and staff vice presidents will be distributed to all members of the Board of Trustees at each meeting. A listing of the affiliations of all members of an association council will be distributed to all members of that council at each meeting. A listing of the affiliations of all members of the Board of Trustees also will be reported to the House of Delegates in the Handbook for Delegates and on the TMA Web site, where access is limited to members only.

Affiliations and changes in affiliations will be self-reported annually at the time of the TMA Winter Conference.

The following terms used in this statement have the following meanings:

“**TMA**” means Texas Medical Association, TEXPAC, and “Related Entities” listed in Attachment A.

“**Material financial interest**” means:
A. a financial ownership interest of 35% or more, or
B. a financial ownership interest which contributes materially (5% or more) to your income, or
C. a position as proprietor, director, managing partner, or key employee, or
D. any ordinary income, honorarium, or gift (other than dividends from stock) compensation exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses.

“**Immediate family member**” shall mean spouse, parent, siblings and their spouses, children or grandchildren.
Disclosure of Affiliations

Please complete each question to the best of your knowledge. You may list your answers directly on this form or you may provide your answers on a separate sheet of paper. If you attach your CV, please indicate on this form to which questions your CV responds, and please answer all questions not addressed by your CV.

1. Do you or an immediate family member hold or plan to hold a material financial interest in any business which furnishes goods or services, or is seeking to furnish goods or services, to TMA or to any member of the TMA Board of Trustees, TMA Executive Vice President, or TMA Chief Operating Officer?
   
   No: ____
   
   Yes: ____

   If yes, please list the name of each business, the type of goods or services involved, and what classification of material financial interest. Indicate the type of material financial interest by using A, B, C, or D as listed in the definitions of material financial interest shown at the bottom of the first page.

2. Did you or your immediate family receive any grant or other assistance (including the provision of goods, services, or use of facilities, regardless of amount) from TMA?

   No: ____
   
   Yes: ____

3. Do you or any immediate family member hold or plan to hold a material financial interest in any health care business, health insurance company, or health care facility, including a private medical practice?

   No: ____
   
   Yes: ____

   If yes, please list the name of each business or facility, provide a brief description of the type of business or facility, and what classification of material financial interest. Indicate the type of material financial interest by using A, B, C, or D as listed in the definitions of material financial interest shown at the bottom of page 1.
4. Are you or any immediate family member, or do you or any immediate family member anticipate becoming within the next 12 months, a trustee, director, officer, council or committee member, employee, or consultant of any health care organization, health insurance company, or health-related professional society?

No:  

Yes:  

If yes, please list the name of each organization, position held, and term of position. If the organization is not a nationally known organization, please provide a brief description of the organization.

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5. Do you hold, or do you anticipate holding within the next 12 months, any paid faculty appointments?

No:  

Yes:  

If yes, please list the name of each institution, position held, and term of appointment.

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6. Are you involved in, or do you anticipate becoming involved in, public representation and advocacy, including lobbying, on behalf of any organization?

No:  

Yes:  

If yes, please list the name of each organization and describe the nature of the activities in which you are or will be involved.

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7. Are you or any immediate family member involved in any other organizational relationship, activity, or interest which may raise a conflict of interest or impair your objectivity on TMA policies or issues?

No:  ____

Yes:  ____

If yes, please describe each organizational relationship, activity, or interest.

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Statement of Compliance with the Conflicts of Interest Policy

I understand that I am expected to comply with the Conflicts of Interest Policy of the Texas Medical Association. To my knowledge and belief, I am in compliance with the Conflicts of Interest Policy and have disclosed my affiliations. I understand that I have a continuing responsibility to comply with the Conflicts of Interest Policy of the Texas Medical Association, and I will promptly disclose any affiliations required to be disclosed under the policy.

Printed name: ________________________________________________________________

Date:__________________  Signature: __________________________________________
RELATED ENTITIES

Two non-profit corporations for which the TMA Board of Trustees serves as the Board of Trustees.

- **TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION LIBRARY dba TMA KNOWLEDGE CENTER**
  - Ervin E. and Gertrude K. Baden Trust (Baden fund)
- **TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SPECIAL FUNDS FOUNDATION**
  - Durham Endowment
  - Durham Student Loan Fund
  - Harriet Cunningham Memorial Graduate Fellowship in Medical Writing
  - Medical Student Loan Fund
  - Harris County Medical Society Alliance Scholarship Fund
  - Overton Annual Lectureship
  - Young Physician Section Rural Student Scholarship Fund
  - TMA Minority Scholarship Program
  - Krishna Memorial Scholarship
  - Patricia Lee Palmer, MD, Memorial Resident Loan Fund
  - Harold Smitson Medical Education Fund
  - directed public health and educational program funds
  - History of Medicine fund
  - Texas Medical Association Alliance Student Loan Fund

Two for-profit corporations for which members of the TMA Board of Trustees serve on the Board of Trustees.

- **TMA PRACTICE EDGE, LLC**
  The TMA Board of Trustees designates four of the seven Board of Managers members, two primary care physicians, a board member, and the TMA CEO.
- **TMA PRACTICE MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS, LLC**
  The TMA Board of Trustees selects three managers by virtue of their office-holder positions in TMA: TMA President, TMA Secretary/Treasurer, and the TMA CEO (Oversees TMASS and National PSO).
- **TMA SPECIALTY SERVICES, LLC**
  Governance has seven slots appointed by the Managers of Practice Management Holdings, LLC. TMA CEO is chair. The majority of managers are current or former board members.

One unincorporated nonprofit association for which the TMA Board of Trustees is denominated as the Board of Trustees.

- **THE PHYSICIANS BENEVOLENT FUND**

Three trusts for which members of the TMA Board of Trustees serve as Trustees.

- **ANNIE LEE THOMPSON LIBRARY TRUST FUND**
- **DR. S. E. THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
  Trustees of the Dr. S. E. Thompson Scholarship Fund, in addition to the members of the TMA Board of Trustees, include “Dean of the Medical Department of the University of Texas,” now assumed to be Executive Vice Chancellor, Health Affairs, UT System, a position currently held by Kenneth I. Shine, MD.
- **MAY OWEN IRREVOCABLE TRUST**
G. Ray Callas, MD

G. Ray Callas, MD, FASA, served his country in the U.S. Navy as a submariner during Operation Desert Storm. He then graduated from Texas A&M University, earned his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine in Galveston (UTMB), and completed his anesthesiology residency at UTMB.

Dr. Callas is a member of the Texas Medical Association’s (TMA) Board of Trustees and has served as a member of the TMA House of Delegates since 2004. In the past, he proudly served as chair of both the TMA Council on Legislation and the Council on Constitution and Bylaws. Committed to TEXPAC, Dr. Callas served on the TEXPAC Board of Directors and TEXPAC Candidate Evaluation Committee. He first joined TMA in 1996, while attending medical school, and is a graduate of the inaugural class of the TMA Leadership College. Dr. Callas also serves as chairman of the Texas Medical Liability Trust Board of Directors, chair of the governor-appointed Jefferson and Orange County Board of Pilot Commissioners, and as a commissioner on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. In his community, Dr. Callas is advisory director of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.

He is a board-certified diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology. Dr. Callas has practiced medicine with Anesthesia Associates – one of the oldest incorporated and independent anesthesia groups in Texas – since 2004, currently serving as the chair of its Board of Directors. He serves multiple hospitals and surgical center facilitates in Jefferson County and Beaumont.

Dr. Callas is relentless in his efforts to protect physicians and their patients through his work with Jefferson County Medical Society (JCMS), the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists (TSA), the American Society of Anesthesiologists, TMA, the American Medical Association (AMA), and the Beaumont community.

Dr. Callas has been involved in JCMS since 2005, serving as president in 2010, and is a current member of its Board of Directors. He serves on the TSA’s Board of Directors, where he is immediate past president. At TSA, he is actively involved in the Administrative Affairs, Governmental Affairs Committees Liaison for Legal and Legislative Services, and Nominating Committees, as well as serving on the TSAPAC Board.

**Personal Statement:** “I passionately believe that physicians must advocate actively for their patients, something I’ve done as chair of the Council on Legislation and as president of the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists in the halls of the Texas Capitol and the U.S. Capitol. I want to promote
professionalism in medicine and continue the work we started to boost TMA’s public image to our patients, elected officials, and legislators. I want to work for you to oversee and guide the association as an at-large-member of the Board of Trustees. Whether representing TMA, AMA, my county society, my specialty society, my practice, or my hospital – I speak out on behalf of the medical profession and for our patients. At a time when outside forces are trying to tear us apart, we Texas physicians need a strong and united TMA more than ever.”

PROFILE
Name: G. Ray Callas, MD, FASA
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Medical School (with year graduated):
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston School of Medicine (UTMB), 2000
Residency Program: Anesthesiology UTMB
Board Certification(s): American Board of Anesthesiology
Primary Residence: Beaumont, Texas
Practice Type/Employment Status: Private practice full-time anesthesiologist/board member, 100%
Primary Practice/Employment Location: Anesthesia Associates, Beaumont, Texas
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses:
Texas Medical Liability Trust
Baxter Healthcare
Cadance Pharmaceuticals
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Physicians’ Advisory Committee
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
• Member, Board of Trustees
• Patron member, TEXPAC
• Delegate, House of Delegates
• Delegate, Texas Delegation to the AMA
Past
• Chair, Council on Legislation
• Chair, Council Constitution and Bylaws
• Member, Interspecialty Society Committee
• Member, Balance Billing Task Force
• District chair, TEXPAC
• Member, TMA Foundation Board
• Member, Task Force on Physician Services Organization
• Mentor, TMA Leadership College (Graduate 2011)
• Member and Chair, TMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws
• Member, TMA of the Future
• Chair, Small Districts Caucus
• Alternate Delegate, House of Delegates
• Member, TEXPAC CAndidate Evaluation Committee and TEXPAC Board of Directors

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
Anesthesia Associates
Texas Medical Liability Trust
Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
Board of Trustees  
(Vote for three)

John T. Carlo, MD

The Dallas County Medical Society (DCMS) is pleased to nominate an outstanding and selfless leader in John T. Carlo, MD, MS, for election to the TMA Board of Trustees.

Dr. Carlo has broad experience as a clinician, health care executive, and public health champion. He is currently chief executive officer for Prism Health North Texas and president of AIDS Arms Physicians, Inc., the largest nonprofit, community-based HIV/AIDS health care service organization in North Texas. The organization provides primary care and HIV treatment for more than 13,000 patients, many who lack health insurance and need additional resources such as housing, transportation, and psychosocial services.

Dr. Carlo was previously the medical director for Dallas County Health and Human Services and appointed health authority from 2006-10. As a community public health advocate, Dr. Carlo has helped to strengthen the community’s response to numerous public health threats, including the H1N1 pandemic, West Nile Virus, and recent large-scale hurricane shelter responses.

Dr. Carlo is past president (2017) and chair of the Board (2018) of DCMS, the second largest medical society in the United States. Since 2007 he has chaired the DCMS Emergency Response Committee, which was a critical resource during the 2014 Ebola crisis in Dallas. For this effort he was awarded the Texas Medical Association (TMA) Presidential Award. Dr. Carlo currently serves on the TMA Council on Legislation and previously served as chair for both the Council on Science and Public Health and the Council on Socioeconomics. In 2017 he was elected by the American Medical Association’s House of Delegates to the AMA Council on Science and Public Health.

Dr. Carlo is recognized as a thought leader and national expert on public health, serving in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s and Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Education Training Program. In this role, he advises local and state elected officials regarding issues on emerging infectious diseases and public health responses to disasters. Dr. Carlo is an active member of the AIDS United Public Policy Committee and the American Heart Association Texas Advocacy Committee.

Dr. Carlo received his medical degree from UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and did his residency in general surgery at Baylor University Medical Center. He received his master’s and bachelor’s degrees in biomedical engineering from Tulane University. He enjoys running long distances and living in East Dallas, Texas.
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John T. Carlo, MD
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Personal Statement: “I would serve in order to help achieve the TMA vision to improve the health of all Texans at a critical time when our health care system is at an important crossroad. We must continue to advocate for our patients and our communities through the power of our collective voice fostered by the Texas Medical Association. At this critical time, we will lead with our creative ideas and innovation, as well as inspire everyone to reach towards a future that improves Texans’ health, increases access, remains physician-led, and is cost-efficient.”

PROFILE
Name: John T. Carlo, MD, MS
Specialty: Public Health
Medical School and Post Graduate Education: UT Southwestern Medical School, 1996-2000
Residency Program: General Surgery, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX
Primary Residence (City, State): Dallas, TX

What is your current practice status?
   Administrative: government, health plan, or health-related, but no direct patient care 100%

Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state): Prism Health North Texas, Dallas, TX

Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No

Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses.
   Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded Mobile Education Programs hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School and Creek Technologies.

Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No

What TMA positions have you held?
Current
   • LGBTQ Health Workgroup, 2019-present
   • Council on Legislation, 2018-present
   • Alternate Delegate, Texas Delegation to the American Medical Association, 2015-present
   • American Medical Association’s Council on Science and Public Health, 2017-present
   • Texas Public Health Coalition, 2016-20; chair, 2018-20
Past
   • Council on Science and Public Health, 2008-14; chair, 2013-14
   • TMA representative, Texas Commission for Environmental Quality’s Study of the Methods for Disposing of Unused Pharmaceuticals, 2009-10
   • Council on Socioeconomics, 2014-2018; chair, 2016-18
   • Be Wise – Immunize℠ Physician Advisory Panel, 2017-19
   • TMA-THA Task Force on Medicaid Physician Payment Reform, 2017-18
   • Workgroup on Firearm Safety, 2018-19

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
American Medical Association, Council on Science and Public Health, 2017-25
AIDS United, Public Policy Committee Representative, Advocates for federal funding under the Ryan White Program.
Tarrant County Medical Society (TCMS) is proud to nominate one of their proven leaders, Gary W. Floyd, MD, to continue as a member of the TMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Floyd received his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine in Galveston in 1976. He completed his pediatric residency at Oklahoma Children’s Memorial Hospital. He has practiced pediatrics for more than 35 years in various capacities including private general pediatric practice, academic pediatrics, pediatric emergency and urgent care medicine, and administrative medicine as chief medical officer. He is board-certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Experienced leaders will be important to guide our TMA with leadership transitions over the next months to years. Currently Dr. Floyd serves as vice chair of the TMA Board of Trustees, chair of the board’s Investment Committee, and vice chair of our Texas Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA), where he serves on the Council on Legislation. He is a member of the TEXPAC Patron Club and the AMPAC Capitol Club. Previously he has served on the TMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws; the Select Committee on Medicaid, CHIP, and the Uninsured; and served on and chaired the TMA Council on Legislation.

Dr. Floyd is a recognized leader at the local, state, and national levels of government, as well as his specialty society and medical associations. He is a past president of the Tarrant County Medical Society, the Texas Pediatric Society (TPS), and the Texas Chapter of the AAP. In Tarrant County he serves as chair of the MedStar Ambulance System’s Emergency Physicians Advisory Board. Nationally, Dr. Floyd serves as AAP District VII (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas) chair and a member of the AAP Board of Directors as well as a member of the AMA Council on Legislation.

He has frequently testified before Texas House and Senate committees and visited with congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., concerning health care issues dealing with safe management and treatment of patients, issues that impact the viability of medical practice, and protection of physician’s clinical autonomy and independent medical judgment. He has been a strong voice for TMA policies before legislators for many years. His commitment to improving patient care, attempting to reduce regulatory burdens, and serving his colleagues in numerous leadership positions within TCMS, TMA, AMA, TPS, and AAP is a testament to his dedication to patients, colleagues, and our profession.
**Personal Statement:** “I have always been a passionate advocate for physicians and our patients concerning various health care issues. I believe the House of Delegates is the heartbeat of our TMA, and the members of the Board of Trustees serve to carry out the will of the house, oversee the governance and preserve the financial integrity of the organization. I would be honored to continue to represent you on the Board of Trustees, and I look forward to continuing to serve with each of you in our TMA House.”

**PROFILE**
Name: Gary W. Floyd, MD, FAAP
Specialty: Pediatrics
Medical School (with year graduated): The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine, 1972-76
Residency Program: Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Oklahoma, The University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, 1976-79
Board Certifications: American Board of Pediatrics – Lifetime Certificate, 1983
Primary Residence: Keller, Texas
Practice Type/Employment Status: Academic – Self-employed consultant in government affairs and select pediatric primary and urgent care locum coverage
Primary Practice/Employment Location: Self-employed, Keller, Texas
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation require you to work outside of Texas? No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses:
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- TMA PracticeEdge Board of Trustees
- Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) Health Quality Institute Board of Trustees
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? No
What TMA positions have you held?
- Tarrant County Medical Society alternate delegate to TMA, 1996-97; delegate, 1998-present
- Reference Committee on Socioeconomics in 1999, 2000 (chair), 2003
- Member, TMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws, 2002-06
- Member, TMA Council on Legislation, 2006-12; chair, 2011-12; consultant, 2012-16
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Retail Health Clinics, 2008-09
- TEXPAC, District 9 chair, 2006-14; vice chair, 2005-06
- Select Committee on Medicaid, CHIP, and the Uninsured, 2007-14
- Delegation to AMA, alternate delegate, 2006-16; delegate, 2016-present; vice chair, 2016-present
- AMA Reference Committee B (Legislation), 2011, 2014; AMA Reference Committee F, 2015-17; AMA Council on Legislation, 2017-present
- Board of Trustees, 2014-present; Executive Committee, 2016-present; chair, Investment Committee, 2016-present; vice chair, 2019-present
- TMA PracticeEdge Board of Trustees, 2016-present

**DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS**
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) District VII (AR, LA, MS, OK, TX) chair
- Member, AAP Board of Directors, January 2020-present
- TMA PracticeEdge Board of Trustees, 2016-present
- TMF Health Quality Institute Board of Trustees, 2015-present; chair 2019-present
- American Medical Association Council on Legislation, 2017-present
The Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) is proud to nominate Kimberly Monday, MD, as a candidate for the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees.

Dr. Monday is board certified in neurology, clinical neurophysiology, and sleep medicine and is the co-founder of the Houston Neurological Institute.

Through her strong commitment to advocacy she has charted a career path that typifies what it means to be a physician leader. Only seven years after starting her practice she was elected president of her HCMS local branch society. She went on to win election to the HCMS Board of Medical Legislation, which she chaired in 2009. Two years later she was elected to the HCMS Executive Board and was elected president of the society in 2015.

An active member of TMA since 1997, Dr. Monday has served on the TMA Council on Socioeconomics and currently on the TMA Council on Legislation and the Prior Authorization Task Force.

In her effort to understand and positively affect the changing health care environment, Dr. Monday also accepted leadership positions outside of organized medicine. She chaired the bioethics and clinical ethics committees of three different Houston hospitals. She also currently serves on Memorial Hermann Physician Network Board of Directors.

Her leadership extends also to the community at large. Dr. Monday currently serves as the vice chair of the Harris Health Care System Board of Trustees.

Dr. Monday’s work has broadened her understanding of the issues that affect physicians and patients to include the context of the entire health care system. She can draw on her personal experience with the burdens placed upon physicians by bureaucrats. Her knowledge of the myriad socioeconomic and legislative topics with which she has worked over the last 15 years also gives her an understanding of the problems of both urban and rural physicians. But Dr. Monday also brings a deep understanding of the workings of hospitals – from large systems to small community hospitals. Finally, she can relate all these issues in the context of the medical safety net provided by a county hospital district that cares for the indigent.

Dr. Monday is ideally suited for the TMA Board of Trustees. She has immersed herself in the issues that are critically important to physicians and has demonstrated a commitment to lead that will serve TMA well.
**Personal Statement:** “Physicians are at a crossroads in our profession. We must decide if we are going to lead in health care or if we are going to succumb to those who value revenue over patient care. Every day we are taken advantage of by those whose only concern is the bottom line and then we are blamed for all the problems in health care. That must end. We owe it to ourselves and our patients to regain the status as the leaders of health care. As a member of the TMA Board of Trustees, I pledge to work toward that goal every day. I ask for your support.”

**PROFILE**

Name: Kimberly Monday, MD  
Specialty: Neurology  
Medical School (with year graduated):  
- Baylor College of Medicine, 1992  
- Baylor College of Medicine Transitional Internship, 1993  
- Baylor College of Medicine Neurology Residency and Chief Residency, 1996  
- Emory School of Medicine Clinical Neuropysiology Fellowship, 1997  
Residency Program: Baylor College of Medicine Department of Adult Neurology  
Board Certifications: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology: Adult Neurology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Sleep Medicine  
Primary Residence: Houston, Texas  
Practice Type/Employment Status: Academic –  
- Direct Patient Care: large group practice (over 20 members), 50%  
- Academic, 50%  
Primary Practice/Employment Location: McGovern Medical School at UTHealth, Houston  
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes  
Does your current employment situation require you to work outside of Texas? No  
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses:  
- Memorial Hermann Hospital System  
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? No  
What TMA positions have you held?  
**Current**  
- Council on Legislation, 2018-present  
- Prior Authorization Task Force, 2019-present  
- Delegate, 2004-05; 2010-present  
**Past**  
- Council on Socioeconomics, 2014-18  
- Medical Education Workgroup, Maintenance of Certification Reform, 2016-17  
- Task Force on Behavioral Health, 2014-16  
- Chair, TEXPAC District 11, 2015  
- Committee on Continuing Medical Education, 2009-12  

**DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS**  
Houston Neurological Institute: Single Specialty Group Medical Practice  
Class A Share Owner CHI Patient’s Medical Center Pasadena Texas  
Harris County Hospital District  
Neuroscience Service Line Medical Director Memorial Hermann Health Care System  
Memorial Hermann Physician Network  
Vice Chair Clinical Operations, Department of Neurology, UT McGovern Medical School Houston  
Texas Neurological Society
The Dallas County Medical Society (DCMS) is proud to nominate M. Brett Cooper, MD, for the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees, young physician member.

Dr. Cooper has been a member of TMA since starting fellowship in 2015 and since that time, he has continued to further his involvement with the organization. Recognizing the need to advocate for policy that supports the health and well-being of the adolescent patients he sees; Dr. Cooper joined the Committee on Child and Adolescent Health as an RFS representative. This position led to opportunities to promote awareness of HIV PrEP through a CME session at TexMed 2017.

Upon moving to Dallas to start his faculty position, he became involved in DCMS, serving first as an alternate delegate to the HOD and now as a delegate. Dr. Cooper was honored to join the LGBTQ Health Workgroup in 2018, leading to a first of its kind CME session on LGBTQ Health at TexMed 2019, as well as a Texas Medicine cover story on the health care disparities faced by this population. He recently was asked to join the Ad Hoc Committee on Employed Physicians, working to find ways that TMA can best meet the needs of those members employed by a hospital/health system or in academic medicine.

Dr. Cooper is a 2019 graduate of the TMA Leadership College, joining the ranks of other young physicians who play a crucial role in ensuring that this organization continues to be an effective advocate for the both the practice of medicine and for the health and well-being of the patients whom we serve. His participation in the Leadership College has prepared him well to be an effective member of the Board of Trustees.

In addition to his work at TMA, Dr. Cooper also serves as the advocacy chair for the TX Regional Chapter of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. This position allows him to coordinate with advocacy groups across the state on behalf of physicians and patients.

**Personal Statement:** “As one of the most regulated professions, medicine is constantly under attack from those wishing to control our profession and the way in which we practice. It is imperative for physicians to be advocates for ourselves and our patients in order to maintain the sanctity of the physician-patient relationship. As an adolescent medicine physician, I see this on a daily basis, and I will continue to fight to maintain this relationship. In addition, as an academic physician, I believe that I can be an effective voice on the Board to help TMA maintain relevance to an ever-changing dynamic of physician practice settings.”
PROFILE
Name: M. Brett Cooper, MD
Specialty: Pediatrics-Adolescent Medicine
Medical School and Post Graduate Education:
Residency Program:
  Residency, University of Toledo, General Pediatrics, 2015
  Fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine, Adolescent Medicine, 2018
Board Certifications:
  Board Certified, General Pediatrics, the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
  Board Eligible, Adolescent Medicine, ABP
Primary Residence (City, State): Plano, Texas
What is your current practice status? Academic (direct patient care and teaching), 100%.
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state):
  Employed by UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas.
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses. N/A
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
  Current
    • Member, Ad Hoc LGBTQ Workgroup, 2018-present
    • Committee on Child and Adolescent Health, 2018-present
    • Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Employed Physicians, 2019-present
    • Delegate, Dallas County Medical Society, 2019-present
    • Committee on Membership, Dallas County Medical Society, 2020-present
    • YPS Delegate to the AMA, 2020-present
  Past
    • TMA Leadership College, Class of 2019
    • RFS Member, Committee on Child and Adolescent Health, 2015-18
    • Alternate Delegate, Dallas County Medical Society, 2018-19

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, UT Southwestern Medical School. Current contract runs through Aug. 31, 2020 and is renewed annually.
Joseph M. Hendrix, MD

Joseph M. Hendrix, MD, promotes a healthy society, empowering the achievement of full potential by actively educating students, medical professionals, and others. Dr. Hendrix currently serves as an assistant professor, teaching medical, graduate, and postgraduate students as part of the UT Southwestern (UTSW) Texas Health Resources Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine. At UTSW, he utilizes superior organizational, interpersonal, analytical, and time management skills to provide hands-on learning opportunities for medical students and residents – while communicating with colleagues and students in ways that inspire critical thinking and engagement.

Dr. Hendrix balances the supervision of many graduate student rotations on a monthly basis, while also providing rotation supervision and interactive learning opportunities for medical students in both research and clinical settings. Dr. Hendrix also invests in the professional development of several graduate student trainees each semester by providing medical direction, teaching, and supervision of residents, interns, and fellows in the perioperative environment, maximizing learning opportunities to help each become an excellent doctor optimally prepared to serve the needs of patients and society. Dr. Hendrix believes in the benefits of mentorship and works diligently to instruct and guide several postgraduate medical students each semester through didactic and small group teaching in clinical and research settings. He has served as an invited lecturer at the national, regional, and local level. He has provided many beneficial lectures as an invited participant in various UTSW lecture settings.

Dr. Hendrix’s dedication to serving others through medicine has compelled him to serve on several leadership and advisory committees. In 2016, Dr. Hendrix took on the responsibility of co-chairing the UTSW Endoscopy Lab Committee, ensuring that the lab continues to strive for the highest standards of clinical excellence, while developing new knowledge to serve the needs of patients in the community. Dr. Hendrix has continued to distinguish himself in his field, and in 2018 began serving as a case review expert for the Texas Medical Board in the areas of anesthesiology and pain medicine. He also serves as an ad hoc reviewer for the International Anesthesia Research Society. He consistently leads by example and embodies UTSW’s core values of working with excellence and shared purpose. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Pain Medicine, where he serves as a member of the Ethics Council Committee; the Association of American Medical Colleges Committee on
Educational Affairs; the Institute for Healthcare Improvement; and the Society for Education in Anesthesia, among others.

Outside the field of medicine, Dr. Hendrix supports or is a member of several organizations focused on building meaningful relationships and connections that foster greater social inclusion and well-being, including Dallas Multifaith Outreach, the Texas Women’s Foundation, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. His record of exceptional clinical ability, excellent teaching, and noteworthy accomplishments in both clinical research and service to the medical community makes him an ideal candidate for the Young Physician TMA Board Member to the TMA Board of Trustees.

PROFILE
Name: Joseph Maxwell Hendrix, MD
Specialty: Anesthesiology
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years):
    University of Michigan Medical School, 2002-06
Residency Program:
    UT Southwestern Medical Center, Anesthesiology
Board Certification(s): Anesthesiology, Pain Medicine, Transesophageal Echocardiography
Primary Residence (City, State): Irving, Texas
What is your current practice status? Check all that apply and provide percentages:
    Direct Patient Care: large group practice (over 20 members) 80%
    Academic 10%
    Research (non-clinical) 10%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state):
    University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses.
    Texas Medical Board
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
    • TMA Leadership College, 2019-20

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
Texas Society of Anesthesiologists House of Delegates, alternate delegate
UT Southwestern Medical School, assistant professor, 2012-present
The Tarrant County Medical Society (TCMS) is honored to endorse the candidacy of Melanie Vettimattam, MD, for Young Physician Section board member to the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees.

Dr. Vettimattam has practiced in a large group practice for the last two years. In that time, she built a practice, discovered the nuances of coding, and learned how to manage her staff – none of which were taught in medical training. As the Young Physician Section board member, she intends to help other young physicians tackle these same issues.

In the beginning of her career, Dr. Vettimattam felt helpless to a tangled web of corporate policies. She took the opportunity to join the Best Practices Committee in her organization, which broadcasted best practices for all providers. After just one year, her dedication was recognized when she was asked to chair the committee. Since becoming committee chair, she has had input on corporate policies and been empowered to highlight some of these issues to corporate leadership. As the Young Physician Section board member, she is excited to help shape policies to benefit her peers.

She also believes it is vitally important to become involved in the local community. As a volunteer at Mission Arlington (a local free clinic), she discovered numerous local financial resources available which she was then able to bring to her practice to assist her patients. Being a “young physician” is no excuse for ignorance of these policies. Being involved in the local community and networking with peers creates sharper professionals with a higher standard of patient care.

Network opportunities are also a great way to discuss ongoing struggles that each physician faces. Being involved in health care policy at the national and state level is becoming more and more important. Health care policies impact the daily workload of physicians and are increasing the administrative burdens for young physicians. Dr. Vettimattam would like to provide more opportunities for young physicians to network with each other – to learn, coordinate, and teach each other.

**Personal Statement:** “As a young physician, I know how bewildering and terrifying the practice of medicine can be. It is overwhelming to try and practice good medicine, meet metrics, build a solid practice, and make connections with fellow physicians. Being part of the young physicians committee has helped me to navigate some of these obstacles. If you vote for me as Young Physician Section representative, I will do my best to forge relationships between fellow physicians, help ensure comraderies, and bring to the forefront some challenges facing new physicians in an ever-changing health care environment.”
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PROFILE
Name: Melanie Vettimattam, MD
Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years):
  McGovern School of Medicine at UTHealth, 2010-14
Residency Program:
  Augusta University (formerly Medical College of Georgia), Family Medicine, 2014-17
Board Certification(s): American Board of Family Medicine
Primary Residence (City, State): Fort Worth, Texas
What is your current practice status? Check all that apply and provide percentages:
Direct Patient Care: large group practice (over 20 members) 100%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state): USMD, Bedford, TX
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses.
  None
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
  • Member, Young Physicians Section
  • Member, Women in Medicine Section

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
Texas A&M College of Medicine, affiliated faculty member, 2020-22
AMA Alternate Delegate
(Vote for three)

Shanna M. Combs, MD

Tarrant County Medical Society (TCMS) is proud to nominate one of their leaders, Shanna M. Combs, MD, as an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association. Dr. Combs has been active in organized medicine since medical school. She attended the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in Albuquerque, N.M. During her time in medical school she became involved with the New Mexico Medical Society and with mentorship from local physicians, Dr. Combs became a delegate to the American Medical Association. After medical school, Dr. Combs completed her residency at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

Dr. Combs practices in Fort Worth as an obstetrician/gynecologist. She initially became involved with the Texas Medical Association (TMA) as a member and eventually chair of the Committee of Reproductive, Women’s, and Perinatal Health. She has continued her work with TMA as a member of the Committee on Membership as well as the LGBTQ Health Work Group.

Dr. Combs has become increasingly involved at the local level with TCMS. She has contributed to Women in Medicine, Young Physician, and Medical Student events for county members. In 2018, she was elected to be the treasurer/secretary and now serves as the vice president of TCMS. She has also contributed to Project Access Tarrant County as a volunteer physician as well as recruited other local physicians to the program. She is an active participant in the Board of Advisors as well as the Board of Directors for TCMS.

Dr. Combs is a medical educator and has been an assistant professor at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine since graduation from residency. She has also been actively involved in the development of the new TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine and is now the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship Director for the new school. She is actively involved with the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as well as with District XI (Texas) of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, where she now serves as the Medical Student Advisor. She is always working with medical students and residents to help them see the importance of involvement in organized medicine as a contribution to their profession.

Dr. Combs has contributed to work at the national and state level on maternal health, women’s health, mental health, LGBTQ health, as well as the importance of physician autonomy. She will be an asset to the TMA delegation to the American Medical Association.
Personal Statement: “I have always been a passionate advocate for my patients through my work at the regional, state, and national level. Our state has faced a maternal health crisis. Through my work at TMA as well as with the ACOG and TAOG, I have worked to make Texas a safer place for women to give birth and for their children to have a healthy mother. Through continued advocacy with the American Medical Association, I hope to continue to be a powerful voice for my patients and fellow physicians.”

PROFILE
Name: Shanna M. Combs, MD, FACOG
Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years):
   University of New Mexico School of Medicine, 2004-08
Residency Programs:
   John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, 2008-12
Board Certification(s):
   American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Primary Residence (City, State): Fort Worth, Texas
What is your current practice status? Check all that apply and provide percentages:
   Direct Patient Care: large group practice (over 20 members), 60%
   Academic, 30%
   Other; please describe: TexasAIM physician champion at JPS Hospital, 10%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state): Acclaim Physician Group, Fort Worth, Texas
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses.
   ACOG Maternal Levels of Care Site Surveyor
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
   • Vice President, Tarrant County Medical Society, 2020
   • Delegate, Tarrant County Medical Society, 2017-present
   • Member, Committee on Membership, 2018-present
   • Consultant, Committee on Reproductive, Women's and Perinatal Health, 2018-present
   • Member, Workgroup on LGBTQ Health, 2017-present
Past
   • Secretary/Treasurer, Tarrant County Medical Society, 2019
   • TMA Leadership College, 2017-18
   • Chair, Committee on Reproductive, Women's, and Perinatal Health, 2016-18
   • Vice chair, Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health, 2014-16
   • Member, Committee on Reproductive, Women’s, and Perinatal Health, 2013-18
AMA Alternate Delegate
(Vote for three)

Eddie Patton Jr., MD

The Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) is honored to nominate Eddie Patton Jr., MD, MBA, as a candidate for alternate delegate to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Patton is a board-certified neurologist with additional training and expertise in neuro muscular disorders. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University and completed his residency and a fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine. He then went on to obtain an MBA from the Jones School of Business at Rice University. He has been a private practicing neurologist in Houston since 2011.

Dr. Patton has a firm grasp on the importance of public policy and how it affects the practice of medicine. He chose to be a physician leader from the beginning. At the same time as he began his practice in 2011, he ran for, and won, an officer position in his HCMS branch organization, ultimately serving as branch president in 2014-15. He is a 2014 graduate of the TMA Leadership College and a 2016 graduate of the American Academy of Neurology’s (AAN) Emerging Leaders Forum.

Dr. Patton is well-versed in the intricacies and issues of state and federal government. He is currently a member of the HCMS Board of Medical Legislation and in 2018 was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to the Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders. He was elected in 2019 to serve as vice chair of this council. From 2015-18, he has chaired the Federal Advocacy Work Group of the AAN. As chair, Dr. Patton is responsible for aiding in the creation and execution of the federal advocacy agenda for the AAN. He has been a part of lobbying campaigns on numerous occasions both federally with Neurology on the Hill, sponsored by the AAN, and here in Texas through TMA’s First Tuesdays at the Capitol.

If elected, Texas physicians will be well represented by an established leader with wide ranging public policy experience and with the youthful exuberance to be a leader in the AMA for years to come.

Personal Statement: “There is no doubt that public policy decisions made in Washington, D.C., exert tremendous influence on our practices and on the lives of our patients. Conversely, Texas physicians have a proud history of exerting as much influence as we can back on the policy-making process. I believe the AMA would benefit from that spirit of Texas advocacy. It is time that MD’s take a more prominent position in guiding changes in health care. My education and experiences give me a unique view of all aspects of
health care policy including the impact on physicians, patients, and the economy. I want to see the AMA take a more forceful role in health care policy development and implementation in Washington just like TMA has done so effectively in Texas. And I want to be a part of the Texas delegation that leads the AMA to the position of influence it should hold.”

PROFILE
Name: Eddie L. Patton Jr., MD, MBA
Specialty:
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years):
Wayne State University School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine, 2005
Rice University Jones School of Business, Master of Business Administration, 2018
Alabama State University, Master of Science, 2001
Residency Programs:
Baylor College of Medicine, 2006-09
Neuromuscular Fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine, 2009-11
Board Certification(s): American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
Primary Residence (City, State): Sugar Land, Texas
What is your current practice status? Check all that apply and provide percentages:
Direct Patient Care: large group practice (over 20 members), 100%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state):
University of Texas Department of Neurosciences, Houston, Texas
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses.
Alexion – Speakers Bureau
Biogen – Speakers Bureau
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
• TMA Leadership College, class of 2014
• Socioeconomics Reference Committee
• HCMS Delegation to TMA
• Young Physician Representative to AMA
AMA Alternate Delegate
(Vote for three)

James W. Walton, DO

The Dallas County Medical Society is pleased to announce the candidacy of James (Jim) W. Walton, DO, MBA, FACP, for election as an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Walton is an experienced and innovative physician leader. He has been chief executive officer for Genesis Physicians Group since 2013, providing executive leadership to more than 1,700 physician and allied health members in a North Texas independent practice association (IPA). Through Genesis, Dr. Walton also established an innovative Accountable Care Organization (ACO), contracting with commercial, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for value-based care. Prior to Genesis, Dr. Walton served at Baylor Health Care System from 1996-2013 in senior positions such as vice president of Community Health Improvement, vice president and chief health equity officer, and vice president of Network Performance/Baylor Quality Alliance.

Dr. Walton has been a strong leader in organized medicine. He is a past president (2015) and chair of the Board (2016) of the Dallas County Medical Society (DCMS), the second largest medical society in the United States. From 2000-12, Dr. Walton volunteered countless hours as medical director for Project Access Dallas, a project sponsored by DCMS. Project Access improved health care access for the Dallas working poor through the coordination of a county-wide network of hospital, professional, and social service volunteers. Dr. Walton currently serves as co-chair of the DCMS Socioeconomics Committee and was chair of the Community Service Committee from 2006-13. Dr. Walton contributes his time to the Visiting Nursing Association as a member of the Board of Directors and volunteer. Finally, Dr. Walton was member of the District 3 Dallas County Commissioner Health Advisory Committee (2006-11) and member of the University of Texas at Dallas Healthcare Executive Council (2016-present). He currently teaches health care management as undergraduate adjunct faculty at UT Dallas’ Jindal School of Management.

Dr. Walton is a subject matter expert in value-based care models and health equity. He has published extensively on health care quality, financing, and reducing disparities through effective community health programs. He has been recognized for his health economics work in D Magazine, Modern Healthcare, and The Dallas Business Journal.

Dr. Walton received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of North Texas Health Science Center and completed his residency in internal medicine at Methodist Hospital of Dallas. He received his master’s in business administration from the University of Michigan.
Personal Statement: "To represent TMA at the American Medical Association provides me the opportunity to bring my diverse medical practice and health care administrative experiences together as the Texas delegation advocates for patients and physicians in the current and future policy developments. As health care policy has taken center stage in our national dialogue, there will be important opportunities to advance the physician’s voice and our collective narrative around the practice of medicine in Texas."

PROFILE
Name: James (Jim) Walton, DO, MBA, FACP
Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years):
   University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1978-82
Residency Program: Miami Valley Hospital (PSY1 & PGY2); Methodist Hospital of Dallas (PGY3)
Board Certification(s): American Board of Internal Medicine
Primary Residence (City, State): Dallas, Texas
What is your current practice status?
   Administrative: government, health plan, or health-related, but no direct patient care 100%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state): Genesis Physicians Group, Dallas, TX
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses.
   Innovista Health Solutions
   The University of Texas at Dallas
   Aetna, Inc.
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
   • Member, 1990-present
   • Dallas County Medical Society delegate to TMA
   • Member, Select Committee on Medicaid, CHIP, and the Uninsured
   • Member, Workgroup on Value-Based Payment Initiatives
Past
   • Member, Council of Socioeconomics
   • Member, Patient-Physician Advocacy Committee
AMA Alternate Delegate
(Vote for three)

Yasser Zeid, MD

Gregg-Upshur and Smith County Medical Societies and the Lone Star Caucus are proud and honored to nominate Yasser Zeid, MD, for the position of alternate delegate to the American Medical Association. Dr. Zeid has been an active member of organized medicine and the Texas Medical Association for more than 22 years. He is a dedicated leader with extensive knowledge in private practice management, especially in a rural setting, and patient access issues, especially for Medicaid recipients and the underinsured, as well as legislative issues including tort reform and scope of practice.

Dr. Zeid has been in private practice in East Texas for more than 22 years. It has been a challenge and has required a thorough understanding of the health care delivery system in order to survive acquisition by surrounding hospitals and larger groups – yet continue to provide quality care to his patients. Dr. Zeid is proud to be still practicing medicine in a private setting. Dr. Zeid is dual-boarded in obstetrics/gynecology and female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery (FPMRS).

Dr. Zeid joined TMA in 1997 and became involved shortly before Proposition 12 in 2001-02. Since then he has been a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Medicaid and the Uninsured and a member, and later chair, of the Committee on Maternal and Prenatal Health. He was also a member of the Council on Public Health prior to being appointed to the Council on Legislation. He has also been involved in TEXPAC, a Patron member, member of the TEXPAC board, Chair of SD#1, and a member of the Candidate Evaluation Committee. He served multiple terms as the president of the Rusk County Medical Society and the Gregg-Upshur County Medical Society. He recently moved his main office from Longview to Tyler and plans to transition to the Smith County Medical Society after TexMed. Dr. Zeid was appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Personal Statement: “I believe serving as an AMA Alternate Delegate would provide a platform not only to understand the ever-changing climate of health care but also would allow me to bring to the AMA the challenges that Texas physicians face in rural East Texas and help influence the national dialogue in a way that would benefit Texas patients and physicians under the leadership of TMA.”
PROFILE
Name: Yasser Zeid, MD
Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years):
   Ain Shams University, Cairo Egypt, 1988
Residency Programs:
   St. Luke’s Hospital, Bethlehem, PA transitional year residency, 1993
   The Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY Obstetrics and Gynecology, 1997
Board Certification(s):
   American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2000
   Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, 2016
Primary Residence (City, State): Tyler, Texas
What is your current practice status? Check all that apply and provide percentages:
   Direct Patient Care: solo, small group, or shared overhead, 90%
   Administrative: government, health plan, or health-related, but no direct patient care, 10%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state): Zeid Medical Group
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes
Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No
Including the past five years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses. None
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
   • Delegate, Gregg-Upshur County Medical Society, 2006-14 and 2016-present
   • Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 2008-present
   • Member, Council on Legislation, 2017-present
   • Member, Taskforce on Prior Authorization, 2019-present
   • Member, board member, Candidate Evaluation Committee member and SD #1 chair, TEXPAC, 2005-present
Past
   • Delegate, Rusk County Medical Society, 2005
   • President, Rusk County Medical Society
   • President, Gregg-Upshur County Medical Society, 2012-13 and 2018
   • Member and Chair, Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health, Member 2006-12, Chair 2010-12
   • Member, Council on Science and Public Health, 2012-17
   • Member, Task Force to Reduce Administrative Hassle with Managed Care and Medicaid as Mandated by SB 1150, 2014-15