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 2021 TMA House of Delegates races.
### ELECTIONS
**May 2021**

#### OFFICERS

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<td>President-Elect</td>
<td>E. Linda Villarreal</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2021-22</td>
<td>Gary W. Floyd Tarrant</td>
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<td>Speaker, House of Delegates</td>
<td>Arlo F. Weltge</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>2021-22</td>
<td>Bradford W. Holland McLennan</td>
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<td>Vice Speaker, House of Delegates</td>
<td>Bradford W. Holland</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>2021-22</td>
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<td>Four Trustees*</td>
<td>Keith A. Bourgeois, Jayesh B. Shah, Richard W. Snyder II, Joseph S. Valenti</td>
<td>Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes</td>
<td>2021-24</td>
<td>Keith A. Bourgeois Harris, Lisa L. Ehrlich Harris, Jayesh B. Shah Bexar, Richard W. Snyder II Dallas, Joseph S. Valenti Denton</td>
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General officers listed serve one-year terms except trustee which is a three-year term.

House policy also provides that the names of candidates seeking election or reelection be distributed in advance.

*Trustee positions are “at large,” not slotted. TMA Bylaws provide that all nominees for trustee will be listed on a single ballot. To view candidate videos, visit the [TMA Elections webpage](#). If Dr. Floyd is elected president-elect there will be a vacancy for an at-large trustee.
COUNCILOR AND VICE COUNCILOR ELECTIONS
May 2021

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<td>Vivek U. Rao</td>
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<td>District 2</td>
<td>James W. Huston</td>
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District elections are held for vice councilors and names are forwarded to the House of Delegates for confirmation. Terms are three years, unless filling an unexpired term. See map in this section for councilor districts.

*As provided in TMA Bylaws, nominations for vice councilor positions are determined by district elections and confirmed by the House of Delegates.
# AMA DELEGATION ELECTIONS

May 2021

## DELEGATES

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<td>Robert T. Gunby Jr.</td>
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<td>Lyle S. Thorstenson</td>
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Delegates and alternate delegates serve two-year terms, Jan. 1 2021-Dec. 31, 2022; except that the terms for the resident and medical student alternate delegates are May 16, 2021-May 1, 2022.

*Nominations are made by the Resident and Fellow Section and Medical Student Section.
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.

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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.

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

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.

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
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: _______________________________________________________________________

Approved by the Board of Trustees June 2005
RELATED ENTITIES

**Two 501c3 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
  - Patricia Lee Palmer, MD, Memorial Resident Loan Fund
  - directed public health and educational program funds
  - History of Medicine fund
  - Texas Medical Association Alliance Student Loan Fund

**Four 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.

- **PSO SERVICES, LLC**
  Formed 2016
  Members (3): CMA Holdings, LLC, FMA Holdings LLC, and TMA Practice Management Holdings, LLC
  Managers (6): CEO of the California Medical Association (CMA) or individual designated to serve in his or her place, licensed physician serving as an officer of the board of trustees of the CMA, CEO of the Florida Medical Association (FMA) or individual designated to serve in his or her place, licensed physician serving as an officer of the board of directors of the FMA, CEO of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) or individual designated to serve in his or her place, licensed physician serving as an officer of the board of directors of the TMA.
One unincorporated nonprofit association for which the TMA Board of Trustees is denominated as the Board of Trustees.

- THE PHYSICIANS BENEVOLENT FUND

One 501c4 corporation for which the members of the TMA Board of Trustees serve as Trustees.

- IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ALL TEXANS
  The Board of Trustees consists of the current Chair, Vice Chair, President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of the Texas Medical Association.

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
The members of the Tarrant County Medical Society are proud to nominate one of their proven leaders, Gary W. Floyd, MD, for the position of president-elect of the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

Dr. Floyd received his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine in Galveston and completed his pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital of Oklahoma. 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 a chief medical officer. He is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Dr. Floyd is a recognized leader at the local, state, and national levels:

- Local: Past president of Tarrant County Medical Society; Chair of the Metropolitan Area EMS Authority’s Emergency Physicians’ Advisory Board.
- State: Chair of TMA Board of Trustees; past chair of TMA Council on Legislation; past president of Texas Pediatric Society and the Texas Chapter of the AAP; TEXPAC Patron Club member; a strong voice for TMA policies before state and national legislators for many years including testifying before Texas House and Senate committees on health care issues dealing with safe management and treatment of patients, access to medical care, scope of practice issues, viability of medical practice, reduction of regulatory burdens, and protection of physicians’ clinical autonomy and independent medical judgment.
- National: AAP District VII (AR, LA, MS, OK, TX) Chair and member of AAP Board of Directors; vice chair and delegate for our Texas Delegation to the American Medical Association; Executive Committee of AMA Council on Legislation; AMPAC Capitol Club member.

Experienced leaders will be critical in guiding TMA through the transitions and challenges facing our organization; we must ensure that we continue to provide a unified voice for the practice of medicine. Dr. Floyd’s career is a legacy of service – he will continue to relentlessly advocate for patients, support physicians, and protect our profession.
**Personal Statement:** “Good physicians take care of their patients; great physicians take care of their patients and their profession. These are challenging times, with many wanting to do what we do without doing what we have done, and the government trying to insert itself between us and our patients. I understand the issues, I am willing to prioritize the time, and I will never give up in my efforts to serve patients, physicians, and our profession.”

**PROFILE**
Specialty: Pediatrics
Medical School: The University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine, Galveston, 1972-76
Residency: Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 1976-79
Board Certification(s): American Board of Pediatrics - Lifetime Certificate - 1983
Primary Residence: Keller, Texas
Practice Type/Employment Status: Self-employed consultant in government affairs & select pediatric primary and urgent care locum coverage
Employer/Employment Location: Self-employed/Keller, Texas
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term of office? Yes
Does your current employment situation require you to work outside of Texas? No
Including the past 5 years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000/year in excess of actual expenses:
- American Academy of Pediatrics, District VII chair and member of AAP Board of Directors, 2020-present
- TMA PracticeEdge Board of Trustees, 2016-present
- Texas Medical Foundation Health Quality Institute Board of Trustees, 2015-present; chair, 2019-20

Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? No
What TMA positions have you held?
TMA Board of Trustees: 2014-present; chair, 2020-21; vice chair, 2019-20; chair, Investments Committee, 2016-20; Executive Committee, 2016-present
Tarrant County Medical Society Delegation to TMA: alternate, 1996-97; delegate 1998-present
TMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws, 2002-06
TMA Council on Legislation: chair, 2011-12; member, 2006-12; consultant, 2012-16
TMA Ad Hoc Committee on Retail Health Clinics: chair, 2008-09
TMA Select Committee on Medicaid, CHIP, and the Uninsured, 2007-14
TMA Reference Committee on Socioeconomics: chair 2000; member 1999, 2003
TMA PracticeEdge Board of Trustees, 2016-present
TEXPAC: District 9 chair, 2006-14; vice chair, 2005-06
TMA Delegation to the AMA: vice chair, 2016-present; delegate, 2016-present; alternate, 2006-16
AMA Reference Committee B (Legislation), 2011, 2014
AMA Reference Committee F, 2015-17
AMA Council on Legislation, 2017-present

**DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS**
American Academy of Pediatrics
Texas Medical Association PracticeEdge Board of Trustees
Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) Health Quality Institute Board of Trustees
American Medical Association Council on Legislation
The Lone Star Caucus and McLennan County Medical Society (MCMS) are proud to endorse Waco otolaryngologist Bradford W. Holland, MD, for election as speaker of the Texas Medical Association’s (TMA’s) House of Delegates.

Dr. Holland’s first TMA meeting was 28 years ago, and ever since he has been a leader among leaders. In his two years as vice speaker, he has shown he can be transformative in modernizing the house. He has been active in formulating House Standing Rules and adjusting to making the House of Delegates a “virtual organization” for the time-being.

Dr. Holland is an inaugural-year graduate of TMA’s Leadership College and has held multiple positions within TMA and MCMS, including past president of MCMS and six years of service on TMA’s Committee on Professional Liability. Dr. Holland served as chair of the Membership Committee, Candidate Evaluation Committee, the Executive Committee of TEXPAC, and ultimately as TEXPAC chair. He served on the Council on Legislation and in 2014 helped form the Lone Star Caucus, serving as its founding co-chair.

Outside TMA, Dr. Holland is a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians and is active in his specialty society, having served in many roles, including president of the Texas Association of Otolaryngology. He is a graduate of Leadership Waco, past member of the Board of Directors of the Central Texas American Cancer Society and the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Waco Symphony Association. Dr. Holland is an adjunct faculty member in Baylor University’s Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. His wife, Amanda, is director of Baylor University’s Department of Advising for the Robbins College, and they have four children.

**Personal Statement:** “Who could’ve foreseen the tremendous changes COVID-19 has wrought in the way TMA conducts the House of Delegates? Creating online platforms, online voting, virtual candidate forums, and a virtual house meeting were all challenges the speakers faced in 2020. I believe we rose to those challenges and made it through this trying year.

‘But 2021 will be much better! Now that we’ve had sufficient time to prepare and have some experience with virtual TMA meetings, I am proud to say that the TexMed 2021 meeting will be as much like a traditional meeting as one can imagine. We know we need to make a secure, representative, interactive, and understandable mechanism for house business at all levels to be completed. I am excited that we have made amazing progress, and I believe every delegate to the TMA house will be pleased with the TexMed 2021 experience.”
“In my time as vice speaker, I have taken an active role to ensure that the myriad problems facing physicians are being addressed in the business of the house. TMA and the speakers need to do everything we can to procure relevant policy changes such that the reforms we need to protect our profession and our patients are being debated in the House of Delegates. I ask for your vote as speaker to continue to make the TMA house the flagship policymaking body of state medical societies in our country.”

PROFILE
Name: Bradford W. Holland, MD
Specialty: Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
Medical School (with year graduated): UT Southwestern Medical School, 1997
Residency Program: Bowman Gray School of Medicine, general surgery internship
Wake Forest University School of Medicine/North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, otolaryngology residency
Board Certifications(s): American Board of Otolaryngology
Primary Residence: Waco
Practice Type/Employment Status: Direct Patient Care: solo, small group, or shared overhead, 100%
Primary Practice/Employment Location: Waco Ear, Nose, and Throat, Waco
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:

- Waco Real Estate Holdings
- Fishpond Surgery Center General Partnership
- Extraco Banks Community Board Member
- Baylor University Adjunct Faculty, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
- Vice Speaker, TMA House of Delegates
- Member, TMA Board of Trustees
- Vice Chair, Speaker’s Advisory Council
Past
- Chair, TEXPAC
- Founder and chair, Lone Star Caucus
- Chair, Small Districts Caucus
- Member, Council on Legislation
- Chair, Candidate Evaluation Committee
- Chair, TEXPAC Membership Committee
- Chair, TEXPAC Executive Committee
- Member, Committee on Professional Liability
- Member, Reference Committee on Science and Public Health
- TMA Leadership College Inaugural Graduate
- President, UT-Southwestern TMA-MSS Chapter
- TMA-MSS Delegation to AMA Leader

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
- Waco Ear, Nose, and Throat
- Physicians Hearing Center
- Fishpond Surgery Center
- Extraco Banks, Board of Directors
- Baylor University Adjunct Faculty, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
The Denton County Medical Society and the Lone Star Caucus are proud to present Little Elm internist John G. Flores, MD, for the position of vice speaker of the Texas Medical Association. Dr. Flores was born in Dallas and grew up on the southern border of Dallas County in the city of Duncanville. He graduated 15th in his class of more than 800 students. He was a drum major, president of the Spanish club, newspaper writer and photo editor, and graduated with honors in government. He attended The University of Texas at Austin and graduated with Plan 1 honors. He graduated in 1993 from the UT Southwestern Medical School, where he was editor of the student newspaper, The Murmur, and also served as president of the Texas Association of Mexican-American Medical Students. After graduation from the Methodist Central Hospital Internal Medicine program in 1997, he opened a private internal medicine clinic in Little Elm, where his wife Jill, also an internist, joined him in 2003.

Dr. Flores has been actively involved in organized medicine since early in his career. He chaired the TMA Council on Socioeconomics and the Council on Health Service Organizations. He is currently serving as a TMA alternate delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA) and he cochairs the Lone Star Caucus. At the AMA, he has served on the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section’s Governing Council since 2017 and was elected as its secretary in 2020. He previously served as the legislative chair and president of the Denton County Medical Society. Dr. Flores has been with his wife, Jill, for 26 years and has four boys. He has enjoyed watching them grow and participating as their Boy Scout cub master and associate scoutmaster. He enjoys reading thick books, graphic novels, and golfing.

**Personal Statement:** “The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how far our state has come to improve the health care of Texans and yet how far it still has to go. The health of our brothers and sisters in the Valley and rural and urban areas is especially at risk. We must continue efforts at all levels to erase the smoldering social iniquities that these populations suffer from. By improving the broadband infrastructure and with our quick and timely adoption of telemedicine, we have made inroads in this process. Our pandemic-induced wins with the insurance industry on this front must be secured with the appropriate legislation. In addition, the pandemic has also altered the way we interact with each other. The TMA has made great strides in how its House of Delegates conducts business using virtual technology; this is a paradigm shift which has increased participation throughout the state and with our younger physicians who lacked the time needed to participate in our initiatives because they were building their practices or raising a family. My involvement in TMA leadership has always been centered around creating and cementing relevancy for its members and improving the health of Texans in the process.”
PROFILE
Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School (with year graduated): UT Southwestern Medical School 1993
Residency Program: University of Tennessee Chattanooga General Surgery Internship 1993-94
Methodist Central Hospital Dallas Internal Medicine Residency 1994-97
Board Certification(s): American Board of Internal Medicine 1997-2027
Primary Residence (City, State): Carrollton
Practice Type/Employment Status: Direct Patient Care: solo, small group, or shared overhead, 100%
Primary Practice/Employment Location (City, State): Little Elm Medical Clinic, Little Elm, Texas. Full-time outpatient primary care.
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:
  • Novo Nordisk: Speaker for GLP-1 diabetic medicine
  • Blue Cross Blue Shield: member of Physician Advisory Board
  • Southwestern Health Resources: regional medical director for community physicians
  • Concord hospice: medical director
  • ARC Home Health Care: medical director, delegating physician for two nurse practitioners.
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
What TMA positions have you held?
Current
  • Alternate Delegate, Texas Delegation to the AMA
Past
  • Chair, Council on Socioeconomics
  • Chair, Council on Health Service Organizations

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
Little Elm Medical Clinic, PA, private practice, 50% owner
Texas American College of Physicians Services, President 2020-21
Southwestern Health Resources (Integrated Accountable Care Organization)
AMA Organized Medical Staff Section 2019-present
AMA Governing Council Secretary 2020-22
The Harris County Medical Society is honored to endorse the candidacy of Keith A. Bourgeois, MD, for reelection to the Texas Medical Association (TMA) Board of Trustees.

Dr. Bourgeois is completing his second term of office on the board, and while he has contributed much to the work of the board, there is much more he would like to accomplish.

In his first year on the board, Dr. Bourgeois chaired the Balance Billing Task Force. In this role, he was instrumental in helping TMA develop policy positions that convinced the legislature to allow physicians to retain their right to balance bill, while at the same time improving the system to make it better for patients.

A past president of the Texas Ophthalmological Association and of the Harris County Medical Society, Dr. Bourgeois has been in private practice since 1988. His main office in downtown Houston is a two-person ophthalmology practice specializing in diseases and surgery of the retina and vitreous. To address the physician shortage before tort reform, he and his partner treated patients in the Rio Grande Valley, as well as in the Beaumont and Conroe areas, from 1992 to 2001. Following on that tradition of addressing the need for a retina specialist in a rural community, he also has been treating patients at a satellite office in Columbus for the past 27 years.

From personal experience, Dr. Bourgeois understands the problems of both urban and rural physicians and patients. Every day he deals with the burdens placed upon physicians by the bureaucrats in Austin and Washington, D.C. He also is intimately familiar with the difficult relationships physicians have with hospitals and health plans. Before serving on the Board of Trustees, his six years each on the TMA Council on Socioeconomics and the Council on Legislation trained him how to develop effective policy that can pass the legislature.

In short, Dr. Bourgeois’ vast experience in medical issues that affect all physicians across the state makes him a valuable member of the TMA Board of Trustees. His ability to evaluate issue positions and understand their impact on both urban and rural as well as on small-practice or hospital-based physicians will be a critical asset to the board’s decisionmaking in the years to come.
Personal Statement: “I am proud of the ongoing efforts of the TMA and local medical societies in enhancing practice viability and fully support continuing these efforts to ensure our practices can thrive as we care for our patients.”

PROFILE
Specialty: Ophthalmology-Retina and Vitreous
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years): Louisiana State University, New Orleans, 1979-83
Residency Program:
  • Internship, Louisiana State University, Lafayette, Louisiana, 1983-84
  • Residency, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC), 1984-87
  • Fellowship in retina, UTHSC-Houston, 1987-88
Board Certification(s): American Board of Ophthalmology, 1988
Primary Residence (City, State): Houston, Texas
What is your current practice status? Check all that apply and provide percentages:
  Direct Patient Care: solo, small group, or shared overhead, 100%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state): Keith A. Bourgeois, MD, PA, 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.
  • St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston, Texas
  • Texas Medical Liability Trust
  • Occasional review of medical records for various law firms
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
  Ex Officio Member, TMA House of Delegates
  Past
  District Chair, TEXPAC Board of Directors
  District Vice Chair, TEXPAC Board of Directors
  Member, Council on Legislation
  Chair, Council on Socioeconomics
  Member, Council on Socioeconomics
  Program Chair, TexMed CME Program

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
Keith A. Bourgeois, MD, PA – DBA Downtown Eye Associates
St. Joseph Medical Center, Houston, Texas
Texas Medical Liability Trust
Board of Trustees
(vote for four)

Lisa L. Ehrlich, MD

It has been said that these are “unprecedented times.” Since such times require exceptional leadership, the Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) is proud to nominate Lisa L. Ehrlich, MD, for a position on the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees as an at-large member in 2021.

Dr. Ehrlich has significant experience leading in organized medicine. You will find those positions listed in her profile below. Dr. Ehrlich can run a board meeting efficiently while engaging her board members, and as a meeting participant, she is a rare combination of disruptor and consensus builder. If you know her, you know she likes to get things done through democracy and participation, playing on the strengths and differences of stakeholders. Importantly, Dr. Ehrlich has the breadth of passion and depth of experience to be an asset to the board in these unprecedented times.

Lisa is a mother, wife, business owner, and loyal friend. She loves dinner conversation, listening to live music, reading, and snow skiing. She brings her experiences to the care of her patients as well as to leadership. But it is her love for the profession of medicine and her deep care for her patients that drives her strong passion for leadership in medicine. She recognizes that, while she has striven to deliver excellent care as an accomplished private internal medicine physician, over those decades the system has become ever more averse to physicians as well as their patients. Dr. Ehrlich has identified this as a crisis for which she has dedicated her time in organized medicine to address.

Dr. Ehrlich is no stranger to crisis. After nine years in leadership positions serving her county medical society, she was proud to lead 12,000 Harris County physicians as president during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in 2017. At the request of Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, she drew on her experience as a business owner, physician, collaborator, and leader to organize multiple stakeholders to run the medical operations at the NRG shelter, where an average of 4,000 displaced residents per day were housed. Not only did she help organize the day-to-day medical care for the residents (essentially in-house urgent care and emergency center), but she was able to coordinate Baker-Ripley, Harris Health, HCMS, federal support troops (Army Reserves and DMAT), Harris County Public Health, pharmacies, and volunteer health care personnel to provide immediate care and community follow-up. Besides emergency and chronic care, Dr. Ehrlich helped to organize 24-hour mental health identification and support, public health, pharmacy, dentistry, eye care, and even AA meetings.

With the ongoing pandemic, 2021 calls for experienced, proven, and dedicated leaders. Dr. Lisa Ehrlich is ready to go.
**Personal Statement:** “Put simply, 2021 needs leadership by physicians who have immersive experience with patient care and organized medicine, an understanding of the problems facing health care derived from years of everyday experience, and a logical approach to the issues based on what improves patient care. Therefore, I respectfully request your support for my election to the TMA Board of Trustees.”

**PROFILE**
Specialty: Internal Medicine  
Medical School and Post Graduate Education: The University of Texas Medical Branch, 1989-93  
Residency Program: University of Michigan Medical Center, 1993-96  
Board Certification(s): American Board of Internal Medicine, 1996-2026  
Primary Residence (City, State): Houston, Texas  
What is your current practice status? Direct Patient Care: solo, small group, or shared overhead, 100%  
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state):  
L. Ehrlich and Associates Medical Clinic, PLLC, 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.  
TMF Health Quality Institute  
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No  
What TMA positions have you held?  
Board member, TMF Health Quality Institute, 2019-present  
TMA Council on Socioeconomics, 2018-present  
TEXPAC Board of Directors, 2004-present  
AMA Delegate for TMA Young Physicians section, 2003-06

**DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS**
L. Ehrlich and Associates Medical Clinic, PLLC, managing partner  
Texas Immunization Partnership, advocacy
The Bexar County Medical Society (BCMS) is proud to nominate one of its outstanding leaders, Jayesh (Jay) Shah, MD, for reelection to the Texas Medical Association (TMA) Board of Trustees.

With the unprecedented challenges affecting medicine, TMA needs a strong leader like Dr. Shah. Dr. Shah is a collaborative and innovation-driven physician-executive leader who has led physicians in hospitals, group practice, and in nonprofit physician organizations both locally and nationally.

Dr. Shah was the president of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, a national organization representing 100,000 physicians. He is the immediate past president of the American College of Hyperbaric Medicine and past chair of the American College of Clinical Wound Specialists. He is past president of the BCMS and the Texas Indo-American Physician Society.

Dr. Shah received his bachelor of medicine-bachelor of surgery from Medical College Baroda in India. He served his internal medicine residency at St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital at Columbia University in New York and took part in the Master of Health Care Administration program at Trinity University in San Antonio. He is board certified in internal medicine as well as undersea and hyperbaric medicine.

Dr. Shah has been a TMA member since 2000. He is currently serving on the Board of Trustees and is a TMA Delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA). Dr. Shah has served three years as a member of the TMA Council on Health Services; the Select Committee on Medicaid, CHIP, and the Uninsured; and the Council on Health Promotion. Dr. Shah also has served for six years on the Committee on Membership. Likewise, he has served as vice chair for TEXPAC District 21; co-chair of 2018 TMA Foundation Gala; and as chair of the International Medical Graduates Section for both TMA and AMA. He is a long-standing delegate of BCMS to TMA and is current co-chair of the BCMS Delegation to TMA.

Dr. Shah is a thought leader and educator in wound care and hyperbaric medicine, having published three books, 50 peer-reviewed papers, and has given more than 200 invited lectures. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at UT Health San Antonio and the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine in San Antonio. He has received numerous awards not only for his academic achievements but also for his community service and leadership.
Dr. Shah is an actively practicing physician with sound business knowledge who understands the issues and can provide novel solutions. He also advocates on behalf of Texas physicians to keep the private practice of medicine alive. He is the right prescription for the TMA Board of Trustees.

**Personal Statement:** “I have a passion to serve Texas patients and physicians. It is a great honor to be your Board of Trustees member during these unprecedented times. I advocated on behalf of Texas physicians during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic so that private practices can survive, can receive PPE, loans, vaccinations, and all the necessary support they need. I have testified and advocated against prior authorization red tape and scope issues. I have used my health care administration skills to steer TMA’s finances in the right direction. My unparalleled experience in organized medicine, 25 years of private practice, business, and academia will be the right prescription for TMA.”

**PROFILE**
Specialty: Internal medicine, undersea and hyperbaric medicine, wound care
Medical School (with year graduated): Medical College Baroda, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, India, 1986-92
Residency Program: Columbia University’s St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital, New York, 1993-96
Board Certification(s): American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Preventive Medicine (Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine)
Primary Residence (City, State): San Antonio, Texas
Practice Type/ Employment Status:
- Direct Patient Care: solo, small group, or shared overhead, 80%
- Direct Patient Care: nonprofit corporation (formerly 5.01(A) corporation), 5%
- Academic, 10%
- Administrative: government, health plan, or health-related, but no direct patient care, 5%
Primary Practice/ Employment Location (City, State): Self-employed at South Texas Wound Associates, PA, San Antonio, 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:
Tenet Healthcare Corp.; International ATMO, Inc.; Acelity
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
TMA positions held:
Member, Board of Trustees, 2018-21
Co-Chair, TMA Foundation Gala, 2018
Vice Chair, TEXPAC District 21
Member, Council on Health Promotion (three years)
Member, AMA Delegation (10 years)
Member, Select Committee on Medicaid, CHIP, and the Uninsured (three years)
Member, Committee on Membership (three years)
Member, Council on Health Service Organizations (three years)
Chair, International Medical Graduate Section, 2004-05
Member, Governing Council of the International Medical Graduate Section, 2000-06
**DISCLOSURES**
South Texas Wound Associates, PA
TIMEO2 Healing Concepts, LLC
Wound Care Centers at Northeast Baptist Hospital and Mission Trail Baptist Hospital
Wound Care Alliance
American College of Hyperbaric Medicine
The Dallas County Medical Society (DCMS) is pleased to nominate a leader in organized medicine, Rick Snyder, MD, for reelection to the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees.

After graduating with honors from the University of Notre Dame and the L’Universite Catholique de L’Ouest in France, Dr. Snyder earned his medical degree from the UT Southwestern Medical School, where he also completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowship in cardiology. He is board certified in cardiovascular disease, interventional cardiology, advanced heart failure, and transplant cardiology.

Dr. Snyder has since 1996 practiced at Medical City Dallas Hospital, where he previously served as department of medicine chair and medical staff president. He also served on the board of trustees. In addition to his full-time clinical practice, Dr. Snyder serves as president of HeartPlace, a 62-physician cardiology practice with more than 25 offices in Dallas-Fort Worth, as well as vice chair of Cardiovascular Provider Resources, Inc., and as a board member for Specialty Physician Assurance Company, Ltd. Dr. Snyder also represents HeartPlace as chair of the board of ASPEN Physician Network, PLLC, a clinically integrated network of independent specialty groups.

Dr. Snyder is a passionate advocate of protecting the physician-patient relationship. He believes physicians must be the voice for their patients, and he demonstrates that by participating in state legislative and federal congressional advocacy activities. He and his wife, Shelley Hall, MD, host numerous fundraisers in their home on behalf of TEXPAC.

Dr. Snyder was president (2012) and chair of the board (2013) of DCMS. While president he led the physician response to the West Nile virus epidemic. Dr. Snyder’s leadership resulted in his appointment to the Dallas County Health and Human Services Public Health Advisory Committee by County Judge Clay Jenkins. Dr. Snyder previously served DCMS as secretary/treasurer and as chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee. He continues his volunteerism as a member of the DCMS Community Emergency Response Committee and the North Texas Mass Critical Care Task Force.

As an American College of Cardiology representative, he was a member of the board of governors and the ACC Political Action Committee board in Washington, D.C., and has served as president of the Texas chapter. Dr. Snyder additionally was vice chair of the National Physicians’ Council for Health Care Policy.
A member of the TMA Board of Trustees since 2015, Dr. Snyder formally served as secretary/treasurer and is currently vice chair. He has held leadership positions as a member of the TMA House of Delegates, TEXPAC Board of Directors, Committee on Physician and Hospital Issues, Committee on Insurance and Managed Care, Council on Legislation, and the TMA Specialty Services, LLC Board.

**Personal Statement:** “We need to make the capitol buildings in Austin and D.C. as familiar as our own hospitals. As physicians, we can have as much impact, if not more, on patient care through our work in legislative chambers and regulators’ offices, as exam rooms and operating rooms. As clinicians we treat one patient at a time, but as physician advocates we can treat everyone all at once.”

**PROFILE**

Specialty: Cardiology

Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years): UT Southwestern Medical School, 1983-87

Residency and Fellowship Programs: UT Southwestern Medical Center, 1987-1993

Board Certification(s): Internal Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology

Primary Residence (City, State): Dallas

Practice Type/Employment Status: Direct Patient Care – Large Group Practice (over 20 members), 100%

Primary Practice/Employment Location (City, State): HeartPlace, Dallas

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

All other organizations from which payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000 per year in excess of actual expenses has been received including the past 5 years:

- HeartPlace, president and legislative director
- Cardiovascular Provider Resources, Inc., vice chair

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

TMA positions held:

- Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, 2020-present
- At-Large Member, Board of Trustees, 2015-present
- Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Trustees, 2015, 2019
- Member, House of Delegates, 2005-present
- Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors, TMA Specialty Services, LLC, 2017-present
- Member, Council on Legislation 2013-15
- Member, Council on Legislation Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency, 2015
- Member, Council on Socioeconomics Ad Hoc Committee on ACOs, 2008
- Member, Committee on Insurance and Managed Care, 2008
- Member, Inter-Specialty Society Committee, 2007-10
- Member, Board of Directors, TEXPAC, 2006-15
- Member, Committee on Physician and Hospital Issues, 2006

**DISCLOSURES**

**Self:** HeartPlace, PA, president; Cardiovascular Provider Resources, Inc., board vice chair; Specialty Physician Assurance Company, Ltd., board of directors; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Texas Physicians Advisory Council; ASPEN Specialty Physicians Network, board chair; Novitas Solutions, Inc., Medicare administrative contractor JH, Contractor Advisory Committee; Dallas County Health and Human Services Public Health Advisory Committee; American College of Cardiology Political Action Committee; Medfinity Health Plano.

**Spouse Shelly Hall, MD:** Texas Chapter of American College of Cardiology, president-elect; American Society of Transplantation Thoracic and Critical Care Council, chair; United Network for Organ Sharing Heart Committee, chair; Cardiovascular Provider Resources, Inc., board of directors; Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital board of directors; Health Texas Provider Network, Baylor University Medical Center; consultant for Abbott, Abiomed, Medtronic, SynCardia Systems, Everheart, CareDx, Natera; speaker for CareDx.
Board of Trustees
(vote for four)

The Lone Star Caucus is very pleased to nominate Joseph S. Valenti, MD, for reelection to the position of at-large member of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) Board of Trustees.

A gynecologist in private practice in Denton for the past 22 years, Dr. Valenti is a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He graduated with honors from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and completed residency at Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo.

Dr. Valenti has the experience necessary to serve on the TMA Board of Trustees. He has chaired three TMA councils and committees: the Council on Socioeconomics, Council on Constitution and Bylaws, and Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health. He currently serves the physicians of Texas as a member of The Physicians Foundation Board of Directors. He previously served as president of the Denton County Medical Society and chief of staff of North Texas Hospital, a physician-owned facility.

Dr. Valenti is actively involved in advocating for awareness of the social determinants of health care outcomes and costs while promoting the primacy of physicians and patients in Texas and the U.S. He has participated in organized medicine since 1991, beginning with his first year of medical school. Throughout his service to the Texas and New York state medical organizations, he has chaired and served as a delegate of the medical student, resident and fellow, and young physician sections. During his residency, he held the at-large position on the Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Texas Medical Liability Trust Business Development Committee.

Dr. Valenti has extensive organizational and leadership experience, serving his peers at almost every level of the Texas Medical Association. Both at the state and national levels, he has been a consistent stalwart for physician-owned, physician-driven, physician-led health care.
Personal Statement: “The history of the Texas Medical Association from 1853 to today is one replete with a common thread: Physicians joining together to accomplish a vision, “To Improve the Health of All Texans.” TMA’s 2025 strategic plan outlines the path forward, and certainly our original 35 founders could hardly have imagined how complex this task would become: tort reform, balance billing, political action, value-based care, and evidence-based regulation, to name a few of the factors. Nonetheless, we are faced with a future that we must walk together with our patients. We are their stewards, and they are our partners, and we can succeed only if we are kept always vigilant of that fact. Required of us is leadership, dedication, honesty, a working understanding of the determinants of health care costs, and an unwavering belief that we can never give up the ability to do what is in the aligned physician and patient best interest. We must be the leaders of the health care team, and we must defend that only those who have gone to medical school can practice medicine. I humbly ask for your support so that I may continue to carry the fight forward on behalf of our TMA, our patients, and all Texans.”

PROFILE
Name: Joseph S. Valenti, MD
Specialty: Gynecology
Medical School (with year graduated): Roswell Park, 1986-89 Immunology Masters; SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine, 1989-94
Residency Program: Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, OB-Gyn Residency, 1994-68
Board Certification(s): American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Fellow, 2001-present
Primary Residence (City, State): Dallas, Texas
Practice Type/Employment Status: Direct patient care: solo, small group, or shared overhead, 100%
Primary Practice/Employment Location (City, State): Caring for Women, PA, Denton, Texas. Founder and co-owner.

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:

- Physicians Foundation

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
TMA positions held:
Current
TMA Board of Trustees, 2018-present
Delegate to TMA, Denton County Medical Society, 2003-present
Past
Chair, Denton County Medical Society
Chair and member, TMA Council on Socioeconomics, 2011-16
Chair and member, TMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws, 2009-11
Chair and member, TMA Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health, 2002-03
Chair, TMA Young Physician Section, 2000-01
Delegate, TMA Young Physician Section House of Delegates, 1999-2003

DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS
Caring for Women, PA
Physicians Foundation
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Texas Physicians Advisory Council
The Dallas County Medical Society (DCMS) is pleased to nominate a dedicated leader, Mark A. Casanova, MD, for election as Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA).

Dr. Casanova has a long history as a palliative care physician, ethics consultant, and patient care advocate. He serves as chair of the Supportive and Palliative Care and the Institutional Ethics Committee at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He also maintains a component of his general clinical internal medicine practice.

Dr. Casanova received his medical degree from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and a residency in internal medicine at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Texas A&M University. He holds a clinical associate faculty position with the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, and leads the Baylor University Medical Center HEAL III curriculum (Humanities, Ethics, Altruism and Leadership). He founded and chairs the Supportive and Palliative Care Service team at Baylor University, for which the American Hospital Association recognized Dr. Casanova and his team with a Circle of Life Citation of Honor in 2007.

Dr. Casanova was president (2020) and chair of the Board (2021) of DCMS. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Casanova has served on the Dallas County COVID-19 Public Health Subcommittee and the TMA COVID-19 Taskforce. Additionally, his leadership contributed to the formation of the North Texas County Medical Society Coalition, an organization that provides public-facing COVID-19 information and expertise to the residents of North Texas. Dr. Casanova’s involvement in DCMS includes co-chairing the DCMS Delegation to TMA, serving on the Community Emergency Response Committee, the North Texas Alliance for Clinician Resilience, and co-chair of the North Texas Mass Critical Care Task Force. As an active member of TMA, Dr. Casanova serves on the TMA Council on Health Service Organizations and previously chaired the TMA Council on Constitutional Bylaws.

Beyond educating medical students, he is also intimately involved in the education of both residents and fellows in areas of palliative medicine and clinical ethics. Dr. Casanova’s greatest joy, beyond his devotion to medicine, is being a husband and father to two of the most remarkable ladies in the world.
**Personal Statement:** “I seek to serve as an AMA Alternate Delegate in order to protect and advance the sanctity of the patient-physician relationship. I have dedicated myself the past several years to expanding my health policy influence in North Texas and across the entire state, and believe I am ready to represent Texas at the level of the AMA. In upholding the principles of medical and clinical ethics as unwavering guideposts, I would like to share my devotion for living well while struggling with illness, ensuring a sustainable profession for the future, and the importance of educating our next generation of physicians. These attributes, along with my knowledge base and skill set surrounding professional society constitution and bylaws, provides a well-balanced asset for the Texas AMA delegation.”

**PROFILE**
Specialty: Palliative Medicine
Medical School and Post Graduate Education (with years):
   - The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Doctor of Medicine, 1996-2000
   - Baylor University Medical Center, Internship in internal medicine, 2000-01
Residency Program: Baylor University Medical Center, Residency in Internal Medicine, 2001-03
Board Certification(s):
   - American Board of Internal Medicine
   - American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Primary Residence (City, State): Dallas, Texas
Practice Type/Employment Status: Direct Patient Care: large group practice (over 20 members), 80%;
   - Academic, 15%; Public Health, 5%
Primary Employer and Employment Location (city, state): Baylor University 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 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. None
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? No
TMA Positions Held:
   - Council on Health Service Organizations, Member
   - Council on Health Service Organizations, Chair
   - Council on Constitutional Bylaws, Member
   - Council on Constitutional Bylaws, Chair
AMA Alternate Delegate
(vote for three)

Kimberly Avila Edwards, MD

Kimberly Avila Edwards, MD, has been a member of the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and the Travis County Medical Society (TCMS) since beginning her career as a general pediatrician in Austin in 2002. At the local level, Dr. Avila Edwards has served as a member of the Board of Ethics and as a member of the Executive Board for TCMS. At the state level, she has been actively engaged in TMA as well as the Texas Pediatric Society (TPS), the state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). She is honored to have been part of the TMA Leadership College Class of 2012. In 2012, Dr. Avila Edwards served as the youngest and first Hispanic president of the Texas Pediatric Society. Since then, she has served in national roles in the AAP as the Texas Alternate chapter chair, the chapter chair for Texas, and as of March 2019 as the AAP District VII Chapter Forum Management Committee member, a role she holds to date. Dr. Avila Edwards understands amplifying the voice of Texas physicians and their patients within our professional national organizations.

Dr. Avila Edwards brings her considerable state and national leadership experience to the potential role of American Medical Association Alternate Delegate. Dr. Avila Edwards has served on the TMA Council on Science and Public Health and currently serves as Chair of the TMA Committee on Child and Adolescent Health. She has led efforts at both TMA and TPS around childhood obesity and, currently, around health equity. She has actively participated in multiple Texas legislative sessions, sharing her content expertise and testifying before various state legislative committees on behalf of TMA, TPS, and the Texas Academy of Family Physicians on various obesity and other child health-related bills.

Dr. Avila Edwards currently serves as director of Advocacy and External Affairs at Dell Children’s Medical Center in Austin. Since August 2020, Dr. Avila Edwards has had the honor of serving as the associate chair for Advocacy for the Department of Pediatrics at Dell Medical School. Dr. Avila Edwards practices primary general pediatrics onboard the Dell Children’s Medical Center mobile clinic, a clinic that serves as the primary medical home for uninsured children. She understands firsthand the disparities faced by underinsured and uninsured children in our community. Dr. Avila Edwards has volunteered at El
Buen Samaritano as well as the Volunteer Healthcare Clinic in Austin. She also has served as a camp physician for Laity Lodge and as the medical director for El Ranchito.

Dr. Avila Edwards has been recognized for her work by four Special Achievement Awards from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the TPS Executive Board Award, and in 2020, the Sidney R. Kaliski, MD, Award of Merit by TPS.

**Personal statement:** “As the largest and only national association that convenes almost 200 state and specialty medical societies and other critical stakeholders, the responsibility to serve the American Medical Association as part of the Texas Delegation is great. It is a tremendous honor to be considered and if elected, I will work hard to be the voice for all Texas physicians and their patients, including children.”

**PROFILE**
Specialty: Pediatrics
Medical School (with year graduated): Harvard Medical School, 1999
Residency Program:
- Pediatric Internship: Texas Children’s/Baylor College of Medicine: 2000
- Pediatric Residency: Texas Children’s/Baylor College of Medicine: 2002
- Chief Resident, Neonatal Chief, 2002
Board Certification(s): Pediatrics, 2002, Recertification 2012
Primary Residence (City, State): Austin, Texas
Practice Type/Employment Status:
- Direct Patient Care: nonprofit corporation (formerly 5.01(A) corporation), 10%
- Academic: Associate Chair for Advocacy, Department of Pediatrics, Dell Medical School, 30%
- Administrative: government, health plan, or health-related, but not direct patient care. Director of Advocacy and External Affairs at Dell Children’s Medical Center, 60%
Primary Practice/Employment Location (City, State): Dell Children’s Medical Center/Ascension Texas, Austin, 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:
- Department of State Health Services: Texas Health and Human Services Texas Health Steps
- Texas Pediatric Society, state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? Please explain. No
TMA positions held:
- TMA Committee on Child and Adolescent Health, chair, 2020-present
- Council on Science and Public Health, 2009-15
- Alternate Delegate to the TMA Interspecialty Society, Texas Pediatric Society, 2008-09
- TMA Leadership College Class of 2012
- TMA Member, 2002-present
- Member, Executive Board, Travis County Medical Society, 2014-16
- Member, Board of Ethics, Travis County Medical Society, 2013-16
The members of the Tarrant County Medical Society (TCMS) are proud to nominate their president, Angela Self, MD, for the position of alternate delegate to the Texas Medical Association’s (TMA’s) delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA).

Dr. Self received her medical degree from St. George’s University School of Medicine and completed her internal medicine residency at Saint Paul University Hospital in Dallas, Texas. She has practiced internal medicine for almost 20 years in various capacities including in a private general internal medicine practice with a focus on geriatrics, and as a hospice physician, skilled nursing physician, hospitalist, and managed care executive administrator. Dr. Self is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and a certified physician executive. She is currently serving as a senior director at Southwestern Health Resources.

Organized medicine has always been a priority for Dr. Self. When in medical school, she co-founded St. George’s Emergency Medicine Club. This dedication carried over to her career: Dr. Self has been a longtime member of the AMA, TMA, TCMS, and the American Association for Physician Leadership.

Dr. Self is an active member of TCMS. Before beginning her current term as president, she served as secretary-treasurer, vice president, and president-elect. Dr. Self was a member of the Public Grievance Committee from 2004-07, has been a member of the Board of Advisors since 2014, and has served on the Women in Medicine Committee since its inception in 2016.

Dr. Self also served as a leader in other medical organizations. She was on the Baylor Regional Medical Center Bylaws Committee from 2003-05, and served on the Ethicus Hospital Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee from 2012-14 and has been a member of the Emergency Physician Advisory Board since 2017.

We need passionate leaders who are dedicated to patient and physician advocacy in TMA’s delegation to the AMA. Dr. Self has both the background and the determination to be an asset in this role.

**Personal Statement:** “I am an advocate for a high standard of medical care, which is synonymous with
patient advocacy. Through education, collaboration, and tight association (organized medicine), I believe we can raise the standard of care. My vision is to increase access to care for the most vulnerable in our society and ensure they are able to exercise their patient rights. I am willing to commit my time and effort to the initiatives that are ongoing at the American Medical Association and stand with my fellow physicians to make a better, more affordable, and more equitable health care system for our patients and our families.”

PROFILE
Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: St. George’s University School of Medicine, 1994-98
Internship: Medical College of Virginia, 1998-99
Residency: Saint Paul University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, 2000-02
Board Certification(s): American Board of Internal Medicine
Primary Residence (City, State): Grapevine, Texas

What is your current practice status: Physician Volunteer at Cornerstone Assistance Network, Fort Worth
  • Administrative: government, health plan, or health-related, but no direct patient care, 95%
  • Direct Patient Care: non-profit corporation [formerly 5.01(A) corporation], 5%

Employer/Employment Location: Southwestern Health Resources, Dallas, Texas
Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term of office? Yes
Does your current employment situation require you to work outside of Texas? No
Including the past 5 years, list all other organizations from which you have received payment, reimbursement, or financial consideration for consulting, advisory, or leadership responsibilities exceeding $1,000/year in excess of actual expenses: None
Have you been convicted of a felony or is your medical license restricted? No
What TMA positions have you held?
  Current
  Delegate, Tarrant County Medical Society Delegation to TMA
  Member, Patient-Physician Advocacy Committee
  Past
  Alternate Delegate, Tarrant County Medical Society Delegation to TMA