

Family Medicine Updates



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AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is pleased to announce the election of 4 new officers and 3 new board members. The new officers elected at the ABFM's spring board meeting in April are: Larry A. Green, MD of Denver, Colorado, elected as Chair; Craig W. Czarsty, MD of Oakville, Connecticut as Chair Elect; Alain J. Montegut, MD of Boston, Massachusetts as Treasurer; and John R. Bucholtz, DO of Columbus, Georgia as Member-at-Large, Executive Committee. In addition, the ABFM welcomes this year's new members to the Board of Directors: Diane K. Beebe, MD of Jackson, Mississippi; Erika Bliss, MD of Seattle, Washington; and Howard Blanchette, MD of Valhalla, New York.

The new ABFM officers will each serve a 1-year term:

Larry A. Green, MD, Chair, has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2005. Dr. Green is currently Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado in Denver. He formerly served as the Program Director and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine there and was a contributor in the development of the Ambulatory Sentinel Practice Network. He assisted with the establishment of the Robert Graham Center in Washington, DC where he now serves as Senior Scholar in Residence. He currently directs the Prescription for Health, a 5-year program of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with partnership with The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Green will serve as an ex-officio member of all ABFM Committees.

Craig W. Czarsty, MD, Chair-Elect, has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2006. He has been practicing family medicine full time in Connecticut since 1983 and has been very involved at the national level in both the production and accreditation of continuing medical education. He will serve

the ABFM on the Bylaws Committee as its Chair, the Credentials Committee, the Information & Technology Committee, the Examination Committee as its Chair, the Audit/Finance Committee and the MC-FP Committee.

Alain J. Montegut, MD, Treasurer, has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2005. As a family physician for over 25 years, he has practiced in both a solo and a 30-physician group setting. Dr. Montegut is now Associate Professor and Director of Global Health Primary Care Initiative, Department of Family Medicine, Boston University. He is also President of the North American Region of WONCA. Dr. Montegut will serve the ABFM on the Executive Committee, the Examination Committee, the Audit/Finance Committee, the Communications/Publications Committee and the MC-FP Committee.

John R. Bucholtz, DO, Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2006. He is the Program Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program and Director of Medical Education at the Medical Center in Columbus, Georgia. Dr. Bucholtz will serve the ABFM on the Bylaws Committee, the Information & Technology Committee, the Examination Committee, the Audit/Finance Committee, the Research & Development Committee, and the Communications/Publications Committee as its Chair.

The following new Board members will each serve a 5-year term:

Diane K. Beebe, MD is the Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She previously served as the Residency Director and Vice-Chairman for the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Beebe is also a member of the ACGME-RRC for Family Medicine Accreditation Appeals Board and the Academic Council for the AAFP's Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors. Dr. Beebe will serve the ABFM on the Bylaws Committee, the Credentials Committee, and the Communications/Publications Committee.

Erika Bliss, MD is the lead clinician with Qliance Medical Group of Washington PC in Seattle, and the Director of Medical Care and Advisor with Qliance Medical Management. She currently serves as a Steering Committee Member for Preparing the Personal Physician for Practice (P4) Project. Dr. Bliss, a 1999 Pisacano Scholar, also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pisacano Leadership Foundation. Dr. Bliss will serve the ABFM on the Examination

Committee, the Research & Development Committee and the MC-FP Committee.

Howard Blanchette, MD is Professor and Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York Medical College. He is also the Director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Westchester Medical Center. In addition, Dr. Blanchette serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Blanchette will serve the ABFM on the Information & Technology Committee and the Communications/Publications Committee.

The remaining current members of the Board are: Arlene Brown, MD of Ruidoso, New Mexico; Thomas H. Cogbill, MD of LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Susan C. Day, MD of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Thomas P. Gessner, MD of Latrobe, Pennsylvania; Samuel Jones, MD of Fairfax, VA; Warren P. Newton, MD of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Daniel K. Winstead, MD of New Orleans, Louisiana; and Michael G. Workings, MD of Detroit, Michigan.

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STFM AND THE STFM FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE THE 2009 GROUP PROJECT FUND WINNERS

The STFM Group Project Fund, supported by the STFM Foundation, was established to promote and support innovative educational projects proposed by STFM groups.

This fund encourages STFM group members to collaboratively plan, develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate findings from educationally related scholarly projects that benefit group members, STFM, and the discipline of family medicine. STFM Foundation sets aside 50% of the undesignated net proceeds of each annual giving campaign to fund these projects.

The 2009 Group Project Fund Winners

PROJECT: Online Training in Dietary Supplements for Family Physicians

Many patients use dietary supplements, and physicians need evidence-based, up-to-date information on the safety and efficacy of dietary supplements. This project will develop, evaluate, and market online continuing

medical education modules on dietary supplements and 3 chronic health conditions: heart disease, diabetes, and asthma. These modules will be maintained and updated at the Boston Medical Center Department of Family Medicine and housed on the Boston University (BU) Distance Education for Health Web site. CME credit will be through BU.

STFM Group: Integrative Medicine—*Paula Gardiner, MD, MPH, Boston University Department of Family Medicine, principal investigator*

Award: \$9,745 over 2 years

PROJECT: Medical School Admission Policies and the Family Medicine Pipeline: Developing Practical Guidance Based on Analysis of Student Origins

Many state medical schools have increased their efforts to recruit and matriculate out-of-state medical students in the past decade, while they simultaneously have experienced decreased numbers of students matriculating into the specialty of family medicine. Practical information is lacking on the relationship between student origin and medical specialty choice. This project will address this deficiency by analyzing data from the 10-year period prior to 1997, which saw a growth in the number of US seniors entering family medicine, as well as the 10-year period after 1997 in which a decline occurred. The project is designed to alleviate potential unintended consequences of current policies of admissions committees and to empower administrators to make informed decisions that will benefit underserved rural populations by increasing the recruitment of physicians from rural areas.

STFM Group: Rural Health—*Richard Pretorius, MD, MPH, SUNY Department of Family Medicine, Buffalo, NY, principal investigator*

Award: \$10,000 over 2 years

PROJECT: Current Trends in Medical Education in Identifying and Treating Patients Exposed to Domestic Violence

Residency Review Committee (RRC) guidelines state that each residency must have a structured curriculum in community medicine, including didactic and experiential components for the assessment of risks for abuse, neglect, and family and community violence along with a process to evaluate the curriculum and to document resident skill attainment. This project will survey family medicine departments with regard to the training of faculty, residents, and medical students in the assessment of these risks within the framework of ACGME and RRC guidelines. The results will characterize the field's current focus, identifying systematic