



Nominee for Secretary-Treasurer

Richard R. Gomez, MD, FCAP
Topeka, Kansas

Nominated by the CAP Nominating Committee and petition

EDUCATION

Received MD, 1985, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland; Internship (Transitional) and Residency: William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas; Fellowship (Surgical Pathology): MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Laboratory Medical Director and Medical Staff Member: St. Francis Health, Topeka; Holton Community Hospital, Holton, Kansas; Horton Community Hospital, Horton, Kansas; **Medical Staff Member:** Stormont Vail Regional Health Center, Topeka.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

College of American Pathologists, American Society for Clinical Pathology, California Society of Pathologists, Florida Society of Pathologists, Kansas Society of Pathologists, Texas Society of Pathologists.

CAP ELECTED OFFICES HELD

(Current) Secretary-Treasurer; (Past) Board of Governors: Governor.

CAP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(Current) Chair: Audit Committee, Finance Committee; **Member:** Executive Committee, Compensation Committee, Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Specialty Advancement Advisory Group, Web Engagement Steering Committee; **Advisor:** Residents Forum. **(Past) Chair:** Council on Accreditation, Federal and State Affairs Committee; **Vice Chair:** Council on Education, Council on Membership and Professional Affairs, Federal and State Affairs Committee, International Venture Steering Committee; **Member:** Ad Hoc Committee on Member Communications, Council on Accreditation, Council on Government and Professional Affairs, Federal and State Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, International Venture Steering Committee, Professional and Community Engagement Committee, Public Affairs Committee, Strategy Management Committee; **Liaison:** CAP Foundation Board of Directors; **Delegate:** Residents Forum; **Alternate:** House of Delegates.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

(Past) President: Kansas Society of Pathologists, Shawnee County Medical Society; **Medical Staff President:** St. Francis Health; **Board of Directors:** St. Francis Health, YMCA, YMCA Foundation; **Chair:** St Francis Health Medical Record and Utilization Committee, Cancer Committee, and Medical Executive Committee; **Delegate:** Kansas Medical Society (Shawnee County).

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE GOVERNOR OF THE CAP?

I would like the opportunity to serve a second term as the CAP's secretary-treasurer to continue to help as an engaged leader and officer on the Board of Governors. The member leadership of our organization has been able to fiscally manage the resources and strategy for our members and laboratory customers. There is much we can continue to do to sustain the benefits we offer our membership in the areas of advocacy, education, and practice tools.

WHAT MAJOR ISSUES DO YOU SEE FACING THE CAP DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS?

We need to innovate to maintain the revenue growth in the coming years as we strive to provide our membership with the advocacy support for payment and regulatory issues. We continue to promote new programs and services to our laboratory customers, and I would like to see us increase these efforts.

Our information systems will continue to require improvements that will need financial and human resources; thus, it is important that we maintain our revenue stream and control our budget.

Payment reform and the requirements for Merit-based Incentive Payment System and other governmental and private payer reimbursement will continue to challenge the medical profession, and our specialty will not be exempt. The CAP must be able to support our members in this area.

We need to recruit talented medical students to our specialty, and we need to support our academic members and their programs to educate our future pathology workforce.

At the regional, state, and local levels, coverage decisions and scope of practice challenges will continue to require the support of the CAP for our members in state societies. We have done well in forming alliances where it makes sense to do so with national and local professional organizations. As the frontier of personalized medicine grows, these alliances with organizations such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology will grow in importance and relevancy.

IF ELECTED, WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

I will ensure that I am an engaged member leader and that the CAP maintains our strong position advocating for our membership, enabling us to serve our patients and fellow physicians. The CAP has an obligation to our members to advocate for fair compensation and seek payment policies that accomplish this. We have an obligation to our patients to provide the best possible care and to work with our physician colleagues as part of the health care team.

The ability to serve our laboratory customers' needs depends on the strength of our proficiency testing and accreditation programs. Maintaining our status in these areas is essential. Financial strength to carry out our strategy will continue to be important as we advocate for our members and our laboratories. Gaining additional market share will be challenging, yet I believe it is achievable and necessary.

I will remain responsible for the judicious utilization of our financial resources with the help of my fellow Board members and senior CAP staff. I will work with the Finance Committee to provide the Board with an annual budget that meets the needs of the CAP and our members.

For more information and a CV for this candidate, please visit cap.org.