



NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR

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Nominated by CAP Nominating Committee and petition

EDUCATION

- **Received MD:** 1979, Medical University of South Carolina
- **Internship and Residency:** 1979-1983, Yale-New Haven Medical Center

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Labcorp, Division Medical Director, working with six private pathology groups
- Labcorp, Medical Director, Center for Esoteric Testing West and Phoenix and Denver Regional labs

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- College of American Pathologists (CAP)
- California Society of Pathologists
- Texas Society of Pathologists
- Florida Society of Pathologists
- Arizona Society of Pathologists
- Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies (AABB)
- American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC)

CAP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

CURRENT

- **Chair:** Complaints and Investigations Committee
- **Member:** Council on Accreditation
- **Delegate:** House of Delegates (HOD), Arizona
- **Reviewing Commissioner:** Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP), Region 6 – West Central USA

PAST

- **Vice Chair:** Complaints and Investigations Committee; International Accreditation Committee
- **Member:** Commission on Laboratory Accreditation, three separate terms; Complaints and Investigations Committee; Inspection Process Committee; International Accreditation Committee; LAP State Commissioner, Arizona; Emerging Technologies Workgroup

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

- Chief of Staff, Chair of Pathology and Medical Director, St. Joseph’s Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute, Phoenix, Arizona

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE CAP?

I want to be a governor of the CAP to strengthen the standing of the College domestically and internationally. I have volunteered my time, mostly vacation time, to perform inspections and spread the word to pathologists about the amazing rewards of being a Fellow. By being a board member, I will be able to expand this enthusiasm to medical communities, lawmakers, CEOs, and administrators. The



expertise of pathologists must be promoted for us to receive the recognition, respect, and reimbursement we have earned. Our role in patient care has too often been unseen, but vital.

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

In the next three years, the major issues I see are risks to our scope of practice, reimbursement, and membership, especially as it relates to pathologists' staffing shortages. Dedicated action is required to protect and enhance these critical items. Now is the best time for action because of the widespread positive public attention pathologists and lab directors have received responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

IF ELECTED, WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

I hope to accomplish preservation and enhancement of our brand, CAP—The Gold Standard—domestically and overseas. I will let everyone know who we are, what we do and clearly communicate the unparalleled role we play for patients receiving the best health care possible.

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