



Ada County Medical Society

GOVERNANCE
SUPERVISION
REPRESENTATION
RELATIONSHIPS

DEVELOPING ADA COUNTY'S *PHYSICIAN* LEADERS

SERVING AS AN
ACMS BOARD MEMBER





“ My experience on the ACMS board has been more meaningful than I ever anticipated. I feel that I am doing important work while making lasting friendships with the other Board members and in the Society. ”

Amy Baruch, MD,

GROWING BY LEADING

By virtue of their place in the medical setting, physicians are viewed as leaders, even without an official role or title. Unfortunately, many physicians aren't taught these skills in medical school or residency. Serving on the ACMS board has proven to be an effective way of developing governance, planning, and collaborative skills in a real world setting. A glance at the list of previous ACMS presidents reveals a legacy of local and state medical leadership skills, influence, and connections.

At Least One Board Seat Opens Each Year

All terms are one-year at a time commitments, from December-November each year. However, board service is a successive plan with members serving in an at-large position for up to four years before moving into the secretary/treasurer, president-elect, president, and past-president for one year at a time. In addition to these eight voting members, there is a resident representative board member elected through a slightly different process.

Service is a Long-term Commitment

Board members are expected to fulfill all eight years of service to provide maximum continuity to organizational leadership. It is understood that sometimes external circumstances cause a change in availability to serve as a board member. Resigning in the middle of one's commitment opens up more than one seat in a year and shortens the length of other board members' terms.

Engagement is Essential

At minimum, board members must be able to attend the majority of in-person one-hour meetings held the second Monday of each month at noon. Other planning or committee assignments may also be assigned. Board members should also plan to attend as many society meetings as possible throughout the year, representing the organization's values, goals, and priorities and promoting a cohesive and collaborative medical community.

Nomination and Election Process

- Each summer, the Ada County Medical Society Board of Directors accepts self-nominations from active member physicians in good standing.
- The board evaluates candidates, attempting to always re-balance representation of its member constituents.
- Upon selecting a candidate for the open seats, candidates are presented to the membership during a month-long open comment period, after which the candidate is officially accepted to the board in the fall.

D&O Insurance

The ACMS maintains Director and Officer Insurance for the protection of the board of directors and Idaho state law provides additional civil liability immunity.

A Few Past Presidents

- Dr. Daniel Reed, 2017
- Dr. Joe Williams, 2015
- Dr. John Werdel, 2007
- Dr. Barb Quattrone, 2005
- Dr. Karl Watts, 2001



GOVERNANCE

Establish policy, determine programs, approve the annual budget, and represent ACMS to the medical community. The board holds "fiduciary responsibility" for ACMS and its Foundation.

SUPERVISION

Oversee the executive director by providing ongoing direction, planning, and evaluation of ACMS and ACMS Foundation's activities and programs.



Board Duties

REPRESENTATION

Provide a friendly face to the ACMS membership, the broader medical community, and the public and aspiring to the highest ethical standards of medicine.

RELATIONSHIPS

Connecting with other members to strengthen a tightly-woven medical community that maintains vitality and resiliency in spite of the challenges of the profession.

Mission

The purpose of The Society is to advance the well-being of its members through the promotion of health, education, community, and civic engagement. The Society collaborates with similar organizations throughout Idaho to form the Idaho Medical Association, Inc. (the "IMA").

About ACMS

Ada County Medical Society was founded in 1960 as a component society of the Idaho Medical Association and is focused on serving physicians. Since then, our membership has grown to over 2500 physicians, PAs, NPs, medical residents, and students.

We are relationally focused and hold multiple events during the year to help network members with each other and to resources to help them in their practice of medicine. Our online portal provides a means of members connecting directly with each other over hobbies, creative pursuits, mentoring relationships, specialty interests, and more.

For the past several years, ACMS has become the leader in Idaho in the advancement of clinician well-being. Our Physician Vitality Program is a model for many others throughout the nation, providing confidential, cost-free, and competent access to mental health therapists as a membership benefit.

As a component society of the IMA, membership between our two organizations is unified. Each of us have our own "swim lanes": IMA is focused on being

the voice of all Idaho physicians with strong representation at the Idaho legislature as well as communicating important medical practice information, such as coding and CMS updates.

ACMS is governed by a volunteer board of member physicians, the IMA CEO, the ACMS Director, and two IMA District IV Trustees.



ACMS Board of Directors Self-Nomination Form

Return Form To:
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BOISE ID 83702

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F: (208) 344-7903

director@adamedicalsociety.org

The board will select candidates from any ACMS active physician member who places themselves up for consideration for an open at-large position. To do so, the member in good standing may fill out this form and return it to the ACMS office or the online form at the website by August 31st.

Candidates will be selected typically in September or October and presented to the entire membership for a month-long open comment period before final ratification and appointment. Terms begin in December.

adamedicalsociety.org/board-of-directors

As an “Active” physician member of the Ada County Medical Society, I would like to place my name in nomination for a member-at-large position on the ACMS Board of Directors and affirm I will fulfill board member duties.

Name (print) _____

Specialty _____

Practice _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please answer the following questions and return with your application

- 1) **What are your hopes and dreams for our local medical community in the next 5-10 years?**

- 2) **What do you think ACMS is doing well?**

- 3) **How do you think we can serve our membership better?**

- 4) **Do the important people in your life (spouse, significant other, medical partners, employers) support this new leadership commitment, along with the time and effort to support it?**

- 5) **Do you intend to practice medicine in the Treasure Valley for the next 5-7 years?**

- 6) **Do you intend to retire in the next 5-7 years?**