



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE

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I plan to serve you, and I aim to do so by actively listening and advocating for you, working for consensus when challenges arise, and accomplishing the tasks our elected leadership envisions while providing advice when needed. It is for that reason that I seek your support for election to the AABIP Board of Directors.

More than a decade has passed since I became an AABIP member—a step that profoundly shaped my journey. I have worked for our exceptional community on multiple AABIP educational projects and conferences. I am nothing but grateful to all the people who introduced me to this fulfilling field, inspired me to be like them, supported and encouraged me during difficult times, and honored me by trusting me with their friendship, time, and personal stories. Now, I believe it is my turn to give back—to you and to our Society.

Regardless of whether I am elected or not, I have the following goals in mind and plan to push them forward:

- Develop a formal and practical pathway for standardized, high-quality education in partnership with other societies for colleagues in the community performing Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopy. This will benefit more patients and elevate our field. We must always pull each other up.
- Close the gap between academic practice, community practice, through continuous educational and practice support, while fostering more patient education resources and advocacy.
- Further integrate and collaborate with allied health professionals (i.e., APPs, RTs) and other specialties (e.g., radiation oncology, thoracic radiology, surgical specialties) within our society. We have so much to learn from them.

Throughout my career, I have learned to reach consensus, integrate, and lift each other up. I want to devote my efforts to making a positive impact through and with you.

Thank you for your trust.