



American Association for
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I am honored to be considered for a position on the AABIP Board of Directors. As an academic interventional pulmonologist with leadership experience in the American Medical Association (AMA), I have committed my career to improving access to high-quality education, mentorship, and advocacy.

As Chief Editor of the AABIP Podcast, I lead a talented team creating monthly content covering all facets of interventional pulmonology, providing timely, practical educational material. I also co-chair the AABIP/AIPPD Fellows' Boot Camp, working together with a committed team to deliver standardized cadaver-lab-based training to every IP fellow nationwide.

My service on the AABIP Education Committee, CHEST's Interventional Procedures Section, Governing Council of the International Medical Graduates Section of the AMA, and AMA delegation of the Michigan State Medical Society demonstrates my longstanding commitment to our field, organized medicine, and policy advocacy. My elected leadership roles within the AMA have provided me with experience in understanding bylaws and voting on essential measures to best represent the needs of our constituents—in this case, AABIP members—and to influence the direction of our organization.

If elected, I will advocate for initiatives that support trainees, enhance educational infrastructure, and, most importantly, promote transparency across AABIP programs. I will ensure our members understand the direction in which our subspecialty is headed. A well-informed community is a strong community—leadership means making sure everyone knows the way forward. Our society thrives when we invest in mentorship, embrace diverse perspectives, and develop platforms that represent the full spectrum of interventional pulmonology—from pleural disease to advanced diagnostics to therapeutic innovation.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve and would be honored to help steer AABIP's next chapter with purpose and a genuine respect for our shared mission.