Physicians, medical students elected to leadership positions

MADISON – More than two dozen physicians and medical students from across the state were elected to leadership positions with the Wisconsin Medical Society during the organization’s Annual Meeting at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, April 25-26. Jerry L. Halverson, MD, of Fitchburg was inaugurated as the Society’s 164th president, and Barbara A. Hummel, MD, of West Allis was elected president-elect.

Doctor Halverson, a board-certified psychiatrist based in Oconomowoc, succeeds Richard A. Dart, MD, of Marshfield. A family physician in private practice, Dr. Hummel will succeed Dr. Halverson in 2016.

Several other physicians were elected to Society leadership positions, including Michael M. Miller, MD, who was elected speaker of the House of Delegates and Jay A. Gold, MD, JD, MPH, who was elected vice speaker. Board certified in general and addiction psychiatry, Dr. Miller, of Madison, is medical director of the Herrington Recovery Center of Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc. Doctor Gold, who is board certified in preventive medicine, is senior vice president and chief medical officer of MetaStar, Inc. in Madison.

Molli Rolli, MD, a Madison psychiatrist, was re-elected to a one-year term as chair of the Board of Directors. Thomas M. Derrig, MD, was elected vice chair. He is a board-certified surgeon who serves as chief of staff at Aurora Wilkinson Medical Clinic – Summit. Julie B. Schuller, MD, MPH, MBA, was elected treasurer. An internal medicine specialist, she is executive vice president and vice president of medical affairs for Sixteenth Street Community Health Center in Milwaukee.

The following physicians and medical students also were elected to the Board of Directors. (Unless otherwise noted, all terms are three years.)

- Gurdenh S. Bedi, MD, of St. Croix Falls, is board-certified neurologist with St Croix Regional Medical Center. He is completing an unexpired term.
- Daniel D. Bennett, MD, is a board-certified dermatologist with UW Health-West Clinic in Madison. He is serving his first term.
- Gerald P. Clarke, MD, of Oshkosh, is a board-certified ophthalmologist with Ophthalmic Surgery of Wisconsin LTD. He is beginning his second term.
- Michelle L. Graham, MD, of Oak Creek is a family physician who serves as vice president of medical affairs for Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Southeast Wisconsin Inc. She is completing an unexpired term on the Society’s Board.
- Terri Hahn, MD, of Stevens Point is a board-certified internal medicine physician with Ministry Medical Group. She is serving her first term.
Colin Kennedy of Madison was re-elected to a second one-year term as a representative of the Medical Student Section. He is a student at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Paul A. Larson, MD, of Oshkosh is a board-certified radiologist with Radiology Associates of the Fox Valley SC. He is serving his first term.

Michael W. Lischak, MD, of Brookfield is an occupational medicine physician with Aurora Health Center in Milwaukee. Serving his third term as a director, Dr. Lischak holds board certifications in occupational medicine, aerospace medicine and undersea and hyperbaric medicine.

Casey Melcher, MD, of Milwaukee, is a radiology resident with Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare/St Joseph Hospital. He was re-elected for a second one-year term as a representative of the Resident Physician Section.

Wendy L. Molaska, MD, is a board-certified family physician with Platteville Clinic at Southwest Health. She is serving her second term.

George L. Morris, III, MD, of Milwaukee is beginning his third term on the Board. He is a board-certified neurologist with Epilepsy & Seizure Care Specialists, SC.

David C. Murdy, MD, MBA, is a board-certified internal medicine physician with Dean Clinic – Janesville East. He is beginning his third term.

Claudia L. Reardon, MD, of Madison, is beginning her first term as a District 2 representative. Previously, she served on the Society’s board as a representative of the Resident Fellow Section. She is a board-certified psychiatrist with the UW Health-Wisconsin Psychiatric Institute.

Patrick Remington, MD, MPH, of Madison is serving a second one-year term as a representative of the Medical Schools Section. He is a Professor of Population Health Sciences and Associate Dean for Public Health at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Ken Pechman, MD, of De Pere is a board-certified dermatologist with Dermatology Associates of Wisconsin. He is serving his first term.

Jamie Schneider, of West Allis, is a student at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She was re-elected to a second one-year term as a representative of the Medical Student Section.

The House of Delegates also elected the following physicians to serve as delegates and alternate delegates to the American Medical Association.

Delegates for 2016: Dr. Miller (see above) and Tosha B. Wetterneck, MD, of Madison.

Delegates for 2016 and 2017: Timothy G. McAvoy, MD, of Waukesha, and Charles J. Rainey, MD, JD, of River Hills.

Alternate Delegates for 2016: Dr. Hummel (see above), Andrea C. Hillerud, MD, of Eau Claire, and Jacob M.Behrens, MD, of Madison.

Alternate Delegates for 2016 and 2017: Dr. Reardon (see above), and George M. Lange, MD, of River Hills.

With more than 12,500 members dedicated to the best interests of their patients, the Wisconsin Medical Society is the largest association of medical doctors in the state and a trusted source for health policy leadership since 1841.