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Treasurer

Tell members a little bit about yourself.

Your Practice

I have an interventional spine and sports medicine practice at the University of Colorado. I split my time between clinical work, hospital and departmental leadership, and as residency Program Director.

Your Life Outside of Work

I have twin daughters and my family spends as much time in the mountains, on the rivers, and in the woods as we can. My wife is a travel agent and we look forward to travelling the world again soon with our twins.

What accomplishments/honors are you particularly proud of that you would like to share with members?

I was awarded the University of Colorado's Physician of the Year in 2014 and was chosen by our residents as the Jerome Gersten Role Model of the year in 2012 and 2018.

What special skills or unique attributes do you bring to the Board of Governors?

I have nearly 10 years of experience as the Medical Director several multi-specialty clinic operations at the University of Colorado. This has included overseeing growth and marketing strategy, financial decisions, and operations and logistics in conjunction with more than 40 subspecialties. Within our department, I have served in a variety of roles including Finance Chair and Chief of Adult Outpatient PM&R. Clinically, I have been part of the successful creation of three new ambulatory psychiatric practice sites and a multidisciplinary concussion clinic. My experiences on the clinical and administrative sides of medicine have helped inform my work on the board and given me some insight as to how to effectively approach the AAPMR's mission and vision.

What do you most look forward to in your service on the Board?

I look forward to using my time on the Board to advance the field in a way that will more fully realize the skills and talents of its members across the country. Psychiatry is a critical part of the healthcare landscape and I want us to make a huge impact on our patients' lives. Hopefully, my time on the Board can be a small part of that future.

What have we not asked you that you think members should know about you?

AAPMR has been a critical part of my career. The mentorship I received and the leaders with whom I have worked has fundamentally improved how I practice and how I am able to lead in my organizations.