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Member-at-Large of the Board of Governors (Second Term)

Tell members a little bit about yourself, your practice, your life outside of work.

I practice part-time in a solo private, non-interventional primarily MSK-focused practice, and also work as the National Medical Director of Rehabilitation Services for AIM Specialty Health.

My life outside of work is probably best summed up these days by family/dog, tennis, biking, investing, and face masks.

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

My breadth of experience related to PM&R—multiple practice settings, levels of care, types of patients, and types of work (i.e., clinical and nonclinical). Having an opportunity to help put PM&R at the table in the insurance world. Being able to spread the PM&R “gospel” nationwide by referring almost every telehealth consult I see to a PM&R doctor in their area (I think that’s a “win win win win”—for the patient, our specialty, the health care system and the Academy website!).

What have you advanced in your local community outside of or in conjunction with your medical practice?

I volunteer medical coverage for local athletic events, including the Chicago marathon. I support local Special Olympics chapter and Diveheart, an organization that teaches scuba diving to people with disabilities and organizes dive trips. I was all excited to slip on a wetsuit to join them this year, and then COVID-19 happened 😞

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

I bring a willingness to speak up for contrary views but have the ability to work with those with whom I disagree. Also to offer a unique perspective from the insurance end of our profession, giving insight where I can about “how it works” on that end to help us/members be more successful individually but also as a specialty.

What is a current or future challenge to the Academy or the specialty that you look forward to addressing in your second term on the Board?

Continuing the Academy’s strong fight to ensure PM&R’s stature as a vital specialty as health care policies get made, which unfortunately I think will likely be a constant battle we’ll face in the near-term. Ensuring the Academy’s efforts, relationships and resources are being prioritized in a way that does the most good for our membership and specialty.

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

As Member-at-Large, I’m readily available to hear from all members, particularly those who may feel their views are not being reflected by the Academy, and to ensure their concerns are being voiced as decisions get made.