



2026 AAPM&R Nominating Committee Report AAPM&R Elected Positions

The AAPM&R Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following Academy Fellows for election at the 2026 Annual Business Meeting:

Vice President ¹

- ❖ **Nneka L. Ifejika, MD, MPH, FAAPMR**

Secretary

- ❖ **Jose L. Vargas, MD, FAAPMR (Second Term: 2027-2028)**

Treasurer

- ❖ **Jonathan H. Whiteson, MD, FAAPMR (First Term: 2027-2028)**

Members at Large

- ❖ **Ameet S. Nagpal, MD, MS, FAAPMR (First Term: 2027-2028)**
- ❖ **Lester S. Duplechan, MD FAAPMR (Second Term: 2027-2028)**
- ❖ **Theresa A. Gillis, MD FAAPMR (Second Term: 2027-2028)**

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Presented for Election to the Nominating Committee:

- ❖ **Eric M. Wisotzky, MD, FAAPMR, Member (Term 2027-2028)**

Dr. Wisotzky will join the following on the 2027 AAPM&R Nominating Committee:

John C. Cianca, MD, FAAPMR, Chair (*Automatic Appointment, 2027 Immediate Past President*)

Charlotte H. Smith, MD, FAAPMR Member (*Automatic Appointment, 2027 President*)

Scott R. Laker, MD, FAAPMR, Member (*Automatic Appointment, Past President prior year*)

Deborah A. Bergfeld, MD, FAAPMR (*Term of Election: 2026-2027*)

Miguel X. Escalon, MD, MPH, FAAPMR (*Term of Election: 2026-2027*)

Tracy J. Sereiko, MBA, CAE, AAPM&R CEO & Executive Director, Non-Voting Member

Respectfully submitted by the 2026 Nominating Committee:

- Scott R. Laker, MD, FAAPMR, Chair
- Deborah A. Bergfeld, MD, FAAPMR
- John C. Cianca, MD, FAAPMR
- Miguel X. Escalon, MD, MPH, FAAPMR
- David J. Haustein, MD, MBA, FAAPMR
- D.J. Kennedy, MD, FAAPMR
- Tracy J. Sereiko, MBA, CAE

¹ Per AAPM&R Bylaws: 2026 President-Elect Charlotte H. Smith, MD, will ascend from President-Elect to become the 2027 AAPM&R President. 2026 Vice President Atul T. Patel, MD, MHSA, will automatically ascend to become the 2027 President-Elect.