



## Nominee for Governor

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**Nominated by the Nominating Committee and petition**

### EDUCATION

Received MD, University of California at Los Angeles, 1980; Internship (General Surgery): Harbor General Hospital, Torrance, California; Residency (Pathology): St. Vincent Hospital, Portland.

### CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Professor/Vice Chair of Clinical Pathology:** Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland; **Laboratory Medical Director:** Oregon Health Science University Hospital and Clinic Labs; American Red Cross National Testing Lab, Portland; Planned Parenthood of Oregon, Portland.

### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

College of American Pathologists, AABB, California Society of Pathologists, Florida Society of Pathologists, Oregon Pathologists Association, Texas Society of Pathologists.

### CAP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

**(Current) Member:** Accreditation Committee, Center Committee, Clinical Pathology Education Committee, Laboratory Medical Director Working Group. **(Past) Commissioner:** Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) Regional Commissioner, LAP State Commissioner; **Chair:** Accreditation Education Committee, Commission on Laboratory Accreditation; **Vice Chair:** Accreditation Education Committee, Commission on Laboratory Accreditation; **Member:** Accreditation Education Committee, Checklists Committee, Commission on Laboratory Accreditation, Complaints and Investigations Committee, Council on Accreditation, Council on Education (COE); **Delegate:** House of Delegates.

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE GOVERNOR OF THE CAP?

I am a full-time, working pathologist with 30+ years of experience in private and academic pathology practices. I want to serve on the Board of Governors because I am deeply committed to the CAP's mission to improve the practice of pathology, represent our members in the government arena, conduct charitable activities, and support promising young pathologists. To do all this effectively, the CAP needs to maintain a positive margin in proficiency testing (PT) and laboratory accreditation where most revenue is generated.

With decades of experience on CAP committees, I understand how the CAP works. While my time serving on the COE and scientific affairs gave me insight into the challenges these councils face, accreditation is my home base. My greatest concern today is that the Laboratory Accreditation Program (LAP) may not continue to thrive if the

Board doesn't get good advice. LAP's success is critical to the CAP: LAP impacts how members, patients, administrators, AND government view us. LAP's success also drives PT revenue, with accredited laboratories buying more proficiency tests. Soon, the Board member with the most experience in accreditation will roll off, creating a gap in LAP expertise. I believe my time as the chair of Commission on Accreditation and my experience with national and international inspections qualifies me as the candidate best able to succeed this pathologist who has done an outstanding job advising the Board.

#### **WHAT MAJOR ISSUES DO YOU SEE FACING THE CAP DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS?**

1. Reimbursement cuts will continue, and the CAP needs to support its members. Programs like the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), and the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) will have a major impact on pathology, and members expect the CAP to help mitigate their impact.
2. Adverse regulatory and accreditation rule changes proposed by government are always a major issue. The CAP needs to represent member views on rules that are counterproductive, difficult to implement, or impede progress and add expense to developing new tests.
3. Pathologists need support, education, and practical guidelines on how to integrate molecular technologies in a high-quality, value-based manner. The CAP's committees educating members, writing guidelines, and authoring checklists need members with subspecialty knowledge. The CAP needs to be more effective in recruiting committee members who are representative of membership and have needed expertise.

#### **IF ELECTED, WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?**

1. Identify and prioritize Governmental Affairs initiatives to maintain pathology practice viability and minimize governmental red tape.
2. Address three membership issues: 1) improve recruitment and retention of new members, 2) recruit and retain pathologists with subspecialty skills needed by the councils and committees, and 3) work on identifying and removing barriers that impede participation of some members in CAP activities.
3. Ensure the CAP takes the lead in giving our members the tools they need to successfully practice as oncologic diagnoses and treatments change with the advent of molecular testing.
4. Improve international profitability by eliminating barriers preventing importation of the CAP's proficiency tests to various countries, China in particular.

*For more information and a CV for this candidate, please visit [cap.org](http://cap.org).*