Date: Monday, February 9, 2016
To: House of Delegates Members, State Chapter Presidents
From: Leonard Gelman, MD, CMD - Chair
       2016 Nominating Committee
Subject: 2016 Slate of Nominees for AMDA Board of Directors

I am pleased to announce the 2016 AMDA Board of Directors Slate of nominees as follows:

**Vice President**
Cari R. Levy, MD, PhD, CMD - Colorado
Jeffrey B. Burl, MD, CMD – Massachusetts

**Secretary**
Frederick N. Rowland, MD, PhD, CMD – Massachusetts
David A. Nace, MD, MPH, CMD – Pennsylvania

**Chair, House of Delegates**
Rajeev Kumar, MD, FACP, CMD – LaGrange, IL
Suzanne M. Gillespie, MD, RD, CMD – New York

**HOD Representative**
Wayne S. Saltsman, MD, PhD, CMD - Massachusetts
Dheeraj Mahajan, MD, CMD – Illinois

**Representative, State President’s Council**
Mary P. Evans, MD, CMD - Virginia
Tim L. Gieseke, MD, CMD – California

Candidate speeches will be presented on **Thursday, March 17th** at 11:30 am
House of Delegates Business Meeting

Elections will be held on **Saturday, March 19th** at 4:00 pm
House of Delegates Meeting

PALTC 2016 – AMDA Annual Meeting
Cari Levy, MD, PhD, CMD

I’m honored to be nominated for the position of Vice President of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PA/LTC) Medicine. I come to this work motivated by a sense that, “the time is now.” I see all around us policy changes that make our work more important than ever. An emphasis on population health is shifting the conversation and suddenly PAC/LTC has become part of the conversation. It’s an exciting time to be an AMDA member and as Vice President I’d work diligently to be an advocate for our members. In addition to supporting ongoing development of resources for AMDA members, specifically, I would 1) advocate for AMDA nationally, 2) continue work on the Governance Committee to fortify the internal governing structures that support AMDA, 3) expand the Futures Program to those transitioning from other fields into PA/LTC and 4) launch a program to introduce learners to PA/LTC during their formative training years. AMDA is well-positioned to continue promoting transformation in the delivery of high quality PA/LTC. I would be grateful for the privilege of serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors during this exciting time of change and opportunity.

After completing internal medicine residency at Vanderbilt University and attending the AMDA Futures Program as a geriatric fellow at the University of Colorado, I began to pursue a PhD in health services research with an emphasis on improving PA/LTC. That year also launched my first PA/LTC medical directorship and I found the training I’d received in the AMDA Futures Program was invaluable when augmented with strong support from the Colorado Medical Directors Association (CMDA). It was clear that I’d found my professional home in AMDA and CMDA. In 2005, Dr. Cheryl Phillips asked if I would assist with the Futures Program and I’ve remained involved, now co-directing with Dr. Heidi White, since that time. I’ve also served in the following positions: AMDA Foundation Research Network Steering Committee (2003-2008), CMDA President (2007-2009), CMDA Executive Committee (2009-2011), AMDA Foundation Board of Directors (2008-2014), AMDA Certification Board of Directors Secretary/Treasurer (2009-2011), AMDA Education Committee (2009-present), AMDA Governance Committee (2011-present), and AMDA Board of Directors House of Delegates Representative (2011-2015), AMDA representative to the National Quality Forum. I currently work at the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center as the Associate Director of Veteran-Centered and Value-Based Research and the Director of Palliative Care with a research focus on improving the quality of care in post-acute and long-term care.

In compliance with AMDA’s Conflict of Interest Policy, Dr. Levy disclosed the following:

Positions/participation in other organizations: None

Ownership of a material financial interest in any business that furnishes or is seeking to furnish goods and services: None

Other activities which may impair objectivity: None

Honoraria: Medical Education Resources for physician CME
Dr. Jeffrey Burl is the chair of the department of geriatrics at Reliant Medical group. Reliant is a multispecialty group practice that has been in the forefront of managed, capitated care. It was one of the first organizations to established an HMO in the late 1980’s, provides medical care to many of the seniors residing in central Mass under a full risk capitated program. Besides having this full risk contract, Reliant has recognized the potential of the CMS shared savings program and is an ACO participant.

Recognizing the value of high quality skilled nursing care, Dr. Burl established their nursing home program in the late 1990’s by recruiting geriatricians and geriatric trained advanced practitioners in a joint collaborative practice. By employing these trained providers in select quality nursing facilities, Dr. Burl and the department was able to significantly improve quality, lower hospital readmission and reduce overall cost of care. Dr. Burl and office of population health have established quality and utilization criteria that skilled nursing facilities are expected to meet in order to be part of our defined network. In addition to our nursing facility care, Dr. Burl and department of population health established a home based program for our frail elders utilizing geriatric trained advanced practitioners. The program has been successful in reducing medication errors, lowering re-hospitalization and significantly increasing advanced directives.

After completing an internal residency at St. Vincent’s hospital in Worcester, Dr. Burl purchased a practice from a physician who had provided care for residents at two local nursing facilities. Dr. Burl agreed to provide coverage for these residents. Based on his continuing interest was ask to be medical director at one of the facilities. Since then Dr. Burl has served as medical director at several area facilities, with directorship at the Masonic Overlook CCRC for over 16 years.

Dr. Burl is boarded in Internal Medicine. He has the Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatrics and is a Diplomate of the American Board Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Burl is a Certified Medical Director.

Dr. Burl was one of three physicians that established the Massachusetts Medical Directors Association and was their second president. Dr. Burl has been a member of AMDA for over 25 years. He has served on several committees including program and AMDA-CMD board. He has served on the board of directors for six years and is an active member of the education and finance committees. He was asked to be part of the Core Curriculum Revision Project in 2001 and was one of six physicians who ultimately revised the core over the next three years. He has been an active faculty member teaching twice yearly since 2004 and was the Chair of the Core from 2010-2013.

Dr. Burl was awarded the James Pattee Award of Excellence in Education in 2014.

In compliance with AMDA’s Conflict of Interest Policy, Dr. Burl disclosed the following: Positions/participation in other organization: None
Ownership of a material financial interest in any business that furnishes, or is seeking to furnish, goods or services: None
Other activities which may impair objectivity: None
Honoraria: For occasional teaching continuing education courses from variety of sources
Dr. Frederick Rowland is the Medical Director of Long Term Care and Clinical Operations at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center (HRC) which is the medical care arm of Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL) in Boston. Prior to moving to Boston five years ago Dr. Rowland was the Chief of the Section of Geriatric Medicine at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, CT and Medical Director of Mercy Community Health in West Hartford. HSL provides care across much of the spectrum including independent and assisted living, long term care, post-acute care, LTAC, home care, and hospice. HSL is the home of the Institute for Aging Research where Dr. Rowland serves on the IRB, and HRC is one of the primary teaching sites for the Harvard Geriatric Fellowship Program for which Dr. Rowland serves as the Site Director. A graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine Dr. Rowland completed residency in Internal Medicine and fellowships in Geriatric Medicine and Medical Oncology. He is currently certified in both Geriatric Medicine, and Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and is an Instructor at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Rowland became involved in post-acute and long term care in his first position after fellowship when he assumed the role of medical director of a large long term care campus. He has practiced in the post-acute and long term care setting for over 20 years including serving as medical director of nursing facilities, home care, assisted living programs, and hospice programs. In each role he has attempted to focus on how to make the systems work to provide better quality of care to the population of patients, as well as the individual patients.

Dr. Rowland has been very active in the state medical directors associations of both CT where he served for multiple years as President, and MA where he currently serves on the Board of Directors. While in CT he was a member of the non-profit long term care group’s Survey and Certification Committee which met regularly with the long term care leaders of the Department of Public Health to discuss ways to improve the survey process.

Dr. Rowland has served AMDA in multiple roles including representing his state chapters at the House of Delegates since 1998, and the State Presidents Council for ten years. He served on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Directors Certification Program for four years including a year as Chairman of the Board, followed by two years as Secretary of the AMDA Board of Directors. He has served three years on the faculty of the Core Curriculum on Medical Direction, three years on the Education Committee, and on the task forces developing competencies expected of both Certified Medical Directors and attending physicians in long term care. He coauthored the paper published in JAMDA on the effect of medical director certification in improving the quality of care in nursing homes.

It has been gratifying to watch as many of the ideas that we proposed in years past have gradually come to the fore in AMDA’s work. I very much look forward to the prospect of assisting this great organization to continue to move forward.

In compliance with AMDA’s Conflict of Interest Policy, Dr. Rowland reports no conflicts of interest.
Dr. David A. Nace, MD, MPH, CMD
Candidate for Secretary

Dr. David A. Nace, MD, MPH, CMD is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Director, Long-Term Care (LTC) and Influenza Programs, Division of Geriatric Medicine, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Nace is also Chief of Medical Affairs for UPMC Senior Communities, a LTC network located in western PA. In addition, he serves as Medical Director for Asbury Heights, a multilevel campus located in Mt. Lebanon, PA. Dr. Nace has extensive clinical, administrative, educational and research experience in the long-term care setting. He maintains an active clinical LTC practice and is gaining experience in conducting telemedicine visits in the LTC setting.

Dr. Nace is a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine, and completed an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. He completed his fellowship in Geriatric Medicine and a Master in Public Health in Epidemiology, both at the University of Pittsburgh. He holds certifications in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and Medical Direction.

Dr. Nace serves as a Co-Medical Director for the RAVEN project, a CMS Innovation Award aimed at reducing unplanned admissions to acute care and being conducted in 19 western PA facilities. He is involved in a number of ongoing federally sponsored research and QI projects addressing antimicrobial stewardship, outbreak management, osteoporosis treatment and adverse drug event detection. He has collaborated with CMS, CDC, HHS on a number of projects relating to long-term care, influenza immunization, and infection control. At the state level, he serves as the Chair of the PA Dementia Care Partnership and is a member of the PA Patient Safety Authority’s LTC Advisory Board.

Dr. Nace joined AMDA and PMDA in 1995 and has served on a number of committees in both organizations. He currently serves as Chair, Infections Advisory Committee; Chair, Poster Judging; Vice-Chair, Public Policy for AMDA, and is a member of the House of Delegates. He is the AMDA representative to the National Adult Immunization Summit and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). He is the Co-Chair of Public Policy and a former President of PMDA, and a member of the PA POLST Stakeholders Task Force.

Dr. Nace discloses having been blessed with a wonderful wife and three fantastic daughters. He is an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers, enjoys figure skating several times a week with his youngest daughter, and is an amateur winemaker.
Rajeev Kumar MD FACP CMD

Candidate for Chair, House of Delegates

Dr. Rajeev Kumar is the medical director of a Geriatrics practice with 13 physicians and 3 APNs in the western suburbs of Chicago. The group is part of AMITA Health Medical Group that employs 800 physicians. He serves on the board of the medical group, the board of AMITA Health ACO (covering 40,000 medicare lives) and on its Finance and Contracting committee. He is the medical director for the Palliative care and hospice programs for the southern division of AMITA health. He is also the medical director for two nursing facilities-Burgess square and British home- in the western suburbs of Chicago. In addition to providing Palliative care consultations in the hospitals and nursing facilities, he mentors Family practice residents and Geriatrics fellows.

Dr. Kumar trained at Bangalore Medical College in India and then finished a residency in Internal Medicine from University of Illinois, Chicago in 1997 and a fellowship in Geriatrics from Loyola University Medical Center in 1998. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He has a CMD from AMDA.

He served as the President of Illinois Medical Directors association from 2011-2015, when the chapter’s membership grew six fold to 300. Illinois started hosting annual educational meetings, started sponsoring fellows for AMDA’s futures program and is set to host two educational meetings this year in collaboration with Missouri. He serves on the board of IMDA- which he expanded to include interdisciplinary professionals.

The success at IMDA prompted his inclusion to AMDA’s Membership committee. He serves on the Public policy committee and is AMDA’s alternate delegate to the AMA. He also serves as AMDA’s representative on the Joint Commission’s Professional and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) on Long term care. He has submitted several resolutions to the AMDA HOD and continues to be active in shaping AMDA’s policy in Healthcare reform and new payment models.

Dr. Kumar has volunteered to serve on the boards of nonprofits- Wisconsin Illinois Senior Housing (WISH) and Aging Care Connections, LaGrange IL (Area Senior services agency).

In compliance with AMDA’s Conflict of interest policy, Dr. Kumar disclosed the following:

Positions/participation in other organizations: None

Ownership of a material financial interest in any business that furnishes, or is seeking to furnish goods and services: None

Other activities which may impair objectivity: None

Honoraria: For CME lectures from professional organizations, Promotional/ Non promotional disease state lectures from pharmaceutical firms; to stop if elected as a board member.
Suzanne M. Gillespie, MD, CMD RD
Candidate for Chair, House of Delegates

Suzanne M. Gillespie, MD, CMD is Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics/Aging and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Gillespie is Medical Director of the Community Living Center in the Geriatrics Extended Care line of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center where she is also a Lead Physician of their Palliative Medicine and Hospice Care program and Lead Physician for Patient Safety. Prior to working for the VA, Dr. Gillespie served as medical director and attending physician in several community-based nursing facilities.

Dr. Gillespie completed her undergraduate degree with honors in Nutritional Science at Cornell University and began her career in health care as a Registered Dietitian. She went on to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Medicine and to complete residency and fellowship training at the University of Rochester Medical Center. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine and Hospice & Palliative Medicine.

Since the beginning of her Geriatric Medicine fellowship, Dr. Gillespie has been dedicated to her practice in the nursing home. She is a two-time recipient of the highly competitive Geriatric Academic Career Award from the Department of Health and Human Resources for her work in geriatric education related to quality improvement in long term care. She served as the Director of Education in the Greater Rochester Nursing Home Quality Consortium, a quality consortium of over 28 nursing homes in the greater Rochester region. She has also published numerous research articles and book chapters on long-term care.

Dr. Gillespie is Co-director of the Aging Theme of the University of Rochester’s School of Medicine and Dentistry, and as such oversees the integration of geriatrics content into the curriculum. Currently, all of the school’s first year medical students spend time seeing older adults in the medical nursing home. Dr. Gillespie has been proud to serve AMDA as Chair of Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee for the past three years and as a member of the Education Committee. She also has served as Chair of the AMDA Foundation Quality Improvement Awards Committee and as a member of the House of Delegates, representing New York State.

In compliance with AMDA’s Conflict of Interest Policy, Dr. Gillespie disclosed the following relationships:

- Positions/participation in other organizations: None
- Ownership of a material financial interest in any business that furnishes, or is seeking to furnish, goods or services: None
- Other activities which may impair objectivity: None
- Honoraria: None.
- Research grant support: Health Resources and Services Administration Department of Veteran Affairs
Wayne S Saltsman, MD, PhD, CMD, FACP
Candidate – House of Delegates Representative

It is an honor to have been nominated to the AMDA, the society for Post-acute and Long-term care medicine, Board as the House of Delegates representative. It is with great appreciation that I accept the nomination, and it is a privilege to support my candidacy.

It is amazing to me that I have spent over half of my life in Massachusetts, as a transplant from California. After last year’s record 108 inches of snow, I am still debating my decision; but, I did graduate from Boston University School of Medicine with an MD and PhD, in Pathology, and I met my wife, a pediatrician, while in school—so the move was probably a pretty good thing. I completed my internship, residency, and Chief residency at the Lahey Clinic, in Burlington, Massachusetts, and a geriatric fellowship at Harvard medical school. I am currently the Chief of the Section of Geriatrics and Transitional Care for Lahey Health, the Chair of the Burlington Board of Health (an elected position), an Assistant professor of medicine at Tufts medical school, and a governor appointee to the Board of Registration for Nursing Home Administrators. I also host my monthly, television show, “Your Senior Moment™” on Burlington, cable-access.

I have been a member of AMDA since my Geriatric fellowship days. When I attended the core curriculum course, in 2002, led by Len Gelman, MD, I became sold on the value and role of the Medical Director. My passion is caring for patients in PA/LTC—our team is dedicated only to that setting—and I am fortunate to be medical director in three facilities. When I became more stable in my career, I vowed to “give back” of myself to improve the world of medicine around me. AMDA embraced me in that goal. I serve as my state chapter’s treasurer and House of Delegate’s representative, and the Vice-chair for the AMDA, Transitions of Care committee, along with Jim Lett, MD. I have proposed resolutions on the house floor, have been involved in the generation of a white paper, and I have presented at the national meeting. I have met many wonderful people in AMDA who have supported my efforts and presented new opportunities for my own personal and professional growth as well.

And now, I have another opportunity to serve, as a candidate for the AMDA Board. Post-acute and long-term care are on the “front burner” in health care as Accountable Care Organizations and Population Health sections look to optimize quality, patient-centered, right place, right care, and right cost efforts. I understand those efforts—that is my (Wayne’s) world. The opportunity to support my colleagues in creating a better PA/LTC for the future, and contribute my knowledge and energy in the process, is Pavlovian. I thank you for the consideration, and I congratulate Dr. Mahajan, and the other Board candidates: all dedicated to a better AMDA and in the care of patients for whom we are fortunate to serve.
Dheeraj Mahajan, MD, FACP, CMD, CIC, CHCQM
(Candidate for Representative to House of Delegates)

Dr. Dheeraj Mahajan is a board certified internist and geriatrician. He is also a certified medical director and holds certifications in infection control and health quality management. Dr. Mahajan is involved in the clinical, administrative and academic aspects of medicine across the continuum of care.

He is President and CEO, Chicago Internal Medicine Practice and Research (CIMPAR, SC) and its associated group of companies. He currently is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Mahajan is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Institute of Medicine, Chicago. He is active in:

- **American Medical Directors Association (AMDA),** and has been a member since 2004 and has been involved with grass roots advocacy ever since. He has served on the Finance and Program Committees in the past. Currently, he serves as chair of the quality committee, chair of the population health group of the public policy committee. He is also an active member of the infections group.
- **Advancing Excellence in Long Term Care Collaborative (AELTCC),** where he serves as treasurer of the board of directors and leads the Hospitalizations Work Group.
- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ),** a funded CAUTI-LTC (catheter associated urinary tract infections – long term care facilities) project, where he serves as a national expert faculty.

Dr. Mahajan started as a solo practitioner in 2006, following his Internal Medicine Residency at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois, and today his group practice has grown to eight physicians, three nurse practitioners, one physician assistant and twenty two full time employees. He currently is the medical director at two CMS rated five star rated skilled nursing facilities. At one of these facilities he has implemented a “High Acuity Unit” using evidenced based protocols, peer reviewed best practices, strict admission order sets resulting in dramatic reduction in hospital readmission rates, improved outcomes and patient and family satisfaction. Dr. Mahajan has co-authored “Culturally Effective Care and Health Disparity” chapter in Geriatrics Care by Design, an online publication by the American Geriatrics Society. He is a faculty member at Loyola University/ VA Hines geriatrics fellowship program and Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital internal medicine program. His current research areas of interest include infection control in PALTC setting, antibiotic stewardship and antipsychotic stewardship. Under his leadership several health systems in Illinois have been able to establish full service geriatrics programs and post-acute networks.

In compliance with AMDA’s Conflict of Interest Policy, Dr Mahajan disclosed the following relationships:
Honoraria: Speakers Bureau for Sonofi.
Mary Palmquist Evans MD CMD
Candidate for State Presidents Council Representative

Dr. Mary Evans is a full-time post-acute and long-term care (PALTC) physician. She is Medical Director of a nursing facility and a community hospice program, and is a corporate medical director with a national PALTC company. Dr. Evans is Vice Chair of AMDA's Program Committee and has served 3 terms. She has been President of the Virginia Medical Directors Association for the past 5 years, and has been a member of AMDA's House of Delegates for several years. She is serving her second term on AMDA's Foundation Board of Directors.

Dr. Evans completed medical school and residency training (OBGyn) at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Dr. Evans joined the staff at Mayo immediately afterwards and served as full-time faculty until 1998, when she joined a large multi-specialty community medical center, providing primary care for women. In 2001, she and her husband Jonathan moved to Charlottesville, VA, where she cared for their children for 2 years. Wishing to rejoin medicine but professionally unfulfilled in OBGyn, she sought a medical practice that would accommodate her love of primary care medicine, her sense of mission, and her obligation to care for her family.

Dr. Mary Evans has been a PALTC practitioner since 2003. She trained and became Board Certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in 2004 while working for a large community hospice. That same year she incorporated Blue Ridge Long Term Care Associates, a PALTC physician practice. Dr. Evans has worked continuously as attending physician and Medical Director in several nursing homes and assisted living facilities since 2004. She became a Certified Medical Director through AMDA. Dr. Evans' focus is improved quality of care for her patients through better communication, staff education and physician presence. Her clinical passions include decreasing antipsychotic medications and non-pharmacologic management of dementia with behaviors, effective pain and symptom management, and wound care. She has been an invited speaker at several national and state PALTC meetings.

Dr. Evans is Regional Medical Director and Compliance Executive Physician for Golden Living, a large PALTC corporation. Dr. Evans has led a successful quality improvement team in Atlanta GA, focusing on the Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement process, wound care compliance and leadership development. She holds board certification as Certified Wound Specialist Physician and Certified in Healthcare Compliance, and oversees Golden Living's wound care program. Dr. Evans has collaborated on corporate policies and clinical program development, including the RightRhythm Cardiac Program, the Pulmonary Care Program, the Dementia Care and Reducing Antipsychotics Program, and the award-winning Doctor to Doctor handbook. Dr. Evans has led multiple educational programs for Golden Living’s physicians, leadership and clinical staff.

Dr. Evans envisions working with AMDA's Board of Directors to further our mission of quality patient care in the ever-changing post-acute and long-term care realm. She understands the challenge of achieving quality outcomes within successful corporate operations, and can bring this experience to help AMDA navigate our evolving healthcare landscape. Dr. Evans' strengths include excellent team collaboration and clinical and administrative leadership experience across a broad spectrum of practice settings.
Tim L. Gieseke MD, CMD
Candidate – State Presidents Council Representative

As a senior clinician and general internist, I’m grateful for the many clinicians of multiple disciplines who have equipped me to better care for vulnerable seniors and for the opportunities to develop organizational, listening, teaching, writing, and leadership skills that facilitate quality improvement locally, regionally, and statewide.

In college at UC Davis, I majored in Biochemistry, but unexpectedly, the course that has had the greatest impact on my career was cultural anthropology. This has been invaluable not only in taking care of a diverse population with a diverse workforce, but also in my medical teaching work in the developing world of Ecuador, Albania, and Kosovo. I graduated Phi Beta Kappa from College and AOA from Medical School at UC, Irvine. I completed a straight IM residency at UC, Davis and have been in private practice in Santa Rosa, California since 1979.

In 1986, I became the Medical Director of a CCRC. Through this position, I began attending the annual meetings of Ca Med Director Association in 1992 and became a CMD in 1996 attending one of the last course led by Dr. James Pattee. I’ve attended all but one AMDA annual meeting since then and consider AMDA my professional home.

In 1992, I became a part of NGOs committed to improving medical care in Albania and have subsequently been on 15 projects (2 were extended into Kosovo). In the process I had the opportunity to lead medical meetings, present on multiple medical subjects, and develop added expertise in diabetes care.

In 2000, I began serving in CALTCM (formerly CMDA) on the membership committee and subsequently became its chair in 2002. I have served on the CALTCM BOD since 2002 and became the state President in May 2005 serving through June 2007. Locally, I became the Medical Director of Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital’s sub-acute rehab units (1999 through 2008) and served on their Medical Executive Committee through 2005.

In 2005, I left my office practice for a full time PAC / LTC practice. That allowed more time for working with CALTCM, the local UCSF affiliated FP residency, hospice work as an Associate Medical Director, and brief courses at UCLA for geriatric faculty development and geriatric leadership and management. My project for the latter course was POLST implementation in my community which has expanded to improving access to Palliative Care not only locally, but state wide. Since my stint as President at CALTCM, I worked with a wonderful multi-disciplinary group of clinicians for two 2 year stints as its education chair and continue to work on that committee. In my role as Education Chair, I have been involved with the work of California Culture Change, Coalition for Compassionate Care of California, California INTERACT project, and the Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in California. Over the past 4 years, I have been on the editorial board of the CALTCM WAVE, our bimonthly electronic newsletter. In this capacity, if have enjoyed becoming a frequent contributor of articles centered on quality improvement issues.

In 2010, I became an Associate Clinical Professor of Family and Community Medicine at UCSF and serve as a proctor for geriatrics and palliative care at the local residency.

For AMDA annual meetings, I have given presentations on the CARE Recommendations for improving palliative care in SNFs, Lessons learned from the California POLST, and have given a Webinar on Performance Improvement Projects centered on improving Care Transitions. In addition, I highly value the time spent on AMDA Public Policy from June 2007 through April 2014. I was able to contribute to the writing of several white papers.

In California, we have had almost 15 years working as a multi-disciplinary organization. In addition, we have worked very hard to identify potential state partner organizations that have overlapping areas of interest and focus. Together, we have had shared successes and have built trust for future projects. We believe we are becoming the state organization for improving the care of adults with significant functional impairment(s).

I’m grateful for this potential opportunity to serve the State President’s Council as their representative on the BOD. As a former state President, AMDA Public Policy Member, and active CALTCM BOD member and community leader, I have enjoyed listening, learning, and have the organizational, teaching, and writing...
background to work with the state Presidents and know how to represent their concerns to the BOD. In addition, California is a large and diverse state. This has been an excellent environment for learning how to develop effective, sustainable, and constructive partnerships of like-minded organizations. As AMDA goes into the future as a multi-disciplinary organization, our mantra will be “Together, We Can”.

Tim Gieseke, MD, CMD