

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE

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I am currently an associate professor at the University of Utah with my clinical time divided between my Interventional Pulmonary and Lung Transplant practices. My current clinical/research interests are in procedure-related quality improvement initiatives and palliative procedures in airway obstruction, both benign and malignant. Given my combined trainings in lung transplantation and IP, I have a unique niche in the world of cardiothoracic disease. My advanced trainings have also provided me with insights into two non-ACGME fellowships and the resources available to fellows and practicing physicians within these two distinct realms. My passion for education and procedural outcomes has guided much of my involvement in the AABIP to date. I am currently a member of the board examination eligibility and review committee and the certification committee and have assisted with the skills assessments which are a part of the certificate of advanced qualification. I have also assisted with the application to the ABIM. I strongly feel that these endeavors elevate our field and have been delighted to be a part of these committees in recent years. Using my policy background, I am currently a member of the advocacy committee and a member of the ATS/CHEST clinical practice committee, advocating for improved reimbursement for IP procedures and new codes as our field advances. The board has the ability to shape the direction of the organization and ultimately our field and I would enjoy the opportunity to be a part of this and I believe my work ethic and unique clinical skillset makes me well poised for the role.

I used my skills as a simulationist at the AABIP annual meeting in 2023 where we launched our inaugural simulation sessions. I am continuing these efforts as the co-chair of simulation and the scientific program committee for 2024.