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NOMINEES FOR BOARD:

- **Katrina Rhodes, MD, MS, FACPM** is a public health & preventive medicine physician with over a decade of diverse experience in health administration, health policy, health promotion/disease prevention, health equity and health education. Dr. Rhodes has recently been consulting in the Maryland/Washington, DC/Virginia area as a technical evaluator and advisor of community public health needs and behavioral health practices and a regulatory advisor to public health and clinical practices on federal healthcare regulations and public-private partnerships. Previously, Dr. Rhodes evaluated pharmacotherapies and lifestyle interventions for chronic diseases including obesity and diabetes as a medical officer at Health & Human Services' Food & Drug Administration, and served as a health educator with the Peace Corps in Madagascar, and has been a systems-based monitor, evaluator, leader and advisor of domestic and international public health practice, prevention services and community-based health programs. Dr. Rhodes completed undergraduate studies at Washington University in St. Louis, medical studies at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and residency training at University of Maryland's General Preventive Medicine & Public Health Residency Program. Dr. Rhodes is a member of American Public Health Association, National Medical Association, American Medical Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, National Peace Corps Association, Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi Scientific Honorary Society. Dr. Rhodes has previously been recognized by ACPM for her research with health equity in cardiovascular disease by receiving ACPM's Annual Conference Awards for Outstanding Scientific Poster, Outstanding Resident Poster, and Outstanding Poster Presentation.
- **Karsten Lunze, MD, MPH**, is an assistant professor at Boston University (BU) and an ABPM board-certified preventive medicine practitioner, teacher, and researcher. Dr Lunze received a medical degree and an additional doctorate in genetic epidemiology from Charité Medical School in Berlin, Germany, and an MPH in global health from the Harvard School of Public Health. He also holds University Certificates in Humanitarian Studies from Harvard University, in French Philology from Sorbonne University in Paris (France) and in Traditional Chinese Medicine from the Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences (WHO Collaborating Centre) in Beijing (China). He trained in pediatrics and pediatric cardiology at Charité and Hopkins University, and in Preventive Medicine and Addiction Medicine at Boston University. Dr Lunze is a health adviser for UNICEF at their New York headquarters, where he consults on maternal and newborn health. In his clinical practice, he has provided outpatient addiction care and preventive services for drug users at Boston Medical Center's Office-based Opioid Treatment Clinic. His research nationally and internationally focuses on HIV prevention among drug users, and its relation to human rights, and on newborn health. He has taken over roles as conference chair, panel member; is peer reviewer for a dozen journals; and has appeared on national media, including the Washington Post. Internationally, Dr Lunze teaches management and leadership to public health practitioners, and consults on health systems strengthening, including WHO country offices and academic institutions abroad.

- **Scott Cherry, DO, MPH**, is a board certified physician in the medical specialties of Occupational & Environmental Medicine and Public Health & General Preventive Medicine with experience in the delivery and practice of medicine at the technical, professional, and population level. Dr. Cherry has a combined 12 years of active duty service for the US Navy and US Army. His military work experience includes medical technician, combat medic, general practitioner, and occupational & preventive medicine specialist. Scott currently serves as the Chief of Occupational Health Services at White Sands Missile Range. His practice focuses on employee health based on pertinent regulatory agencies required medical evaluations. These include medical surveillance of hazardous exposures (asbestos, lead, silica, radiation, etc.) and fitness for duty/certification exams for positions with physical demanding duties, public safety officers (federal police, guards, fire fighters), safety sensitive duties positions and special population employees (explosive/missile handlers, commercial motor vehicles, personnel reliability program) with strict adherence to regulatory guidance utilizing systems based practice and evidence based medicine. Scott has unique expertise serving as the lead competent medical authority providing medical support to the U.S. Army's sole nuclear fast burst reactor.
- **Sami A. Bég, MD, MPA, MPH**, serves as the Associate Medical Director of U.S. Preventive Medicine and its subsidiary, U.S. Care Management. Recruited to help develop and launch a new web based prevention and wellness product for employers and individuals, Dr. Bég was among the first few employees at the start-up and joined as the first full time physician at the company in 2007. Most recently, Dr. Bég was instrumental in the development of the Macaw mobile health and fitness app which was named the winner in the Mobile Applications: Health, Wellness and Fitness category of CTIA's Emerging Technology (E-Tech) Awards. In addition to clinical programs leadership, business and product development, he works closely with employers to promote lifestyle medicine and create a culture of health at worksites. Dr. Bég has a background in health services management and policy and in 2010 was appointed by the mayor of Jacksonville to the Mayor's Council on Fitness and Well-being for the City of Jacksonville, Florida where he served a two year term. Dr. Bég received his Doctor of Medicine from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY and completed his residency in Preventive Medicine at the New York State Department of Health and SUNY University at Albany.

NOMINEES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Secretary: **Jaspal Ahluwalia, MD, MPH**, is a preventive medicine and occupational medicine physician currently working at the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Fort Detrick, Maryland. He received his medical degree from The Ohio State University and his public health degree at Johns Hopkins University. He did a transitional internship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and then a preventive medicine residency at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He then completed an occupational medicine residency at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. At USAMRIID, Dr. Ahluwalia leads an effort to bolster the public health systems of various nations against the treat of biological select agent diseases such as Anthrax or Ebola. He has extensive experience in engaging with foreign ministries of health to collaboratively develop physician-training programs for infectious diseases. He is a Major in the US Army medical corps and recently served a tour in Afghanistan as the 82nd Airborne health advisor for stability operations where he was responsible for the public health reconstruction efforts of the Kandahar region.
- Treasurer: **Dave Cundiff, MD, MPH**, will continue in this position.