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*Believe you
can and you're
halfway there.*

Theodore Roosevelt

AMA Awards

Evening with the President

September 22, 2023

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Dr. Fred Rinaldi

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“ *Persevere in virtue
and diligence.*

Titus Maccius Plautus



AMA Member Emeritus

The Member Emeritus award recognizes significant contributions to the goals and aims of the AMA, seniority, long-term membership and distinguished service (20 years) based on criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Members Emeriti enjoy all the rights and privileges of a full member but shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Recipients

Dr. Peter Grundy

Dr. Jacques Romney

Dr. Peter Grundy

Endocrinology & Metabolism, Calgary

Reflections on Service

I have been on the executive for the Section of Endocrinology since the late 1990s and served as section president for several terms. I have been involved in section work on the RVG, fee allocation and INRV work, and the current IEI projects. In conjunction with my role as Chair of the University of Calgary Department of Medicine AARP Management Committee, for several years I was also involved with the AMA ARP/AARP development committees.

My attempts to promote fee equity for my section over the years represent my most important AMA-related work, I believe, although many others have gone beyond what I achieved for my small section. The development of the IEI process marks a very important step in trying to bring more rationality to physician incomes in Alberta. Hopefully, over time the AMA will be successful in bringing meaningful change to the payment systems we have so that more balance is achieved between cognitive and procedural specialties and family practice, which is clearly experiencing great difficulties.

Representative Forum meetings are always interesting, and seeing democracy in action at these meetings has been both educational and reassuring. It is not always clear to younger members that the AMA is “their” organization and that everyone is welcome and invited to get involved. We need to get more younger members onto section executives (like mine!) and committees. Meeting and listening to members at these meetings over the years has helped me to understand the broader structure and diversity of our profession in Alberta. It’s also always nice to be able to put a name to a face.

Personal Interests

I’m planning to spend more time travelling with my wife and friends and family as I gradually reduce my workload, and plan to build myself a new boat. Our family has a small cabin near the ocean and we plan to spend more time there in the years ahead.

Dr. Jacques Romney

Endocrinology & Metabolism, Edmonton

Reflections on Service

I've spent many years on the executive of the AMA Section of Endocrinology, both as president and as secretary/treasurer. The section meets annually and obtains feedback from members regarding initiatives and projects. It continues to provide advice when asked for endocrine drug coverage, accessibility and related matters. It offers another way to advocate for endocrinologists in Alberta that includes both community and academic endocrinologists.

Many endocrinologists in Alberta are part of the Academic Medicine Health Services Plan (AMHSP), making it important for the section to continue supporting appropriate SOMB changes to reflect both shadow billing and real billings for those in community practice.

The AMA provides a valuable voice representing physicians on many issues related to health care delivery. The sections are needed for governance to advocate for the particular issues affecting the various specialties. The AMA has given me confidence that physician advocacy is strong.

Personal Interests

Bike riding and dog walking keep me well grounded.

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*All great
achievements
require time.*

Maya Angelou



AMA Long-Service Award

The AMA Long-Service Award recognizes physicians with 10 years of AMA service who contribute their knowledge, skill and time to the advancement of the profession. Whether on the Board of Directors, its committees, the Representative Forum or section executives within AMA, their work supports and encourages the association's development.

Recipients

Dr. Gregory Boughen

Dr. R. David Murray

Dr. Rajpal Thiara

Dr. Sam Wong

Dr. Daniel Wood

AMA Long-Service Award Recipients

Dr. Gregory Boughen

Family Medicine and Chronic Pain, Spruce Grove

Reflections on Service

I have been a family physician in Stony Plain and Spruce Grove for the past 37 years. With other physicians, including Dr. Brian Knight, Dr. Gaylord Waddell and Dr. Robert Hauptman, I established the AMA Section for Chronic Pain. I was the first president of the section and still serve on the board. I opened what I believe to be the first Primary Care Multidisciplinary Chronic Pain Clinic in 2006, funded by the Westview Primary Care Network. For a few years I chaired the Westview PCN and I have worked with the AMA and Alberta Health Services staff in the development of the Edmonton Zone PCN's programs. PCNs in general need to be better supported in order to meet the needs of our population, especially given the current lack of primary care physicians.

The issues around chronic pain are not being well served. To enable proper education and funding, chronic pain must be treated as a chronic disease. Despite the voicing of some support from AHS, this hasn't happened yet, despite our work and advocacy.

Personal Interests

I like outdoor activities such as gardening, camping, fishing and hunting, and I hope retirement allows me to spend more time enjoying them and my family.

Dr. R. David Murray

Emergency Medicine, Ft. McMurray

Reflections on Service

I have served the AMA in a variety of capacities, most recently as an executive member of the Section for Emergency Medicine. What stands out for me in my work there was the advocacy for all physicians during COVID. We worked on adjustments to the schedule of medical benefits, including new fee codes, and continued to grapple with the ever-present issue of emergency department overcrowding.

What I would say to newer physicians about being involved with the AMA is that the breadth of knowledge that you can learn from is outstanding. The groups I have been involved with have provided an exceptional range of experiences and professionalism, making me a better physician.

Personal Interests

The only pet projects I have at the moment is our dog Woofy and becoming a super user for launch 7 in Connect Care.

Dr. Sam Wong

Pediatrics, Edmonton

Reflections on Service

I have worked with the AMA as a member of the Section of Pediatrics executive, including as president and as a delegate to the Representative Forum.

As part of my service with the AMA, I have worked on a variety of advocacy projects, such as protecting the privacy of GSA club members, and on issues related to COVID, especially as they have affected children and their families. I have worked hard in a number of capacities to represent pediatricians in Alberta.

To other physicians, especially young physicians early in their careers, I recommend finding something extracurricular that you enjoy doing in order to make your work feel less like a job and more like a passion.

Personal Interests

I enjoy kayaking and cross country skiing when I have some free time. I also like trying to find great restaurants in whatever location I happen to be visiting.

Dr. Daniel Wood

Anesthesia, Calgary

Reflections on Service

Representing my specialty section was my initial motivation for becoming an AMA delegate. However, doing the work required me to take a larger view of what my colleagues from every other area of medicine have to offer and to consider their needs and priorities. For me, a memorable part of that work involved the initial steps of the income equity initiative and contributing to that discussion with regard to the nuts and bolts of the calculations. Ongoing multifaceted advocacy for my specialty of anesthesiology, particularly as we try to deal with critical shortages of providers similar to what some other sections face, was also a key part of the work.

The AMA is very good at physician support with its depth of experience in effectively representing physicians and ultimately patients. As we have seen, governments and policy will come and go, but the integrity and history of the AMA give it a unique voice. Involvement in the AMA can broaden your perspective on the challenges facing all types of physicians and allow you to appreciate larger and underlying factors, risks, and opportunities affecting the practice of medicine.

Personal Interests

I enjoy both relaxing and adventuring with my family. Outside of medical practice, the rotation of pedals generating forward motion on all types of bicycles is a prominent feature of my life.

AMA Achievement Awards

AMA Medal for Distinguished Service

The AMA Medal for Distinguished Service recognizes physicians who have made an outstanding personal contribution to the medical profession and to the people of Alberta and have contributed to the art and science of medicine while raising the standards of medical practice.

Recipients

Dr. Cheryl Mack

Dr. Jonathan Meddings

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Pediatrics, Edmonton

Dr. Cheryl Mack is a pediatric and adult cardiothoracic anesthesiologist with specialised training in pediatric palliative care and complex pain who has studied at the Universities of Manchester, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Regina.

She is a physician, a teacher, a mentor and a researcher of great skill and compassion. But what makes her extraordinary is her commitment to medical ethics and her unending service to the people of Alberta. In the past five years alone, she has served as the Chair of the Ethics Committee for several clinics and hospitals, including the Mazankowski clinic, Kaye clinic, WCM Health Science Center, and Stollery Hospitals (2012–2023), as Medical Lead for the Stollery Hospital (including dispute resolutions 2018–2023), Ethics Lead for University of Alberta Office of Global Surgery (2018–2022), Chair of the Canadian Anaesthesiology Society Ethics committee (2019–2021), Executive member and co-founder of the Canadian Anaesthesia society section for Environmental Sustainability (2018–2020), and Co-chair of the Opioid Poisoning Committee (2021–2022). She also served on the Provincial Practitioner Executive Committee and Council of Zonal Leaders. And she did all this work during very trying times— the COVID-19 pandemic, health care worker shortages, physician burnout, unprecedented patient care gaps and the drug overdose crisis peak.

Dr. Mack's colleagues refer to her as a physician champion. In her role as chair of the clinical ethics committee, Dr. Mack spent thousands of hours as a physician liaison, supporting the consultation service, doing research and giving presentations to colleagues.

Informally, she was always available to support learners and colleagues facing complex clinical questions or managing moral distress. Early in her career she worked with the Royal College Ethics and Equality Committee and the Caritas Hospitals Ethics Committee and was the Lead for the University of Alberta UGME ethics and law curriculum. In her past role as the Chair of the Canadian Anaesthesiologists Society (CAS) Ethics committee, she helped craft position statements on the peri-operative status of DNR orders and other directives that limit interventions and on the ethical considerations of personal protective equipment (PPE) during scarcity. She teaches with the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and the Canadian Bar Association Health Law Section. She is active in citywide rounds, offering an ethics perspective on challenges faced by her colleagues. She has been an ethics presenter and collaborator at many conferences, both nationally and abroad.

And she doesn't just research ethics; she puts ethics into practice. Dr. Mack has tackled issues such as health care worker burnout, the opioid crisis and staffing shortages, even when doing so posed a risk to her own career. She has supported physician leaders facing unfair termination. She has led workshops to provide naloxone training and worked with students and young offenders. Dr. Mack is a teacher, a mentor and a passionate advocate for both physicians and the citizens we serve. Alberta is very fortunate to have her.

Dr. Jonathan Meddings

Gastroenterology, Calgary

Dr. Meddings received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Alberta before attending the prestigious GI research training program at the University of Texas, where he acquired skills in clinical gastroenterology and advanced research.

As a researcher, he did important work on Crohn's disease, gut permeability and malabsorption syndromes in patients with inflammatory bowel disease. He moved into leadership to become head of the GI division and Chief of the Division of the Calgary Health region, where he fostered the development of interactive clinical and basic science programs of gastroenterology into an internationally recognized program known for its research, cohesiveness and quality clinical care. In 2004, he was recruited to the University of Alberta as the Chair of Medicine. In 2009, he became Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary, and he served as Dean of the School of Medicine from 2012 to 2022.

Dr. Meddings' lasting legacy will be the positive effect he has had on health care in Alberta. He is a thoughtful, respectful and effective leader, calm in a crisis and open to all points of view. He has championed the concept of precision medicine, an academic approach that puts patients at the centre of research and education, bringing basic science discovery to the bedside and providing big data resources to improve both individual and population-level care. As part of this strategy, he established the Centre for Health Informatics at the CSM as a way to collate data for use by faculty and students.

During his deanship, the University of Calgary has moved from tenth to fifth position in the country with respect to research productivity. While there are many reasons for this dramatic growth, about half of the university's research revenue comes from the medical school, so the processes that Dr. Meddings put into place have played a key role. He has fought for new faculty positions and infrastructure to support the academic mission of the University of Calgary. He is a skilled fundraiser and was an integral player in securing the naming donation of \$100M from Mr. Geoff Cumming in 2015. That investment has been leveraged to fund key infrastructure, recruit scientists and establish innovative training programs. All of which are contributing to major, clinically relevant improvements in health and well being, with key discoveries in the effects of the microbiome, mental health, health care service delivery innovation and entrepreneurial spin-offs.

Dr. Meddings has been a tireless champion for academic medicine in Alberta and nationally. He is an influential voice on provincial committees, advocating tirelessly for efficient use and expansion of AMHSP salary positions, the need for more academic positions to train and retain rural physicians, and other areas of clinical need such as surgery and anesthesia. He has made outstanding contributions to health care as a clinician scientist, educator and academic leader. His work has shaped the health care ecosystem over the past twenty years and will shape it for years to come.

Medal of Honour

The AMA Medal of Honour recognizes non-physicians who have made an outstanding personal contribution to the people of Alberta by contributing to the advancement of medical research, medical education, health care organization, health education and/or health promotion to the public or raising the standards of health care in Alberta.

Recipient

Mr. Bill Kreutzweiser

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For more than twenty-five years, Bill Kreutzweiser has worked in executive leadership positions in health care in Canada.

After beginning his career in Ontario, he headed west, first to Vancouver, where he worked with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, then to Alberta, where he served as a senior consultant for the AMA from 2012. He has been a trusted advisor to physicians at all levels, enabling many primary care physicians in Alberta to lead through complex situations and changes. He has travelled through all five zones to ensure that physician stakeholders are fully supported in their leadership endeavours, providing coaching, advice and policy-setting guidance.

He has worked tirelessly to gain the trust of primary care physicians, giving them the tools and knowledge they need to build and maintain structures of good governance. Beyond his role in primary care transformation, he has consistently championed the interests of family physicians, advocating for their needs and making sure that their concerns were addressed. His ability to bridge gaps, build relationships and foster a culture of collaboration has allowed him to create meaningful change within the organization and the health care community. If a physician leader within primary care comes to mind for you, there is a good chance that Bill has provided some form of support to that physician.

One of the biggest challenges that Primary Care Networks face in Alberta is the turnover in governance roles on PCN boards. While AMA/ACTT did provide valuable education to boards in the earlier years of PCNs, it became apparent that consistent governance education was required for all board members within all PCNs. Bill played a

critical role in developing what is now a highly successful program for governance education and leadership development for PCN board members. He led the development of the AMA Board Competency Training program, which included Essentials, Advanced and Expert Series courses. He created the vision for this training, wrote the content and led the process for securing significant CME credit eligibility for participating physicians. He also delivered this training throughout the province, further demonstrating his commitment to physician leadership. This program is highly valued by PCNs and boards, and it has made an enormous difference in the leadership expertise developed and demonstrated across governance structures in Alberta.

Another important focus of his efforts in Alberta has been the Patient's Medical Home. Throughout his time at the AMA, he put the PMH at the forefront of his support for physicians and their patients. Starting in 2012, he began providing business and operational support to physicians directly in their family practices. His role then shifted to promotion of the Patient's Medical Home (PMH) within PCNs, and finally to promoting it to PCN leaders (physicians and non-physicians) in all five Alberta zones. The goal of PMH is to increase patient and provider satisfaction, improve quality of care, reduce cost, improve efficiency and reduce hospitalizations.

Bill has recently been recruited by the Ontario Medical Association and is now the Executive Director for the Section of General and Family Practitioners, working with and on behalf of more than 15,000 family doctors in Ontario. Undoubtedly, he will continue to make the differences in Ontario that he has made here in Alberta.

AMA Award for Compassionate Service

The AMA Award for Compassionate Service honours a physician who is an AMA member and, during their career, has demonstrated outstanding compassion, philanthropy and/or volunteerism to improve the state of the community in which they are giving back.

Recipient

Dr. Katherine Atchison

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Since graduating from medical school in Saskatoon, Kathy Atchison has been serving her patients as a busy family doctor, mostly in Red Deer.

She has an active panel of nearly 3,500 patients, works on her clinic's obstetrics team, has acted as department physician for FireMedics for the City of Red Deer and has served as a clinical preceptor in Red Deer for the University of Alberta since 2000, in which role she was awarded Family Medicine Preceptor of the Year in 2012. She serves as a mentor for many young doctors, taking on residents whenever she is asked. In this role, she takes on the roles of teacher, guide and colleague for the next generation of doctors. She shares with them her passion for the profession, her knowledge of medicine and her compassion for those she serves.

What really sets her apart, though, is her passion for helping others, for volunteering and for philanthropic efforts in her community. She served for many years on the Central Alberta Sexual Assault Team, where she provided care to victims of sexual assault, treating them with compassion and respect, collecting forensic data and appearing in court as an expert witness. More recently, she has begun working in palliative care, providing compassionate care for palliative patients and their families.

She dedicates almost every Wednesday evening to running a drop-in family clinic at The Mustard Seed. Before she offered to volunteer and to open this clinic, there was no clinic at The Mustard Seed or anywhere in the Riverside Meadows neighbourhood, one of Red Deer's lowest income areas. Dr Kathy, as she is affectionately known by the guests there, many of whom have had difficult or negative experiences with the health care system in the past, has become a critical part of The Mustard Seed's health and wellness program for the community, meeting needs wherever people are at, developing relationships and gaining their trust. She listens to people's needs, treats them with respect and offers them compassionate, consistent care; something many of them have had little experience of in the past.

In 2016 she received a Woman of Excellence Award from the Red Deer and District Community Foundation in recognition of how greatly she had contributed to her community. Since then, she has continued to exemplify what it means to be a doctor, earning the respect and affection of her colleagues, her patients and members of her community.

Lunch with the CMA

September 23, 2023

PROGRAM

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CMA Past President's Remarks

Dr. Alike Lafontaine

Lunch

CMA Awards

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Owen Adams Award of Honor

F.N.G. Starr Award

CMA Award for Young Leaders (Early Career)

Installation of AMA President

Dr. Paul Parks

Presentation to AMA Past President

Dr. fred Rinaldi

AMA President's Closing Remarks

“ Spend life for something
which outlasts it.

William James



CMA President

Dr. Kathleen Ross

In her inaugural address at the CMA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on August 16, incoming president Dr. Kathleen Ross recognized the many challenges facing Canadian health while underscoring the power that physicians have to drive change at the time when it's needed most.

As a family physician, she's seen the growing hurdles in the system that are preventing physicians from delivering optimal care, consuming their time and sapping much of their energy and joy of practice. "It has become increasingly difficult to stand up for a system that's falling down around us," she said.

But, touching on her local volunteering and global humanitarian work, Dr. Ross highlighted the importance of getting involved as both an antidote to burnout and to help transform health care. "Your voice, your leadership matter more now than ever before," she said. "Small individual actions, life-altering impacts."

Looking ahead to her term, she called on members to join her in pressing for change to benefit physicians and patients, including reducing administrative burdens, improving team-based care, streamlining licensure and addressing burnout.

"At this critical juncture, the ability of Canadian physicians to guide and lead health system change today will impact the health and wellness of Canadians for many generations to come," she said.

For more information on Dr. Kathleen Ross, visit www.cma.ca/news/dr-alika-lafontaine-elected-2021-cma-president-elect-nominee

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*What the mind can
conceive and believe,
and the heart desire,
you can achieve.*

Norman Vincent Peale



CMA Honorary Membership Award Recipients

The CMA Honorary membership is granted to those members who have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments in medicine, science, the humanities or who have rendered significant services to the association. They may be appointed as honorary members with the unanimous approval of the CMA Board.

Recipients

Dr. Richard Bergstom

Dr. Kenneth Corbet

Dr. Richard Bergstrom

Anesthesia (Adult Cardiac), Edmonton

Reflections on Service

I served first as president of the section for Alberta. I was heavily involved with the Relative Value Guide, in which capacity Dr. Bean and I continuously advocated for section members, stressing the value they bring to health care for Albertans. I then continued to serve in the Representative Forum, acting as both an ear and a voice for the section and also for regional physicians when I was President of the Regional Medical Staff Association. From there I continued to work with the AMA staff as chair of the Physician Advocacy Group, providing advice from senior physicians to the Board. We brought together the voices of a diverse group of experienced physicians who reflected the tireless efforts of front-line workers to provide compassionate care.

It has been an honour and a privilege to work alongside the incredible AMA staff, who have taught me about advocacy, responding to government and providing a voice for physicians. I encourage physicians to become involved with the AMA and CMA to learn about the work that has been done for physician advocacy and to share in a vision of how to move forward in both providing care for patients and obtaining appropriate compensation for the hard work and continuous improvement provided by the physician community.

Personal Interests

In my free time I love to learn outside of medicine. I read about history and leadership as they teach me to listen more, reflect more and serve with greater effect. I also get immense pleasure from feeding people. Having a dinner party that lasts for hours with great food, superb wine and excellent conversation leaves me satisfied. It is incredibly rewarding to give and see the fruits of your labour both at work and at home. Personal and professional growth are not separate trees; they share the same roots and bear similar fruit.

To change people's lives is an unbelievable privilege and honour and is so incredibly rewarding.

Dr. Kenneth Corbet

Occupational Medicine, Calgary

Reflections on Service

What an honour to be recognized by the AMA! Occupational medicine is a diverse specialty; a mix of individual clinical medicine and public health in the workplace. My first AMA committee in 1989 developed a guideline for the Early Return to Work after Illness or Injury, which garnered national input and eventually evolved into a CMA policy statement.

My more recent involvement with the AMA has been as president and member-at-large with the Section of Occupational Medicine. Given our section members' different patterns and locations of practice, the challenge is to find common issues that we can address through education, committee participation or advocacy. The section attends the Representative Forums and, in the fall of 2019, organized a CME day in Edmonton. Related AMA activities include the Workers' Compensation Board committee and the guideline for billing of uninsured services.

In medical training, the focus of learning for physicians is mostly clinical—the diagnosis and treatment of individuals. But as we begin our practices, we learn the importance of thinking about groups of people, thinking internationally and globally, managing risk

factors and reaching vulnerable populations. The CMA and AMA provide a vehicle for interdisciplinary discussion of these topics, support of working groups and committees and, perhaps, consensus on the best way forward.

A societal and licensing college expectation of physicians is continuing professional development. Our clinical societies can provide many learning opportunities, but the CMA complements these with resources on non-clinical competencies, running a medical practice and physician leadership.

Clinical discussion and consensus, business support and continuing professional development—these are three good reasons for physicians to stay involved with our provincial and national medical associations.

Personal Interests

As my professional work lessens, I look forward to a more active lifestyle involving travel within Canada and abroad, carpentry, photography and more time with family and friends.

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Special Awards Honorees

Dr. Scott McLeod has received the *Dr. William Marsden Award* in medical ethics and professionalism in recognition of his exemplary leadership, commitment and dedication to advancing and promoting excellence in medical ethics and professionalism in Canada. Candidates must demonstrate, in one of the following areas: commitment to furthering the cause of medical ethics in Canada; leadership in enhancing ethical and professional behaviour amongst Canadian physicians; and excellence in research and/or teaching initiatives in medical ethics.

Ms. Brenda Reynolds has received the *Owen Adams Award of Honour* which is the highest CMA award available to a non-physician. The award is granted in recognition of contributions to the advancement of medical research, medical education, health care organization or health education of the public; contributions to the awareness of the value that lived experience (patient/caregiver insight) brings to health care in Canada; service to the people of Canada in raising the standards of health care delivery in Canada; service to the profession in the field of medical organization and activities and initiatives that have contributed to improvements in the health and wellness of Canadians.

Dr. Franco Rizzuti has received the *CMA Award for Young Leaders (Early Career)* in recognition of his exemplary dedication, commitment and leadership in one of the following areas: political, clinical, educational or research and community service. He has also exemplified creativity, initiative and shown commitment to “making a difference”, been active and effective at the local, provincial/territorial and/or national level and acted as a positive and effective role model for his peers and colleagues.

Dr. Esther Tailfeathers has received the *F.N.G. Starr Award* in recognition of her outstanding and inspiring lifetime achievement. This is the highest CMA award available to one of its members. Medalists have achieved distinction in one of the following ways: making an outstanding contribution to science, the fine arts or nonmedical literature; serving humanity under conditions calling for courage or the endurance of hardship in the promotion of health or the saving of life; advancing the humanitarian or cultural life of his or her community; or improving medical service in Canada.

To see their full biographies, please visit www.cma.ca/cma-awards-and-nominations

Installation of new AMA President

Dr. Paul Parks

“The benefits of belonging to and working with the AMA are the ability to work collectively with engaged colleagues to work on system wide improvement. We are better and stronger united. Within the AMA there are so many engaged and phenomenal leaders to learn from, and the AMA staff are nothing short of phenomenal.”

Dr. Paul Parks is an emergency medicine physician in Medicine Hat. He has a long history of service with the AMA, having joined in 2001 during his residency.

Beyond that, he has spent over 15 years actively involved in AMA work including two terms on the Board of Directors, the Representative Forum and a wide range of AMA committees. He has contributed greatly to his Section of Emergency Medicine as an active member since 2007, on the executive since 2009 and has served numerous times as Section President.

Dr. Parks is recognized provincially and nationally as a passionate and articulate advocate for patients and the health care system. In some difficult years for the AMA and during the pandemic, he was one of the most well-known and trusted voices in media coverage, going above and beyond to make himself available for media interviews.

Dr. Parks is a dedicated cinephile and is working his way through the entire collection of Roger Ebert's 4 Star and Great Movies. He is also an avid craft beer lover and co-founder/co-owner of Hell's Basement Brewery in Medicine Hat "…if you are ever in town give me a shout and I'll buy you a fresh craft beer and we can sit down and solve all the problems in the health care system/world!

Presentation to the AMA Past President

Dr. fred Rinaldi

“Benefits of working with the AMA include contributing to my and our own future; and contributing to the positioning of physicians in the shaping of health care transformation and sustainability, quality of care and physician wellness.”

Dr. fred Rinaldi received her medical degree from Dalhousie University in 1989 and her Certification in the College of Family Physicians in 1991. She also has a Master of Health Administration, an LLB and an MBA.

Dr. Rinaldi has been or is currently involved in multiple leadership roles, including within Alberta Health Services, the Canadian Medical Protective Association, South Zone Medical Staff Association and the former Palliser Health Region.

She joined the AMA in 1991 as a member of the Section of General Practice (now known as the Section of Family Medicine). She has provided her expertise to the AMA since 1996, when she joined the AMA Representative Forum as a delegate. Her other work with the AMA includes membership on the Board of Directors, serving as Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Representative Forum and a long list of AMA committees.

Dr. Rinaldi is a ‘Dog Mom,’ and she enjoys riding her motorcycle and gardening.



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