


2016-2018 Board of Directors Elections

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Tracy Zaslow, MD, FAAP

INCOMING PRESIDENT

Edward Curry, MD, FAAP

Ed has been involved with the AAP-CA Chapter 2 since 1998. Currently ending his two-year term as Chapter Vice President, Ed will transition into the position of Chapter President as of June 22, 2016. He has been Chair of Scholarship Committee since 2000. He is Treasurer for AAP District IX (AAP-CA). He was Treasurer for the chapter from 2008 to 2012. He was Member-At-Large from 1998 to 2000. Ed is a member of the Steering Committee for Bright Futures Preventive Services Guidelines. He was a member of the AAP National Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine from 2006 to 2012. He was the lead author on AAP Policy statement "Use of Chaperones during Physical Examination of the Pediatric Patient."

Edward Curry is a partner pediatrician with Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCMPG) for the past 30 years. He practices in the areas of general pediatrics, autism, learning and behaviors. Ed is the Director of Medical Education at the Fontana Medical Center and co chair of SCPMG Pediatric Symposium Committee. Ed was Chief of Department Pediatrics at Kaiser Fontana Medical Center for 12 years.

Ed brings a variety of experience to the position of AAP-CA2 President. He would like to advance the AAP goal of improving children's health in the California Chapter 2 service area. He wants to make AAP-CA2 more visible and accessible to Chapter members, and is excited to have the opportunity to serve the Chapter in this position.

VICE PRESIDENT – PRESIDENT ELECT

Two Candidates, presented in alphabetical order. Please vote for one

Alice Kuo, MD, PhD, MEd, FAAP - Chris Landon, MD, FCCP, CDM, FAAP

Alice Kuo, MD, PhD, MEd, FAAP (VP Candidate)

I joined the AAP 20 years ago and consider the Academy my professional home. At the national AAP, I served as chair of the Project Advisory Committee for the Community Pediatrics Training Initiative from 2004-2008, then on the Executive Committee of the Council on Community Pediatrics from 2009-2015, and I was the Policy Chair from 2012-2015. As Policy Chair, I was the lead author of several policy statements, including "Community Pediatrics: Navigating the Intersection of Medicine, Public Health and Social Determinants of Children's Health," "Promoting Food Security for All Children," "Poverty and Child Health in the United States," and the forthcoming statements on "Pediatricians and Public Health: Optimizing the Health and Well-Being of the Nation's Children" and "Early Childhood Home Visiting." I also co-authored the recent technical report on "Mediators and Adverse Effects of Child Poverty in the United States."

I have been our Chapter 2 CATCH facilitator since 2004 and provided technical assistance to applicants to the CATCH grants program as well as conducted nearly a dozen site visits for the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program. I have also been very involved at the District

level in our annual Legislative Day in Sacramento since 2002, and last year provided testimonies and interviews on behalf of AAP-CA supporting SB 277, the vaccine bill. Since 2014, I have served as our Chapter's treasurer.

At work, I have been the Director of the Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency Program at UCLA since 2003 and also teach Maternal and Child Health in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health since 2009. I am currently the Chief of Medicine-Pediatrics and Director of the Medicine-Pediatrics Comprehensive Care Center in Santa Monica. As a clinic director, I am very aware of the issues facing the practicing pediatrician regarding clinic operations, payment, and care coordination.

At home, I have two sons ages 8 and 4 years and love the opportunity to observe child development in action every day! On the weekends, I enjoy being team mom for T-ball and AYSO soccer. I recently learned how to be scorekeeper for kid-pitch baseball (after four YouTube video tutorials)—now that's a challenge!

I would love the opportunity to get more involved in our Chapter and serve as your Vice-President. I believe that these are interesting and challenging times that we are in right now for child health care. Serving as Vice-President of the Chapter would be an honor and I would be thrilled to work with the other members of the Executive Committee.

Chris Landon, MD, FCCP, CDM, FAAP (VP Candidate)

Dr. Landon is a native Californian. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California in Psychobiology, medical school at USC, pediatric internship and residency at Stanford University Hospital, and Allergy-Immunology-Respiratory Fellowship at Children's Hospital at Stanford. After completion of fellowship Dr. Landon established a Level II Intensive Care Nursery and pediatric multispecialty practice in neighboring Redwood City, California.

Twenty-five years ago Dr. Landon returned to Ventura County, California as Director of Pediatrics at UCLA affiliated Ventura Family Medicine Residency, where he established a public-private partnership model with the County of Ventura and established a Pediatric Diagnostic Center. Under his direction the clinic system is now linked to schools, by telehealth to the universities, to behavioral health co-located within the Pediatric Diagnostic Center, improved access to early developmental assessment by establishing Help Me Grow in Ventura County, and institutionalized Reach Out and Read in the VCHCA Clinic System. Dr. Landon has provided the direction to provide CCS Special Care Centers in the rural setting for Cleft Lip and Palate, Pulmonary Disease, Gastroenterology, Neurology, Rheumatology, and Ophthalmology.

In 2016 he looks forward to completing a hospital for children within a hospital, a dental clinic at the Pediatric Diagnostic Center, and a Ronald McDonald Room to service the PICU and Cancer Infusion Centers. Through the Landon Pediatric Foundation and affiliates, international clinics are supported in Peru, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Liberia, and Tchad.

Having guided Ventura County through developing a model care for children with special health care needs, uniting the counties served by AAP Chapter 2 in the Asthma Chapter Quality Network, leading Ventura County into Help Me Grow, and establishing Reach Out and Read, I look forward to being mentored under the Presidents, past and present, to leading AAP-CA Chapter 2 and the children and families we serve, on the State and National stage.

SECRETARY

Susan Wu, MD, FAAP

Susan Wu is a pediatrician at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. She received both her undergraduate degree and medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, and completed a pediatric residency and chief residency at Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland. In her role as Co-Director of the Pediatric Residency Community Pediatrics and Advocacy Program at CHLA, she helps to develop and implement a legislative advocacy training curricula, and mentors residents on their longitudinal community advocacy and quality improvement projects. As a current Member-at-Large, she has helped to secure grants for chapter, led ABP MOC Part IV projects, and organized legislative advocacy training for Los Angeles area pediatric residents. She has experience in newspaper, magazine, and web content development and design. She has also served on the editorial board of Hospital Pediatrics serves as an ad hoc reviewer for several journals. She lives in Alhambra with her husband, their 6-year-old son, 3-year-old daughter, and 10-month-old son.

TREASURER

Corinn Cross, MD, FAAP

Corinn Cross is a board certified pediatrician and is in her second term as a Member-At-Large for California's Chapter 2. Dr. Cross, along with Dr. Tracy Zaslow and the continued support of Chapter 2, has co-created a major community outreach program to educate, students, parents and schools about childhood obesity -- Fit To Play and Learn. Through a partnership between Chapter 2 and LAUSD's school nursing program, Fit to Play and Learn as been taught in many LAUSD schools and has reached over 4000 students and their parents. Dr. Cross has been working with the LAUSD school district, giving lectures and attending school events to promote walking to school and obesity prevention since 2009.

As a Member-At-Large, Dr. Cross has hosted two well-attended west side Town Hall events for local pediatricians. She is active in Chapter activities and with the help of the chapter authored one of the Annual Leadership Forum's Top Ten Resolutions for 2016, a resolution to push for child-resistant packaging for all marijuana sold legally.

Dr. Cross is also very involved with the AAP at a national level. She is in her second term as an Executive Board Member on the Council of Communications and Media. She is second author on an AAP Policy Statement on Children Adolescents and Media slated to be released this fall. She was the Editor of the [COCM blog](#) for four and a half years. She is still active with both the blog and website in her new position as chair of the intra-communications subcommittee of COCM. It is through her work with COCM and its mission to educate and encourage pediatricians on the use of media to amplify their voice that she has been published in The AAP News.

A large part of Dr. Cross' work as a pediatrician is educating parents. She is an AAP spokesperson and can be heard nationally as a regular guest on [RadioMD: Healthy Children](#) with Melanie Cole, MS. She has also been a guest on multiple radio shows including Dr. Bernard Dryer's "On Call For Kids." She is a repeated medical expert on CBS news. In the past, Dr. Cross created and wrote her

own blog, [SMARTMOMS, Corinn Cross, MD](#) as well as wrote a weekly health and parenting column, "[Dr. Cori On-Call](#)" for on-line magazine, LA Family.

Dr. Cross graduated cum laude from Barnard College with a BA in philosophy. She attended The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where she obtained her M.D. and was elected to the AOA honor society. She then moved to L.A. with her husband where she did her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She currently lives in the Pacific Palisades with her husband and three children.

She is interested in continuing her service for Chapter 2 by becoming the Chapter's Treasurer.

MEMBERS - AT- LARGE

Members-At-Large act as liaison between the membership in their geographic area and the Board.

Eight Candidates, presented in alphabetical order. Please vote for seven.

Cynthia (Cindy) Baker, MD, FAAP

Cindy Baker was born in Philadelphia and did her undergrad and medical school studies at the University of Pennsylvania (go Quakers!). After medical school, she decided to try something different and traveled to LA for her residency and chief residency at CHLA, never thinking she would stay in California. She started working at Kaiser Sunset (literally right across the street from CHLA) and has stayed there for her entire career. She was the Associate Pediatric Residency Program Director for over 20 years and ran the CME program with weekly Wed afternoon Grand Rounds for over 25 years. She has served on numerous committees at Kaiser Permanente; currently she is Co-Chair of the Symposium committee and on the Residency committee and Asthma committee, and continues to teach residents and medical students as well as maintaining her active involvement in a busy general clinical practice. Cindy is a member of the Vascular Birthmark Clinic team, which just celebrated their 22nd-year anniversary. This is a multidisciplinary team at Kaiser in LA that treats children and adults. She is also the pediatrician on our multidisciplinary Spina Bifida clinic.

Although she had been an AAP member since residency, following her father and uncle's footsteps as pediatricians, Cindy had never been active in AAP issues; she just paid her dues every year. In 2010, she was asked to run for Member-at-Large and reluctantly agreed. Now, in her third term, she is thrilled that she became involved in Chapter 2 and is eager to serve a third term. She is on the Member Action Committee and the CME committee as well as the director of the Fit to Play and Learn program at the local elementary school each year and takes her residents to teach 5th graders about healthy eating and exercise. In 2012, she applied and was accepted to serve on COPAM (the Committee on the Practice of Ambulatory Medicine), which is a national AAP committee. She is now serving her fourth year of a six year term and finds it a lot of work but extremely rewarding and eye-opening as she sees how policy statements and clinical and technical reports are born and grow and mature into practical recommendations for pediatricians. She even had two publications on Visual Assessment in January, 2016 and worked on the Periodicity

Schedule update and loves working with AAP colleagues as they are all devoted to the health and well-being of children.

In her spare time, Cindy is an avid choral singer and gardener and loves doing Pilates and walking with her two golden retrievers, Emily and Lola and spending time with family and friends. She is honored to be nominated for another term and eager to continue her involvement with both local (her "professional home") and national AAP and to work with her exceptional and dedicated AAP colleagues.

Daniel Bruckner, MD, FAAP

Daniel Bruckner, MD, FAAP has been a primary care pediatrician in private practice at Balboa Pediatrics in Encino, CA for the last 5 years, as well as being the Vice Chair of Pediatrics at Providence Tarzana Hospital. After graduating from Campbell Hall High School in North Hollywood, CA, he was accepted to the Baccalaureate/MD program at University of Southern California, where he completed his next 8 years of schooling. At the USC Keck School of Medicine, Daniel was president of the Pediatric Interest Group, as well as founder of the school's Coed Softball Team, The Home Platelets. He did his pediatric residency training at Los Angeles Children's Hospital, where he was awarded the Associates and Affiliates Award for scientific knowledge, clinical judgement and excellence in human relations, as well as the Chief Resident's Award.

Dr. Bruckner is a proud member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, California Chapter 2, as well as the Los Angeles Pediatric Society, for whom he runs the Providence Tarzana Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program, where High School students are allowed to rotate through the hospital and further educate themselves about a career in medicine. He has thoroughly enjoyed being a Chapter 2 Member at Large since 2014 and looks forward to providing informative Town Hall meetings in the future.

Grant Christman, MD, FAAP

Grant Christman, a pediatric hospitalist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, is a current AAP California Chapter 2 Member-at-Large and chair of the Committee on Injury and Poison Prevention. He is also the medical director of the chapter's Teen-Parent Safe Driving Partnership, a program funded by a grant from the Allstate Foundation.

A dedicated child advocate and medical educator, Dr. Christman participates in and trains pediatric residents for the yearly AAP Legislative Day in Sacramento. He has co-authored a textbook chapter on advocacy and has developed innovative web-based advocacy curricula for the Harbor-UCLA pediatric residency program, as well as for the Los Angeles Health Provider Alliance for Children, a collaboration between the chapter and CHLA (funded by First 5 LA) to train pediatricians and other healthcare workers in legislative and media advocacy.

Mona Patel, MD, FAAP

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Dr. Patel attended UC Irvine for undergraduate studies, and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for her medical degree. She returned to Los Angeles to complete her pediatric residency training at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) from 2003-2006, and proudly served as a chief resident at CHLA from 2006-2007. She joined the general pediatrics faculty on October 1, 2007, and is currently a hybrid GPS faculty member who also practices in Altamed's Boyle Heights community clinic once a week. She is the recipient of the Steven M. Thompson Loan Repayment scholarship in 2009, and the Barbara Korsch Award in 2009, and multiple grants focused on community health initiatives. Her current projects include:

Medical Director of Pediatric Operations: Accountable for operations of Altamed CHLA general pediatrics clinic, and pediatric staffing models with AltaMed Health Services

Director of Medical Home Project Altamed GPS CHLA: The director of the medical home project in GPS CHLA in 2010, involved in coordination and creation of a sustainable medical home service for our patients.

Assistant Professor in Clinical Pediatrics: Spends time in community based and academic outpatient general clinics; as well as participating in mentoring high school, college, medical student and resident learners in pediatrics

Co-Director Pediatric Resident Advocacy Program at CHLA: Involved with development and integration of child health advocacy in the pediatric resident curriculum at CHLA

Principal Investigator—Developmental Screening Initiative in Community Clinics: Research focus to improve standardized, and efficient operationalization of developmental screening in primary care, with focused sustainability efforts in provider and staff education in developmental delay and community resource case management

State Government Affairs Representative, AAP Chapter 2: Active representation of AAP Chapter 2 on the State Government Affairs committee, which allows further work in child health policy at a local and state level.

A position with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) chapter 2 would allow Dr. Patel to further work on advocacy projects important for pediatrics at the legislative and community level. She would be able to use her experience in education, advocacy, community pediatrics and complex care to the academy and its' members.

Kenneth Saul, MD, FAAP

I have been in private practice in Thousand Oaks for 34 years and have served on the chapter 2 Board the last 8 years. In that time I have tried to be the voice of the independent private practice trying to stay a viable practice option amidst all the tremendous economic pressures that seem to favor large entities. I have no problem with the existence of large corporate and university based quality practices, but we need to fight for a level economic playing field so patients continue to have a choice between the large entity and a smaller personalized independent practice. I am just about preserving patient choice.

During my 8 years on the board, other than fighting for the causes of the independent practice, I have set up a series of Town Hall meetings 3-4 times per year for all of us to discuss the hot medical and business topics of the quarter and keep us all informed and help each other in our quest to do the best we can for our patients. I hope to do the same in my next term, and hopefully the next 30-40 years

Christopher Tolcher, MD, FAAP

I graduated *summa cum laude* with a Certificate of College Honors from UCLA in 1988, and then graduated from the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine in 1992 where I was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. I completed my residency training in pediatrics at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in 1995, and was elected Chief Resident in Pediatrics at CHLA from 1995-96.

I have been a full-time pediatrician and managing partner in private practice since 1996 with Agoura-West Valley Pediatric Medical Group, with offices in Agoura Hills and West Hills, California. I have been actively involved in the past with Chapter 2 of the AAP, including having been the Chair of the Committee on Pediatric Practice as well as Secretary for the Executive Board. I also served as Chair of the Pediatric Council for AAP District IX, a forum in which representatives of the AAP from around the state of California worked with insurance companies to improve health care coverage and quality for the children and teens in the state. I devoted my time and efforts during my tenure on the AAP Board to help champion and provide support for the activities of the general pediatrician operating on the front lines of pediatrics in the private sector. I stepped down from these activities in 2010 in order to pursue other professional and personal activities.

I have also served in the past as a media spokesperson for the AAP which has included appearances on television as well as contributions to pediatric features in various media outlets including online health news sources, newspapers, magazines and on KFWB news radio in Los Angeles. During this time I was available to speak on all aspects of AAP policy and child health from the perspective of a general pediatrician.

After a six year absence from AAP activities, I look forward to getting reacquainted with the many activities that Chapter 2 undertakes in support of pediatricians and our main objective--promoting the health and wellbeing of all children.

Claudia Wang, MD, FAAP

Originally from the Midwest, I came out West for my pediatric residency at UCLA Medical Center. Currently, I am a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and serve as the Medical Director of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Team, which now includes Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopedic Hospital. I am board-certified in General Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics and provide inpatient and outpatient child abuse consultations throughout the UCLA Health Systems.

The field of child maltreatment is where I have focused my creative efforts including development of teaching curriculums used for training healthcare providers within the UCLA Health system, Schools of Public Health, Social Welfare, Nursing, and Dentistry. I provide advance physical abuse trainings for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Service social workers, public health nurses and supervisors. Foster care is another area I am passionate about and I provide pediatric consultation and fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) evaluation for complex foster care children through the UCLA TIES for Families (Training, Intervention, Education and Services) program as well as training to the foster/adoptive families regarding various medical issues including prenatal substance exposure and its impact on development. I had an article that was published in the journal *Advances in Pediatrics* for healthcare providers focusing on the complex medical needs of the foster care child. My most recent focus has been on enhancing the ability to provide timely medical consultations 24/7

by incorporating advanced technology allowing telemedicine consultation with real-time child abuse imaging.

Serving as a Member-At- Large I look forward to working with the Board and others in our Chapter to increase our membership and visibility locally, regionally and nationally.

On a personal note, I am married with children and enjoy the sunshine that the west coast has to offer all year long.

Tracy Zaslow, MD, FAAP, CAQSM

Dr. Tracy L. Zaslow, a board-certified pediatrician, completed her pediatrics residency and additional Chief Resident year at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She holds a certificate of added qualification in Primary Care Sports Medicine after completing a two-year fellowship in Primary Care Sports Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles. Currently, at Children's Hospital Los Angeles Children's Orthopedic Center (COC), she is the Director of the Sports Concussion Program and Medical Director of the Sports Medicine Program. She has been an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) since completing residency and, in conjunction with AAP, she and a colleague have developed an anti-obesity program that is continuing to grow throughout the Southern California region. She has served as Member-At-Large since 2012 and looks forward to the opportunity to continue in this role. Additionally, she serves on the Los Angeles Pediatric Society Board, the California Interscholastic Federation Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, and as Team Physician for the Men's League Soccer LA Galaxy team.
