

2021 Candidate Biographies / Statements of Interest

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Clif Knight, MD

Candidate for the Board of Directors

State of Interest:

I believe that physicians must be leaders of change to improve healthcare. I have been a member of the IMS since 1992 and previously served on the IMS board of directors from 2000 to 2003. My professional experiences are diverse and have been in a variety of settings ranging from full time private practice to health system administration to medical specialty society leader to medical educator. I would like to contribute my perspectives and creativity to the Indianapolis Medical Society Board of Directors.

Ingrid Ozols, MD

Candidate for Delegate

Statement of Interest

I have been in Indiana all of my life. My undergraduate degree is from Butler University. My medical school degree is from Indiana University. I interned at Methodist Hospital and did my residency and fellowship at Indiana University Medical Center. I am board certified in both dermatology and dermatopathology. I continue my affiliation with IU as a volunteer faculty in Dermatology. I also help teach dermatology to family practice residents at St Frances Hospital. I want to continue to keep medical input vital and significant to the Indiana legislature.

Jodi Smith, MD

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer

Biography:

I received my Ph.D. in Anatomy at the University of Utah School of Medicine for doctoral dissertation studies on "Neurulation." I subsequently completed medical school and residency training in Neurological Surgery at the University of Utah. Following residency, I completed a pediatric neurosurgery fellowship at Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts and then joined the Department of Neurological Surgery at Indiana University in 2000, where I was Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Riley from 2006-16. I advanced to Professor of Neurological Surgery at IU in 2019. Shortly thereafter I left Riley to become the Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent's Ascension. I am a Diplomat of the American Board of Neurological Surgery and the American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery and currently serve on the Boards of the Accreditation Council of Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowships (ACPNF) and American Board of Pediatric Neurosurgery (ABPNS). I have served as a board member of the IMS since 2015 and as a delegate to the ISMA since 2011. Participation on the Board of IMS over the past several years has been an extremely positive and rewarding experience. It has provided me with an incredible opportunity for networking and mentorship from outstanding role models and an opportunity to advocate for patients and physicians at a time when the practice of medicine seems to be changing almost daily related to issues such as more intrusion by government regulation and restriction on how physicians practice medicine and the protection of patients' rights. I would love to continue to serve because now more than ever before we, as physicians, must get involved in organized medicine – our lives and our patients' lives depend on it.

Crystal Zhang, MD

Candidate for Delegate

Statement of Interest

Hello, I am Crystal Zhang, a 2nd year General Surgery Resident at St. Vincent Hospital on 86th Street. I hope that you will select me as one of your delegates because I am excited to become more involved in the local Indianapolis medical community. In addition, I hope that you will give me the chance to represent you and our society to advance our cause at the local and state levels. Thank you for your time and consideration.