

2024 IDSA ELECTIONS

Biographical Sketches and Personal Statements



IDSA 2024 ELECTION BALLOT

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VICE PRESIDENT



Wendy S. Armstrong, MD, FIDSA

Emory University
Atlanta, GA

Education

- AB: Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- MD: Harvard Medical School, Boston
- Internal medicine residency, chief residency and infectious disease fellowship: University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI

Current Professional Appointments

- Professor of medicine and associate division director, Emory University School of Medicine
- Executive medical director and service chief, Ponce de Leon Center, Grady Health System
- Vice chair of education and integration, Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine
- Program director, Infectious Disease Fellowship Program, Emory University School of Medicine

IDSA Participation

- HIVMA Board of Directors, 2011-2018 (chair, 2016-2017) and 2019-2022
- HIVMA Executive Committee, member, 2014-2018 and 2019-2022
- IDSA Board of Directors (HIVMA representative to the Board), 2019-2022
- Ending the Epidemic Workgroup (now Community of Practice), HIVMA, member, 2019-present
- Health Care Access Workgroup (now Innovative Services Delivery Task Force), member, 2021-present
- IDWeek Program Committee, HIV Track member, 2018-2021 and 2022-2023; HIV Track chair, 2020-2021 and 2022-2023
- ID Training Program Directors Committee, member, 2010-2013; chair, 2013-2016
- Task Force on ID Fellowship Recruitment, chair, 2015-2017
- Fellows-in-Training Needs Assessment Workgroup, chair, 2022
- ID STEP Advisory Panel, IDSA Foundation, member, 2022-present
- ID/EIS Pilot Program Executive Committee, member, 2022-present
- Medical Education Community of Practice, co-founder and recruitment chair, 2019-2024

- Leadership Institute Subcommittee, member, 2018-2019
- IDSA Society Awards Committee, member, 2017-2021
- Gender Disparities Task Force, member, 2016-2017
- Antimicrobial Stewardship Curriculum Committee, member and co-lead, Evaluations Team, 2016-2019

Other Relevant Activities

- CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD Prevention and Treatment; member, 2019-present; chair, 2023-present
- CHAC liaison to the President’s Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, 2020-present
- Infectious Disease Subspecialty Board, American Board of Internal Medicine, member, 2019-present
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Therapeutic and Prevention Data and Safety Monitoring Board, member, 2020-present
- Fulton County Task Force on HIV/AIDS, Atlanta, co-chair, 2015-2016

Personal Statement

More than 25 years ago, I made the decision to become part of the vibrant community of infectious disease/HIV physicians – a group committed to providing compassionate and comprehensive care to all people. As an active clinician providing inpatient general and transplant ID care and outpatient HIV care, I know from experience what challenges our clinicians face but also see how grateful our patients and non-ID colleagues are for our expertise. These experiences have led me to become passionate about addressing the ID/HIV workforce (including clinicians, educators, physician-scientists, public health experts and others) and about working to develop programs and support policies that ensure access to high-quality health care for all patients. My participation in IDSA and HIVMA has allowed me to collaborate with others to magnify our impact and has provided me with a professional home where I feel like I belong. If elected as vice president, I look forward to continuing to contribute to this work. I am anxious to help implement the IDSA workforce strategy to support our current workforce (including advanced practice providers and international medical graduates) and inspire trainees to enter our profession. I want to be part of the ongoing effort by IDSA to address workload and compensation. We must continue to strengthen the diversity of our membership, bolster pandemic preparedness (including antimicrobial resistance) and work toward health care equity. Ultimately, I would like all our members to feel the same sense of community as I do and will work to achieve that.

TREASURER



Maximo O. Brito, MD, MPH, FIDSA

University of Illinois Chicago
Chicago, IL

Education

- MD: Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo School of Medicine, Santo Domingo, DR
- Internal medicine residency and chief medical resident: Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami
- Fellowship in infectious diseases: Jackson Memorial Hospital, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami
- Master of public health (epidemiology): University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health

Current Professional Appointments

- Professor of medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine, Chicago
- Chief of infectious diseases, Jesse Brown Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Chicago

IDSA Participation

- IDSA Board of Directors, treasurer, 2023-present; director, 2021-2023
- IDSA Foundation Board of Directors, treasurer, 2023-present
- IDSA Executive Committee, member, 2023-present
- Global Health Committee, member, 2017-2023
- HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Committee, member, 2018-2021
- ID Recruitment Task Force, member, 2010-2014
- Training Program Directors Committee, member, 2012-2013

Personal Statement

Unlike any recent historical period, the events of 2020-2022 introduced the citizens of this country and the world to the ID community. The country witnessed with respect and admiration how our ID colleagues rose to this most difficult challenge to assist their respective institutions, their cities, their states and their country during the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis. In this extraordinary test of leadership, IDSA emerged as a trusted organization to advocate and educate health care workers, inform the public and advise political leaders. The Society remained true to its mission:

“to improve the health of individuals, communities and society by promoting excellence relating to infectious diseases.”

It was an honor to serve on IDSA’s Board of Directors during a portion of that extraordinary period. My tenure reaffirmed my admiration and commitment to this organization and its members, and I am inspired to volunteer again and run for treasurer. If elected to this position, I commit to help further IDSA’s national and global advocacy, mentorship and educational priorities on behalf of my colleagues and our patients. Importantly, I am eager to advance IDSA’s commitment to foster the next generation of health care leaders.

DIRECTOR



David M. Aronoff, MD, FIDSA

Indiana University
Indianapolis, IN

Education

- BS, microbiology, *summa cum laude*: Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- Microbiology, University of Kent, United Kingdom
- MD: Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston
- Internship, residency and chief residency, internal medicine: Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
- Clinical fellow, infectious diseases: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Postdoctoral research fellow, clinical pharmacology: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Postdoctoral research fellow, pulmonary and critical care medicine: University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI

Current Professional Appointments

- John B. Hickam Professor of Medicine with tenure and chair, Department of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis
- Adjunct professor (nontenure), Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN

IDSA Participation

- Governance Task Force, member, 2022-2023
- Leadership Institute Subcommittee, member, 2018-2021
- IDSA Foundation Mentorship Committee, member, 2018-2020
- Research Committee, member, 2009-2012
- IDSA Annual Meeting Program Committee, member, 2008-2010; councilor, 2009-2010

Other Relevant Activities

- Anaerobe Society of the Americas, past president, 2014-2016
- Meeting Strategy Committee, American Society for Microbiology, chair, 2019-2021
- American Society for Reproductive Immunology, president, 2023-2025

Personal Statement

IDSA is the most important and impactful society in our field. It is the organizing force that helps us collectively and collaboratively improve human health, reduce disparities, accelerate research, influence policy, develop careers, respond to ID threats, guide and improve clinical practice, connect the global ID community and more. Its success depends upon members and volunteers who share IDSA's values and believe in its mission.

As a physician-scientist and aspiring leader, I want to bring together my perspectives, skills, experiences, privileges and values to the service of helping IDSA succeed. I share IDSA's values of innovation, leadership, excellence, diversity and collaboration and also value honesty, integrity, relationships, communication, advocacy, mentorship and leadership.

Over my career, I have embraced value-driven, servant leadership and applied that to help individuals and teams succeed, particularly those from marginalized and minoritized communities. My leadership journey has included serving as president of national and international biomedical societies, serving as an ID division director and now sitting in the role of a Department of Medicine chair. I have tried to develop skills in strategic planning, problem solving, change management, advocacy, communication and teamwork.

As a Board member, I commit to IDSA's values and helping to lead the organization to achieve its mission. This Society has done so much for me. I am delighted to be able to give back in this way.

DIRECTOR



Robin H. Dretler, MD, FIDSA

Georgia Metro Infectious Disease Consultants
Decatur, GA

Education

- BA: Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
- MD: Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston
- Internal medicine residency: Tufts University Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Brighton, MA
- Infectious diseases fellowship: Emory University Grady Health System, Atlanta

Current Professional Appointments

Physician, Metro Infectious Disease Consultants, Decatur, GA

IDSA Participation

IDSA Board of Directors, director, 2023-2024

Other Relevant Activities

- Physician in active clinical practice
- Principal investigator for 120 clinical research studies over the past 30 years
- Active in hospital governance

Personal Statement

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." For infectious diseases physicians, these words reflect the current practice conundrum. In 1967, Dr. William Stewart, the surgeon general, announced that "the time has come to close the book on infectious diseases." And in 1981, Dr. Robert Petersdorf in *CID* condemned the training of ID fellows who would be unnecessary in the future. Yet today, infectious diseases physicians' roles include antimicrobial stewardship, antibiotic resistance, CLABSI, CAUTI, FUO, HIV, infection control, pandemic preparedness and wound care, to name just a few. The ID physician has never been a more essential member of the health care team.

At the same time, our fellowship training programs are not attracting enough young physicians. Our Society needs to address the payment issues, such as no J code to charge for antibiotic stewardship, no increased rate of pay for the three years of additional training or the fact that every case we see required the additional expertise acquired from those additional years of study. Nor do we get compensation for care of undocumented patients, injection drug users and the least among us who still require our care.

The Society must also market the stimulation of ID in seeing a vast array of treatable illnesses and the joy of saving the lives of grateful patients.

I hope to help IDSA address these issues to help our Society and ID physicians thrive in the future.

DIRECTOR

Upinder Singh, MD, FIDSA

Stanford University
Stanford, CA



Education

- BS and MD: Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- MD: resident, internal medicine, and fellow, infectious diseases: University of Virginia College of Medicine, Charlottesville, VA

Current Professional Appointments

- Professor of internal medicine and microbiology and immunology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA
- Division chief, Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Associate chair for faculty development, Stanford University School of Medicine

IDSA Participation

- *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, editor, 2023-present
- Governance Task Force, member, 2022-2023
- Journals Committee, member, 2021-2022
- *JID* Editor-in-Chief Search Committee, member, 2020-2021
- Research Careers Meeting Working Group, member, 2018-2019
- Research Committee Advisory Group, member, 2017-2018
- Research Committee, member, 2014-2020

Other Relevant Activities

Walter E. Stamm Mentor Award, IDSA, 2023

Personal Statement

I am honored and grateful for your consideration for a director role on the IDSA Board. Over the last 24 years, I have gained substantial experience in academic medicine and for the last 13 years have served as division chief at Stanford University School of Medicine. I believe that my experiences as an ID clinician, administrative leader, physician-scientist and fellowship director/educator will serve me well on the IDSA Board. There are numerous issues facing the ID community over the next several years. These include sustaining the ID workforce, trainee recruitment and political

and cultural trends that challenge some basic tenets of ID principles (vaccine hesitancy, for example). Additionally, we need to improve communication with the public and stakeholder communities about topics that are relevant to all of us in language that is easily understood by the general public. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, when the value and impact of the ID field could not be more obvious, the public attention and priorities are shifting away from talking points that we in IDSA typically focus on. IDSA should strategize our focus community outreach with these issues in mind. As an immigrant, I also represent important diversity, as we address issues relevant to our patients, communities and professional colleagues. I am thrilled with the opportunity to serve my colleagues and society in a director role.