

TMA Leadership Elections 2019

It's TMA election season! Use this voter guide to review nominees before casting your ballot online. All election materials are available at tnmed.org/elections.

- Voting will be open Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, 2019.
- All active dues-paying members and veteran members as of Dec. 31, 2018, will be eligible to vote in the election.
- All votes must be cast online.
- Every member with an email address in the TMA system will receive an electronic notice with his or her TMA member number, verification of voting region and a link to the ballot.
- Members without active email addresses on file with TMA can access the ballot at tnmed.org/elections.
- No login is required to vote, but a valid TMA member number and region number will be required.
- All ballots will include space for write-in votes.
- All ballots must be cast by 5 p.m. CST on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, in order to be counted.
- A runoff election will take place March 21-28, if necessary.

All ballots must be cast online by 5 p.m. CST on Thursday, Feb. 28, or they will not be counted.

For more information, contact Amy Campoli at amy.campoli@tnmed.org or 615.460.1650.

2019 TMA Nominees

President-Elect

Ron Kirkland, MD, MBA, Jackson

M. Kevin Smith, MD, PhD, MMHC, FACP, Nashville

Board of Trustees

Region 1 Lee Berkenstock, MD, FAAFP, Cordova

Region 3 Keith Lovelady, MD, MPH, Manchester
Amy Suppinger, MD, Franklin

Region 6 John McCarley, MD, Hixon

Region 8 Landon Combs, MD, Gray
Charles Leonard, MD, Talbott
John McGraw, MD, Jefferson City

Judicial Council

Region 2 Patrick Andre, MD, Milan

Region 4 Susan Briley, MD, Nashville

Region 6 Mack Worthington, MD, Chattanooga

Region 8 Howard Herrell, MD, Greeneville

Meet the Candidates

President-Elect: Serves as head of the Tennessee Medical Association for the year following the election. Responsibilities include serving as official spokesperson with media, government officials, and other entities. The president-elect will serve one year as president-elect, one year as president and one year as immediate past president.



Nominee: Ron Kirkland, MD, MBA

City: Jackson

CMS: Consolidated Medical Assembly of West Tennessee

Specialty: Otolaryngology

Medical School: University of Tennessee

Email: rhkirk2001@gmail.com

I have served TMA for the past four years as chair of legislative committee and previous four years as chair of professional relations committee. This gave me understanding of our state medical issues and through these experiences I have developed relationships with many members of our state legislature.

I also served as AMA delegate from another organization for 10 years, caucused with Tennessee delegation, gained insight into many national medical issues and developed relationships with most of our Tennessee federal delegation.

Other experience includes Board Chair of American Medical Group Association and its foundation, board chair of Jackson Clinic for five years, president of UT National Alumni Association and president of Jackson Rotary Club. I have been married 50 years to Carol, with four children and eight grandchildren.



Nominee: Kevin Smith, MD, PhD, MMHC, FACP

City: Nashville

CMS: Nashville Academy of Medicine

Specialty: Internal Medicine

Medical School: Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Email: KevinSmith@nashvillemedicine.org

I am running for TMA president-elect because I believe one of the main issues facing the medical profession in Tennessee will be opposing independent practice by non-physician providers. As the state medical association, we should not compromise on the issue of physician-led, team-based care.

I am a primary care physician, currently practicing and teaching general internal medicine at Vanderbilt. Previously, I was in private practice at Saint Thomas West Hospital, including six years in solo practice. I also earned a Masters in Health Care Management degree from the Vanderbilt Owen School of Management in 2011. I served as the 2018 president of the Nashville Academy of Medicine and treasurer of the Tennessee American College of Physicians. I have been active at Day on the Hill and at the TMA House of Delegates for several years. I would appreciate your vote for TMA president-elect.

TMA Board of Trustees: The TMA Board of Trustees determines the policy and details of management of the association between meetings of the TMA House of Delegates. Trustees carry out the directives given by the House. They serve two-year terms.

REGION 1



Nominee: Lee Berkenstock, MD, FFAFP
City: Cordova
CMS: Memphis Medical Society
Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School: University of Tennessee
Email: olb@olbhealth.com

Dr. Lee Berkenstock is a family physician practicing 24 years in Memphis. Lee has had a long history with the Memphis Medical Society, TMA and AMA, serving in various positions and committees. Such positions include inaugural graduate of TMA's John Ingram Institute for Physician Leadership, past TMA board member as young physicians representative, past-president of Memphis Medical Society, past YPA Tennessee delegate to the AMA, past chairman and member of TMA's Judicial Committee; and currently membership chairman Memphis Medical Society, member of the TMA public health committee and alternate delegate Tennessee to the AMA. Dr. Berkenstock enjoys contributing to all levels of organized medicine that have helped him so significantly throughout his career.

REGION 3



Nominee: Keith Lovelady, MD, MPH
City: Manchester
CMS: Coffee County Medical Society
Specialty: Pulmonary (Internal Medicine, Critical Care, Sleep Medicine)
Medical School: University of Tennessee
Email: keithlovelady@bellsouth.net

I am from Coffee County originally, and I live there now. I have practiced in Tennessee since 1994, was in private practice in Coffee County for 19 years, and now at the VA for six years. My goal is to ensure that the Tennesseans receive the best possible opportunity for healthcare, and that physicians and surgeons have the best opportunity to deliver that care. I previously represented Region 3 on the TMA Board of Trustees from 2008 – 2010, with one year as treasurer. I served on the Board of Medical Examiners for Tennessee for 10 years, and am currently on the Board of Respiratory Care. I would appreciate your vote for Region 3 representative on the TMA Board of Trustees.



Nominee: Amy Suppinger, MD
City: Franklin
CMS: Williamson County Medical Society
Specialty: Internal Medicine
Medical School: Emory University School of Medicine
Email: asuppinger@wmed.org

As a primary care physician in Williamson County for the past 15 years, I have been directly challenged by many of the issues facing medicine today. I started out as the co-owner of an independent practice in 2003, later becoming part of a multispecialty group, Williamson Medical Group. As an active member of the Williamson County Medical Society, I had the opportunity to participate in the TMA House of Delegates last year. I believe the TMA plays a critical role in preserving the integrity and autonomy of our profession. I would be honored to represent the interests of all Tennessee physicians by serving on the Board of Trustees.

REGION 6



Nominee: John McCarley, MD
City: Hixson
CMS: Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society
Specialty: Nephrology
Medical School: University of Wisconsin
Email: Dr.McCarley@nephassociates.com

Medicine is going through rapid and unprecedented change, and physicians must be dynamically and actively engaged in health policy to protect the best interests of patients and preserve our profession. I would like very much to continue this work and to continue advocating for physicians in Region 6. I am a past-president of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society and I serve on the board of the Medical Foundation of Chattanooga. I am a 2014 graduate of the Ingram Institute for Physician Leadership. This year I was elected secretary/treasurer of the Board of Trustees after serving on the Finance Committee for more than two years. The Finance Committee is working hard to sustain the financial strength of the TMA.

REGION 8



Nominee: Landon Combs, MD
City: Gray
CMS: Sullivan County Medical Society
Specialty: Pediatrics
Medical School: ETSU, Quillen College of Medicine
Email: Landon.Combs@balladhealth.org

I have been a TMA member for several years and have had the pleasure of serving my local society as secretary/treasurer, vice president and president in the past, and again am serving as secretary treasurer. I have had the honor of sitting on the Board of Trustees as the young physician representative and currently sit on the Physician Services Board and the Professional Relations Committee. I previously served on the AMA delegation to the AMA and truly enjoyed the opportunity to work with others on matters of not only local, but national importance. I feel I would bring knowledge and experience to the Board and would truly appreciate the opportunity to serve in that capacity.



Nominee: Charles Leonard, MD
City: Talbott
CMS: Lakeway Medical Society
Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School: University of Tennessee
Email: beamup@charter.net

Let me extend my thanks to the TMA nominating committee for my nomination to serve on the Board of Trustees. I previously served on the board from 2009-2012, and was honored to serve as secretary/treasurer during the last two years of my term. Currently, I preside as Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates and Chairman of the Insurance Issues Committee.

Coming from a small rural community where I have practiced Family Medicine for the last 37 years, being involved with the board will give me a chance to keep up with the current issues facing physicians in Tennessee. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to assist in fixing problems when they arise and to perform the duties assigned to me as a board member. Thank you.



Nominee: John McGraw, Sr., MD, FAAOS

City: Jefferson City

CMS: Lakeway Medical Society

Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

Medical School: University of Mississippi

Email: jjmcgrawmd@gmail.com

I moved from Mississippi 15 years ago to join the Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic anchoring the Jefferson City office and serving as team physician for Carson-Newman, TN Smokies and Jefferson County High School. After retiring US Army Reserves Colonel, I also retired from active practice in 2015 into my current position as medical director of OrthoTennessee. I served on the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Board of Directors 2012-2015 and chair, Board of Councilors. Currently, I serve on the AAOS Council on Advocacy and Communications Cabinet. I was recently named the 2019 AAOS Distinguished Congressional Ambassador for my work with the TN Congressional delegation. I am currently a member of the HHS Pain Management Best Practices Task Force. From 2014-2018, I was a Jefferson County Commissioner. I have been a TMA member for the past 15 years, delegate to the TMA House of Delegates and president of the Lakeway Medical Society.

TMA Judicial Council: The Judicial Council meets annually, or more often if necessary, to investigate alleged improper conduct and oversee formal disciplinary action against members or component medical societies. Councilors also assist component medical societies in maintaining viability in the region. Each region has one councilor serving on the Judicial Council. Councilors serve two-year terms.

REGION 2



Nominee: Patrick Andre, MD

City: Milan

CMS: Consolidated Medical Assembly of West Tennessee

Specialty: Family Medicine

Medical School: University of Tennessee College of Medicine

Email: patrickandre@mac.com

I've been a family practice physician in Milan for the past 15 years. I've served as a delegate to the Congress of the Tennessee Academy Family Physicians and the TMA's House of Delegates. I am a member of the Consolidated Medical Assembly of West Tennessee and currently serve on the board of the West Tennessee Physicians' Alliance in Jackson. This year, I graduated from the TMA's Physician Leadership Immersion Program and received training on leading teams, negotiating, developing interpersonal skills, managing group dynamics, understanding the legislative process and learning approaches to medical advocacy. I am excited about serving our TMA members on the judicial council.

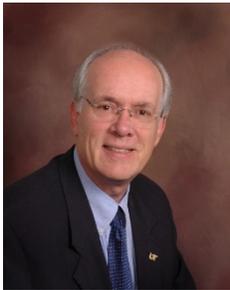
REGION 4



Nominee: Susan Briley, MD
City: Nashville
CMS: Nashville Academy of Medicine
Specialty: Colon and Rectal Surgery
Medical School: West Virginia University School of Medicine
Email: susanbrileymd@gmail.com

As a native Tennessean, I take pride in the efforts of the Tennessee Medical Association to promote excellent care and availability to the people of our state. I have practiced Colon and Rectal Surgery in Nashville since 1994. Participation in association committees helps maintain the high standards of our profession. I have served on the Board of Directors for the Nashville Academy of Medicine, and it would be a privilege to represent fellow TMA members on the Judicial Council. I would appreciate your vote.

REGION 6



Nominee: Mack Worthington, MD
City: Chattanooga
CMS: Chattanooga Hamilton County Medical Society
Specialty: Family Medicine
Medical School: University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston
Email: Mack.Worthington@erlangergroup.org

I have been an active member of TMA for many years and have served as president. I have served locally in a similar capacity on the Judicial Council and have worked with the ethics committee at Erlanger Hospital for more than 20 years. It is my desire to continue to serve the TMA.

REGION 8



Nominee: Howard Herrell, MD
City: Greeneville
CMS: Greene County Medical Society
Specialty: Obstetrics and Gynecology
Medical School: ETSU, Quillen College of Medicine
Email: Howard.Herrell@balladhealth.org

I'm honored to be a candidate to represent Region 8 on TMA's Judicial Council. I've lived in East Tennessee my entire life and have been in Northeast Tennessee for 18 years. Before entering my current practice, I had a successful career in academic medicine at ETSU. I am dedicated to the principles

of the Quadruple Aim and believe that the TMA is essential to improving the health and lives of our patients, reducing the cost of healthcare and improving the physician experience. I have served as TMA delegate and currently serve on the TMA Membership and Recruitment Committee. I also am the treasurer of the Tennessee Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. I am committed to preserving the supervised practice model for midlevel providers in Tennessee.