

## Andy Blaufox

It is my honor to be nominated for PACES VP-Administration. PACES has been an extremely important part of my career since the first PACES meeting I attended as a pediatric cardiology fellow in Toronto in 1999. I am proud to support PACES in providing a community of like-minded people who collaborate on a wide range of research, educational, and clinical endeavors. As VP-administration, I would work hard to continue these activities as well as advocating for our patients and our discipline in larger organizations, the medical field and in communities as a whole. My experience in leadership, organizational service, and research make me an excellent candidate to serve as VP-administration and to work closely with the existing Executive Committee members in promoting the PACES mission.

In order to advance the organizational needs of PACES, I will draw on my leadership experience as Associate Chief of Northwell Health's 22-physician Pediatric Cardiology Program and as Fellowship Training Program Director of its 6 fellow program. In these roles, I have learned to listen others and recognize how their insights can contribute to the betterment of the program. This not only allows one solve problems as they arise, but increases an organizations ability anticipate changing needs and implement programs to allow for growth and improvement. This strategy has worked well as I have had the opportunity to lead challenging changes at my local institution, including a new paradigm of providing care to PACES and pediatric cardiology patients in a time of fast moving COVID-19 pandemic. As PACES VP-Administration, I would continue to work with the executive committee to get you all involved so you can join us in leading PACES into the future.

My commitment to PACES has been longstanding. I have served on PACES guideline committees including the most recent ablation guidelines, worked to help develop the IMPACT EP registry through participation in the MAP-IT Risk Workgroup by helping to develop comparative analyses that has aided our QA efforts, and I served as the PACES Education Committee Co-Chair for two years. The last role was especially gratifying as my co-chair and I were able to work with other committee members to develop an interactive internet case-based learning tool for fellows and other trainees, work with trainees in creating PJRT- reviews of PACES related articles, and to develop two well received pre-HRS symposia in 2018 and 2019. We were also able to assist PACES members by providing some normative data regarding PACES training, job markets, and careers.

In addition to my PACES activities, I hope to help PACES, its members, and our patients promoting the PACES mission during collaboration with various institutions and organizations. To this end, I have held several

positions with in our sister organizations has laid the foundation for future collaborations. I have served on the HRS Membership Committee (2011-2014) and HRS Health Policy, Reimbursement and Regulatory Affairs Sub-committee (2014-present), where I am entering my third year as Chair and have advocated for recognition of PACES members and PACES-specific issues as it comes to HRS' position on several reimbursement and regulatory issues. Because of this Sub-committee's connections to the ACC and other medical societies as well as our colleagues in industry, I will continue to be well positioned to advocate for PACES. As an Executive Committee member, I would further support strengthening of the relationship between PACES and HRS and continue to advocate for the inclusion of PACES members on HRS committees in order to give PACES an even larger voice in HRS. Through political alliances with other organizations, we will have a better chance to make certain our clinical and financial needs will be met.

Finally, the core of the PACES mission is to provide clinical care to our patients and to work together to unravel the issues that impede this ability by collaborating on a wide range of research. I have been fortunate and happy to be able to collaborate with many of you on multiple studies, including several Pediatric Heart Network studies. Collaboration and supporting one another's efforts are key for PACES success. I will strive to further support our efforts by working with investigators and other organizations in procuring funding and developing infrastructure to implement important studies.

Based upon my Administrative experiences, my commitment to PACES, my work in advocating for PACES while supporting our patients and profession in leadership roles in sister organizations, and collaborating with all of you as well as being able to balance my checkbook and take notes, I am confident that I can work with you as VP-Administration to guide PACES into the future and preparing for changes in how we provide care to our patients in the best of times and during challenging times where we must all learn from each other.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ABL', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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