

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Robert Moriartey – after training in Calgary, Toronto and Edmonton, Robert (Bob) received his fellowship and began private community pediatric practice in 1978. While continuing practice in Edmonton, he has served two three-year terms as President of the AMA Pediatric Section.

Bob has accompanied Marie Adèle Davis on recent visits with Alberta Deputy Cabinet Ministers as a strong advocate for children in care. He has led the formation of new programs for evaluation and assessment of their medical needs.

Bob is currently Clinical Professor and Division Head of general pediatrics at the University of Alberta, coordinating 56 general pediatricians in the ongoing development of community practice.

Bob has been a member of the CPS Board since June 2009, serving on the Executive, Finance Sub-committee and representative to the Drug Therapy Committee. Dr. Moriartey and his wife Janet have six grown children, and have celebrated five marriages in the last 18 months. Together they enjoy hiking, skiing and travel.

In response to the question *“what would you like to see accomplished if elected”*, Dr. Moriartey replied: The CPS has matured tremendously over the past 25 years. Moving forward, I foresee greater integration of pediatric subspecialists within the CPS community. We must continue to develop resources for our growing membership and help in the lifelong learning process of incorporating new science and adapting to the changing needs of patients.

It is essential that our organization advocate strongly for the needs of disadvantaged children and youth across Canada. With the approaching retirement of baby boomers, we will face significant shortages of community pediatricians. The younger generation must fill the void and make difficult choices as to which pediatric populations they will serve.

I hope highly trained generalists will continue to care for the disadvantaged and be the medical home for chronic complex care patients. As well, in consultation with family practitioners, we must provide for the entire population of Canadian children and adolescents.

Dr. Glen Ward - completed medical school in Montreal, started pediatric residency at Montreal Children's, interrupted for a year to complete a PhD at McGill and then completed the pediatric program at Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and got married. We moved to Surrey, BC where we have lived for 21 years, raising our twins (now 19 years old) and getting practical knowledge of normal development! I have been a general consulting pediatrician, running two offices and contributing to two hospital call schedules. After a 3 year term as president of the BC pediatric Society, contributing to multiple other provincial and local committees, teaching residents, etc. I was fortunate to be appointed to the CPS Board for 6 years and thoroughly enjoyed the experiences, committees and opportunities that have arisen. I have continued as chair of the Public Education subcommittee and participate on the Healthy Generations Foundation Board.

In response to the question *“what would you like to see accomplished if elected”*, Dr. Ward replied: I joined the CPS Board in 2001. It was a wonderful experience to discover the programs and projects the CPS has developed over the years, guided by thoughtful strategic plans. The Board, executive and staff were always open to ideas from CPS members. I found it a very positive experience to have input and opportunity to offer comment and help shape this greater vision of the CPS. If elected, I would look forward to supporting, encouraging and, where appropriate, tweaking, this creative and carefully crafted work plan. The CPS has also pursued unique opportunities when it can. One of the novel projects undertaken by the CPS Board is to collaborate with the International Pediatric Association and co-host the International Pediatric Conference in Vancouver in 2016. If elected, I would look forward to being on the executive of the CPS as we join with the IPA and welcome the world's pediatric care providers to Canada.

CANDIDATES FOR ONTARIO

Dr. Mark Feldman - graduated from the University of Ottawa Medical School in 1987 followed by an internship at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. He began his residency at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and completed his 4th year at SickKids in 1992.

Dr. Feldman was Chief of Paediatrics at Scarborough Grace Hospital from 1994 to 1997 (during which time he completed a diploma in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto) and was then Chief of Paediatrics at St. Joseph's Health Centre Until 2007.

Dr. Feldman has headed the Section of Community Paediatrics for over 10 years, as its inaugural director and recently has been appointed Director of Integrated Medical Education (Paediatrics) at the University of Toronto. He has developed a Fellowship in Community Paediatrics, the first of its kind in Canada.

He has been Chair of the Canadian Paediatric Society's Community Paediatric Committee for two terms.

Throughout, he has practiced general paediatrics in the community setting, in his consultation clinic and on-call in hospital.

In response to the question "*how could the CPS best serve their province*", Dr. Feldman replied: major challenges continue to face Ontario's most vulnerable children including a service shortage for children with mental health or developmental disabilities, the affordability of medications and of dental services. Moreover, Ontario produces more paediatricians than any other province, yet there are too few available for on-call hospital services.

What the CPS has to offer Ontario is expertise. Through education and advocacy efforts, the CPS can generate potential solutions credibly and with authority. The Statements produced by the CPS must continue to be informed by evidence-based medicine. Advocacy is most persuasive when backed by beyond-reproach, evidence based guidelines, presented by a not-for-profit, conflict-free, national coalition of true experts.

Most care is provided to Ontario's children by generalists. However, to harness subspecialty expertise and help guide health care policy recommendations, the CPS must be increasingly relevant to subspecialists. The CPS must do so while maintaining our main constituency of generalists, recognizing that the greatest influence on direct clinical care can be effected through generalist care.

A close relationship between the CPS, paediatric trainees and Ontario's residency program directors will continue to be paramount. Ontario has the distinction as the province with the most paediatric residency training programs. Through collaboration with educators, the CPS can guide and positively influence not only the practice of Ontario's graduating paediatricians today, but also of tomorrow's policy makers.

Dr. Fabian Gorodzinsky - completed his medical training in Mexico and Israel, followed by paediatric training in London and in Toronto, at the Hospital for Sick Children. He is a practicing community paediatrician in London and joined CPS shortly after opening his practice in 1981. An Associate Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Western Ontario, he was awarded the Angela Arnett Award for Excellence in Teaching at UWO in 2008.

He has participated as a member of the Community Paediatric committee, on the Executive of the Community Paediatrics Section of CPS and was elected incoming Section president for 2013.

As a volunteer, Dr Gorodzinsky has organized and participated in multiple medical missions to Honduras since 1998. He has been active in the London community, chairing the Board of the London Community Hebrew Day School, and sitting on the Merrymount Centre for Children Board. He serves on the Appointments committee and Post-graduate Education committee of the department of Paediatrics at UWO. Fabian is currently the local liaison for the CPS conference, scheduled for June 2012 in London, ON.

In response to the question "*how could the CPS best serve their province*", Dr. Gorodzinsky replied: the Canadian Paediatric Society fulfills its mission by addressing professional education, advocacy, public education and surveillance and research.

Ontario's six medical schools collectively represent the largest group of medical students in Canada. The CPS has an important role in challenging academic institutions to provide these students with Residency programs that will equip them to serve the medical needs of diverse populations. With the exception of the Northern Ontario Medical School's sites in Sudbury and Thunder Bay, our medical schools are situated in large urban centres. The CPS can support the establishment of more clinical experiences in rural Ontario with the potential benefit of physician recruitment in small, hard-to-serve communities.

The CPS is ideally situated to play a valuable advocacy role with the Ontario government in the areas of public policy and funding of new programs that enhance the care and treatment of children's health issues. With a large portion of our membership in Ontario, the CPS can have a significant impact on the development and distribution of quality public education as well as promote the increased use of our website, www.caringforkids.cps.ca in our province.

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CANDIDATES FOR NOVA SCOTIA

Dr. Ellen Wood - graduated from Dalhousie University (Dal) in 1980. Following residency at Memorial University and Dal, I practiced consultant pediatrics in Charlottetown for 7 years. I went to Sick Kids for a neurology fellowship, and then to McMaster for a one year fellowship in neurodevelopmental disorders. I remained at McMaster for 3 years, practicing neurology and developmental pediatrics, as well as being program director. I returned to Halifax in 1998. I practice neurology, and am an associate professor at Dal. I am the medical director for the Multidisciplinary Cerebral Palsy Clinic. I have been the pediatric program director since 2000. I am active in the Royal College, on the exam board and the Credentials Committee as well as being a surveyor. I sit on the Joint Action Committee for Child and Adolescent Health (JACCAH) for the CPS. Due to my background, I have a strong interest and knowledge regarding both community and academic pediatrics.

In response to the question *"how could the CPS best serve their province"*, Dr. Wood replied: The CPS is recognized by the federal and provincial governments as an advocate for child and youth health in the broadest terms. Issues, such as injury prevention, immunization, etc., that are important to all children need to be dealt with at the provincial government level. The CPS has access to the politicians and their staff to bring these issues to the forefront. Individual pediatricians often do not have the time, or the opportunity, to approach these issues at a political level. When pediatricians do want to be involved in advocacy, the CPS provides the tools and expert knowledge for us to do this most effectively. In Nova Scotia we need the CPS to help us advocate for our children and youth, as there is strength in numbers. We are a relatively small group of pediatricians, but with the support of the CPS, we can speak with a very loud voice!

Dr. Robert (Bob) Bortolussi - is a Professor of Pediatrics and Microbiology and Immunology at Dalhousie University. He was recruited to the IWK in 1978 as a Pediatric ID consultant after residency training at the University of Toronto and McGill, and a fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Disease in Minnesota. Bob is Chair of the CPS Infectious Diseases and Immunization Committee (since 2007) and the CPS Awards Committee (since 2006). In 2005 Bob was awarded the CPS Research Award for his research on newborn infection, and in 2010, the CPS Member Recognition for his leadership during the influenza pandemic. Bob has also mentored many clinician investigators and was recognized for this role in 2010 when the IWK named the Mentorship Award after him. Bob is also Director of the Dalhousie Clinical Investigator Program and the co-founder of "MicroResearch" a training program for clinician scientists in the developing world.

In response to the question *"how could the CPS best serve their province"*, Dr. Bortolussi replied: The CPS plays a leading role as champion and advocate for children. The Society fulfills these roles by educating its members and the public on how best to achieve health for infants and children based on the advice of its committees.

The CPS Board provides leadership. However, the Board can only be effective through the talent and energy of its members and by advocating on their behalf for their needs. Good communication is critical for this good work to continue. But not every member can regularly access the CPS web, nor attend the annual meeting. Thus our representative to the Board plays a key role in this bidirectional engagement, communicating the Society's goals and activities to its members and our concerns to the Board. Dr. Minoli Amit has been incredibly effective in these functions. I am familiar with the Board's activities and with our needs and will try to match her skills when she completes her term.

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