

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

December 11, 2019

The following communication highlights recent activity from the PTSF Board of Directors meeting on December 5, 2019. PTSF and the Board of Directors wish to thank each trauma center—and trauma care provider—for their ongoing commitment to the care of injured patients. You advance our mission and vision each and every day! If you have questions related to the content of this update, please contact [Juliet Altenburg, MSN, RN—Executive Director](#).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTS 2020 OFFICERS

December 6, 2019—The PTSF Board of Directors approved the Nominating Committee’s recommendations for officers for the 2020 term. Their full bios are posted to the PTSF website.

Meg Ashton, MA, BSN, RN, CEN Chairman



Meg is the first nurse working in a nursing capacity to serve as Chair. She will serve for the 2020 term. Meg will Chair the Executive Committee, and serve as ex officio on all committees. She was nominated to the board in 2015 by PSNA.

Charles Barbera, MD, MBA, FACEP, FAAEM Vice Chairman



Dr. Barbera will serve as Vice Chair for the 2020 term. He will also serve as Chair of the Standards Committee and serve on the Executive Committee. He was nominated to the board in 2013 by the Pa College of Emergency Physicians.

Lisa Golden, RN, MHA, BSN, ACM Secretary-Treasurer



Lisa will serve as Treasurer for the 2020 term, as Chair the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Executive Committee. The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania nominated Lisa to the board in 2015.

Patrick Reilly, MD, FCCP, FACS Immediate Past Chairman



Dr. Reilly will serve for the 2020 term, his final year on the PTSF board. He will remain a member of the Executive and Outcomes Committees. The Pennsylvania Medical Society nominated Dr. Reilly to the board in 2010.

PTSF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS IN 2020

The PTSF board approved two new board members to serve on the PTSF Board of Directors. One for the 2020-2022 term, another to fill the remainder of an open term (2020-2021). The individuals were nominated by the member organizations that comprise the PTSF board, and were further reviewed and approved by the PTSF Nominating Committee prior to board approval. New membership includes:

Barbara A. Gaines, MD, FACS



Dr. Gaines serves as the Trauma Program Medical Director at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHIP), Pittsburgh, Pa. CHIP is a level 1 pediatric trauma center. Dr. Gaines represents the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PaMED) on the board.

Gregory R. Frailey, DO, FACOEP



Dr. Frailey serves as the Medical Director, Prehospital Services for UPMC Williamsport which is a community hospital pursuing level 2 adult accreditation. Dr. Frailey represents the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Service Council (PEHSC) on the board.

Dr. Gaines fills the PaMED seat on the Board of Directors vacated by Simon Lampard, MD, FACS. Dr. Frailey fills the PEHSC seat vacated by John McCarthy, DO, FACEP, EMT and will serve for the remainder of Dr. McCarthy's two-year open term (see "A Fond Farewell," below).

BOARD MEMBERS RECEIVE RE-NOMINATION IN 2020

Four board members were re-nominated to serve additional terms. This includes:

- **Henry Boateng, MD**
Orthopedic Surgeon, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa
Representing the Pennsylvania Medical Society—Dr. Boateng was nominated to the board in 2017
- **Jack Jallo, MD, PhD, FACS**
Vice Chair for Academic Services, Department of Neurological Surgery
Director, Division of Neurotrauma and Critical Care
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa
Representing the Pennsylvania Medical Society—Dr. Jallo was nominated to the board in 2014
- **Jo Ann Miller, MSN, FNP-C, CCRN, TCRN**
Trauma Program Manager
PENN Medicine – Lancaster General Health, Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa
Representing the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association—Ms. Miller was nominated to the board in 2017
- **Patrick M. Reilly, MD, FACS, FCCP**
Chief, Division of Traumatology, Surgical Critical Care and Emergency Surgery
PENN Medicine – Penn Presbyterian Medical Center
Representing the Pennsylvania Medical Society—Dr. Reilly was nominated to the board in 2010

A FOND FAREWELL

Sincere gratitude is extended to the following board members who end their terms on December 31, 2019. We would like to thank them for their countless hours spent furthering the mission, vision and values of PTSF. These include:

- **Simon Lampard, MD, FACS**

During his tenure on the board, Dr. Lampard served as Trauma Program Medical Director at UPMC Altoona. Dr. Lampard represented the Pennsylvania Medical Society on the board from 2011-2019. He served as Chairman of the Trauma Registry Committee from 2015-2019. He also served as a member of the Executive Committee (2015-2019), Conflict of Interest Committee (2011-2019) and Nominating Committee (2011-2019). Dr. Lampard also served on the Bylaws Committee (2011-2012), Rural Trauma Committee (2010-2011), Pediatric Trauma Committee (2010-2011) and the Conference and Education Committee. He took part in numerous board deliberation discussions, deliberations and workgroups. Dr. Lampard's contributions to the board greatly benefitted the Commonwealth's trauma system.

- **John McCarthy, DO, FACEP, EMT**

During his tenure on the board, Dr. McCarthy served as Medical Director for Lehigh Valley Health Network MedEvac. Dr. McCarthy represented the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council on the board from 2016-2019. He served on the Trauma Research Committee (2017-2019) and the Ad Hoc Trauma Systems Development Committee (2017-2019). Dr. McCarthy took part in numerous deliberation discussions, as well as supporting the continued development of the Commonwealth's trauma system. PTSF staff and the board of directors is grateful for his contributions to EMS and trauma, and we wish him well in his retirement.

TRAUMA FEES REMAIN UNCHANGED THROUGH 2021

The current fee structure for accredited trauma centers and hospitals pursuing trauma accreditation will remain unchanged through 2021. This includes fees for education, accreditation and site visits. The current Fee Schedule is posted to the PTSF website in the Resources section along with a detailed version of the Education Fee Schedule for hospitals pursuing accreditation.

2020 Invoices

Annual fee invoices for 2020 were emailed to Trauma Program Managers on November 1, 2019 and all fees are due by January 15, 2020. Hospitals that are accredited during 2020 will receive prorated participation fees within two weeks of board deliberations. If you have any questions related to PTSF fees, please contact Dor Adams, Finance Specialist.

2020 PTSF COMMITTEE INTEREST

Trauma Program Managers & Coordinators at accredited trauma centers received the annual "Committee Interest Survey." The deadline to complete the Survey Monkey is December 31, 2019. If you did not receive the survey, contact [Kevin Burd](#).

Considerations for membership include prior, active committee participation, hospital representation across all committees, as well as "diversity" related to trauma level, credentials, skills and statewide geography. Membership can include any trauma center staff and is not limited to the trauma program leadership. Committee approvals are made by the Committee Chair and approved by the PTSF Chairman of the Board.

PTSF EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

PTSF seeks passionate, skilled individuals to join our team!

The **Manager of Trauma Performance Improvement** oversees organization-wide efforts to implement and evaluate a data-driven Trauma Performance Improvement Program. This position facilitates performance improvement activities and identifies best practices for trauma patient care that improve quality, safety, timeliness and efficiency of services for trauma centers, pursuing hospitals, PTSF staff and other agencies with which this position collaborates.

The **Manager of Trauma Center Development** is responsible for overseeing trauma center development processes including communication, education and guidance related to compliance with the standards of accreditation for trauma centers.

PTSF offers excellent benefits, flexible scheduling and the opportunity to work remotely. Interested? Please submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae/resume to [Kevin Burd](#). Also, watch for additional information about these open positions to be posted on the PTSF website.

PTSF DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO NTDB UNCHANGED IN 2020

The PTSF Board discussed whether PTSF requirements for NTDB data submission should align with the latest NTDB 2020 criteria disseminated by the American College of Surgeons or continue unchanged. After much discussion and input by the trauma center community, it was decided that submission requirements of PA trauma centers will remain unchanged in 2020 and that it will remain optional for a trauma center to submit patients that meet NTDB criteria but not PTOS criteria. It was felt that submitting the extra cases was burdensome and did not offer value overall to the majority of trauma centers.

PTSF VENDOR DIGITAL INNOVATION, INC. ACQUIRED BY ESO

Digital Innovation, Inc (DI) President and CEO John Kutcher notified PTSF on December 4 that effective November 30, 2019 DI was sold to ESO. A full press release is noted on the ESO website:

<https://www.eso.com/news/press-releases/eso-acquires-digital-innovation/> and also by DI on December 11: <https://www.dicorp.com/dicorp-announces-sale-of-its-digital-innovation-trauma-registry-business-to-eso-and-establishes-an-on-going-technology-collaboration-with-eso/>

A call took place on December 11 with leadership from ESO, DI and PTSF to see what changes if any PTSF and the trauma centers should expect in the future. In the short-term, ESO leadership expressed their commitment to continuing the same ongoing support to both PA trauma centers and PTSF by the same personnel from DI. Ongoing discussions will occur with ESO in the coming months to assure the strong customer service remains and that PTSF and PA trauma centers will be able to continue to provide input into PTSF software products. PTSF will keep the entire trauma center community apprised of any changes moving forward.

BOARD APPROVES EXTENDED SITE SURVEY CYCLE FOR LEVEL I, II, AND III TRAUMA CENTERS

A proposal to extend the site survey cycle from three to four years for eligible level I, II, and III trauma centers was presented by Dr. Denise Torres, Chair of the PTSF Outcomes Committee. The Board approved the proposal contingent upon creation and approval of a policy that will be presented to the Board at its next meeting on April 14, 2020. The policy will be drafted and reviewed by the PTSF Policy & Procedure Committee and once approved will go into effect during 2020 PTSF Board accreditation deliberations. The January PTSF Winter Newsletter will contain more details on components of the proposal.