



2023 American Pediatric Society Election Candidate

Position: Secretary/Treasurer
Candidate: Catherine M. Gordon, MD, MS
Candidate Institution(s): Baylor College of Medicine
Candidate Subspecialty: Adolescent Medicine, Endocrinology

Personal Interest Statement:

I am honored to be nominated for the APS Secretary/Treasurer position and would be pleased to serve in this role. I am dual trained in pediatric endocrinology and adolescent medicine and for two decades, have led an independently funded research group focusing on adolescent bone health and reproductive endocrinology. In 2011, while a member of the SPR Council, I assumed leadership of the APS/SPR Summer Student Research Program and as Principal Investigator for a T35 grant from the NICHD that supported the program. This program promoted equity, diversity, and inclusion, placing medical students, one-third of whom were Underrepresented in Medicine, in basic science or clinical research groups outside of their own institution. Since being elected to APS membership in 2014, I have served on the Nominations Committee, was elected to the APS Council, and co-chair the Career Support Committee. Lastly, I have enjoyed co-presenting in APS webinars and co-leading a cohort for the APS/SPR Journeys and Frontiers in Pediatric Research Program for a second time. This active involvement has afforded an insider's look at the workings of APS and a rewarding opportunity to work closely with APS leadership and staff.

As Secretary/Treasurer, I hope to contribute expertise in program development and management. I am enthusiastic about planning new and supporting ongoing programs that promote the careers of all trainees and faculty along the academic pathway, and in particular, underrepresented groups. I also have an interest in faculty development and wellness for trainees and faculty. Over my career, I have held several administrative roles, including Program Director, Division Chief, and Department Chair, which have provided opportunities to establish and monitor budgets, which would be in high demand for the next Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for this important position.

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Education and Postgraduate Training

- 1986-1991 M.D. (with Honors), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
1991-1994 Intern/Resident in Pediatrics, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
1994-1998 Fellow, Divisions of Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine and Endocrinology, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
1998 Certificate, Program in Clinical Effectiveness, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA
1996-1998 M.S. in Clinical Investigation, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Faculty Positions

- 1998-2001 Instructor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
1998-2006 Assistant in Medicine, Divisions of Adolescent Medicine and Endocrinology, Boston Children's Hospital
2000-2012; 2019-2021 Director, Bone Health Program and DXA Center, Boston Children's Hospital
2001-2006 Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
2006-2012 Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
2006-2012 Associate in Medicine, Divisions of Adolescent Medicine and Endocrinology, Boston Children's Hospital
2009-2012 Co-Director, Clinical Investigator Training Program (Harvard/MIT with Pfizer/Merck)
2010-2012 Medical Director, Clinical and Translational Study Unit, Boston Children's Hospital
2012-2015 Director, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI
2012-2015 Professor of Pediatrics, Alpert Medical School of Brown University
2013-2015 Vice-Chair for Clinical Research, Department of Pediatrics, Brown University
2015-2018 Director, Division of Adolescent and Transition Medicine, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
2015-2018 Director, Procter Scholars Program, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
2015-2018 Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
2018-2021 Chief, Division of Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine, Boston Children's Hospital
2018-2021 Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
2021-2022 Pediatrician-in-Chief, Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX
2021-2022 Chair of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Current Position

- 2022- Senior Faculty, USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center, Baylor College of Medicine
Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
Attending Physician, Children's Hospital of San Antonio

Selected Society, Advisory and Committee Memberships

- 2005-2006 President, ASBMR Pediatric Bone and Mineral Working Group
2005-2009 Research Committee, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (2008 – appointed Chair)
2006- Chair (2007), Pediatric Bone Densitometry Task Force, International Society for Clinical Densitometry; Co-Chair (2008), Pediatric Scientific Advisory Committee; Director (2008-

2021), Pediatric Bone Density Course; elected to Board of Directors (2009); and Chair, Education Council (2016-2019)

2007- 2010 Vitamin D and Bone Health Guideline Task Force, The Endocrine Society

2007-2011 Drugs and Therapeutics Committee, Pediatric Endocrine Society (2009 - Co-Chair)

2009-2012 Elected to Council, Society for Pediatric Research

2013-2019 Member, Sub-board on Adolescent Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics

2015-2017 Chair, Hypothalamic Amenorrhea Clinical Guideline Task Force, The Endocrine Society

2016-2020 Member, Executive Committee (Board of Directors), Thrasher Research Fund

2016-2020 Member, Advisory Council, *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* NICHD

2018-2021 Member, Ethics Committee, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

2020- Elected to Council, American Pediatric Society (2020- Co-Chair, Career Support Committee)

Previous and Current Service and Involvement in Activities of the American Pediatric Society (APS)

2011-2016 Director, APS/SPR Student Research Program (PI – T35 through the NICHD)

2018-2019 Member, APS Nominations Committee

2020- Elected to APS Council

2020- Co-Chair, APS Career Support Committee

2020-2021; Cohort Leader, APS/SPR Journeys & Frontiers Program

2022-2023

2021 Co-Presenter, Webinar: Enhancing Academic Careers throughout the Pipeline

2022 Co-Presenter, Webinar: Implications of *Dobbs* Decision on Adolescent Health and Practice

Areas of Research Interest

For the past two decades, I have led an independently funded adolescent bone health research group with support from the NIH, Department of Defense, and private foundations. My research team has successfully completed a variety of clinical research studies, focusing on various aspects of young women's health, with many projects exploring bone loss in adolescents with childhood onset chronic disease. Disease models we have studied include anorexia nervosa, inflammatory bowel disease, cystic fibrosis, and premature ovarian insufficiency, among others. We are interested in modifiable factors during childhood and adolescents that if optimized, can lead to a higher peak bone mass during the adult years. A new area of interest is adolescent pregnancy and maternal mental health.