



2024 American Pediatric Society Election Candidate

Position: Councilor

Candidate: Andrew Sirotnak, MD

Institution(s): University of Colorado School of Medicine

Subspecialty: Child Abuse

Candidate Statement of Interest

I am honored to accept this nomination for the APS Council. For 30 years as clinician, educator and scholar in my section of Child Abuse and Neglect, I have been grounded by a mosaic of supportive mentorship relationships and a deeply held value of service to others. In my senior faculty role as a Vice chair for Faculty Affairs, I feel I have flourished as a leader as I share in the important faculty advancement work in the Department with colleagues in academic affairs and across many subspecialty sections. As a mentor, I have helped many faculty navigate many challenges in our current academic environments in guiding them on career journeys. Advising and providing confidential support is a part of my role that I enjoy greatly. Post pandemic networking of colleagues has been an ongoing important goal in my work. Organizing faculty working affinity groups according to stage of career, including our PhD and APPs, under a working charter, we co-create and deliver offerings to support faculty career development, mentoring, community building and wellness. I have always been a passionate advocate for faculty wellness, diversity, inclusion, equity, justice and acceptance and I treasure wonderful vice chair colleagues in these areas.

Recently certified as a physician coach, I have started coaching engagements with an approach that is strengths based, client centered and holds to my values of authenticity and service to support conflict management, personal empowerment, career development and fulfillment, with a special focus on career transition planning decisions and affirming personal legacy. I would welcome the opportunity to serve with the APS Council and engage with its leadership and members, as an advocate for its mission of creating an impactful community of pediatric thought leaders. My success in mentoring, peer support through challenges, and coaching towards empowering change will add diverse thought leadership in this group on behalf of our membership community.

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Andrew Sirotnak, MD, is Professor and Vice Chair for Faculty Affairs, Department of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. A 1989 graduate of The Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, he completed internship and residency at Jefferson's teaching affiliates, The Medical Center of Delaware at Christiana Hospital and A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware in 1992. He was then recruited to a position as Chief Resident in Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Colorado where he also completed a Fellowship in 1994 in Child Abuse and Neglect with the Child Advocacy and Protection Team at Children's Hospital and The Kempe Center. He is board certified in Pediatrics and Child Abuse Pediatrics and is currently the Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship Associate Program Director, having previously served as the program director for the past 27 years. He was Director of the Kempe Child Protection Team and Department Head, Child Abuse & Neglect, Division of Pediatric Medicine from 1996 to 2014 and Interim Director Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect from 2009 to 2011.

National service has included work with the American Academy of Pediatrics as Chairperson for the Section on Child Abuse (SOCAN) for two terms and he led the strategic formation of the new Council (COCAN) in 2018. He was selected as a senior faculty mentor in AAP Young Physicians Leadership Alliance Program; and has served the American Board of Pediatrics Child Abuse Subboard, first as a full member for six years and then as Content Development Expert for Child Abuse Pediatrics Maintenance of Certification (MOCA-CAP). He has been recognized with awards for Distinguished Service and Leadership, AAP COCAN, and Outstanding Service "Unsung Hero Award" for his decades of work within the AAP on behalf of children who have experienced abuse and neglect. In addition to the APS and AAP he holds memberships in International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, International Ombuds Association (IOA) and the International Coaching Federation (ICF).

He was selected for the AAMC Program Planning Committee for the Groups on Diversity and Inclusion (GDI) and Faculty Affairs (GFA). Elected in 2014 to the American Pediatrics Society, he has been in service as abstract and session submissions reviewer since 2008, has facilitated at many abstract and conference presentations, and in his current faculty leadership role, guides and supports faculty nominations for APS and many pediatrics honor societies.