

Your Vote Matters

Cast Your Vote for ATA's President-elect and Directors

Take part in selecting the president-elect and directors for the ATA Board of Directors by casting your vote. The ATA Board of Directors has approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Donald St. Germain, for candidates willing to serve on the ATA Board. ATA Active Members will elect one president-elect and two directors in the 2011 election, which will be held by electronic ballot.

Candidates for president-elect are Bryan R. Haugen, M.D. and Robert C. Smallridge, M.D. Six candidates will stand for election for the two director slots: Erik K. Alexander, M.D.,

Kenneth H. Hupart, M.D., Mira Milas, M.D., Alex S. Stagnaro-Green, M.D., Yaron Tomer, M.D., and Martha Zeiger, M.D.

Active ATA members will receive a ballot (through survey monkey) in early September and are asked to vote by Friday, October 14, 2011. Results of the vote will be announced at the ATA membership meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 6:00 pm during the 81st Annual Meeting in Indian Wells, California. Election results will also be featured in the November member Signal e-news and on the web www.thyroid.org in members only.

ATA President-elect — Candidate Statements and Biosketches

The president-elect has a one-year term of office (2011–2012), followed by one-year term as president (2012–2013) and one-year term as a past-president (2013–2014); Vote for One (1)



Bryan R. Haugen, M.D.
Candidate for President-elect
Candidate's Statement

I am very proud to be a member of the American Thyroid Association, the leading voice in thyroidology research, patient care, public health and education. I am deeply honored to be nominated to stand for the position of president-elect of this important organization. I have greatly benefited from the training and mentorship of many leaders within the ATA. We need to continue to attract enthusiastic members from all areas (clinical care, patient advocacy, research, government, industry) who want to attend meetings, serve on committees and task forces so the ATA can continue our leadership in understanding thyroid biology and promoting thyroid health. The challenges of a rapidly changing medical and reimbursement landscape, regulatory oversight and limited resources are significant. Our philanthropic efforts should be an ongoing priority so we can be a strong independent advocate in all aspects of thyroidology. Through the efforts of many leaders, the ATA has held a unique position as the authoritative voice in thyroidology. We must continue to advocate for thyroid health, understanding of thyroid biology and disease, and train the next generation of thyroidologists to carry on the important mission of the ATA.

Biosketch

Bryan R Haugen, M.D. is Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the University of Colorado Denver and Chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes. He has served the ATA on the Program Committee, Clinical



Robert C. Smallridge, M.D.
Candidate for President-elect
Candidate's Statement

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for President of the ATA. Since I joined in 1978, the ATA has grown in many dimensions — membership has tripled, we are more diverse and have embraced related specialties, and have expanded our mission with new initiatives.

Progress in thyroid research and clinical care has been impressive. Thyroid diseases once disabling or life-threatening are now easily managed. Yet there are opportunities to advance science and further improve our patients' lives in the 21st century. We should bring to practice individualized therapies (e.g. innovative uses of thyroid analogues, physiologic T₄/T₃ replacement, novel treatments for aggressive thyroid cancers and immunologic diseases). We must also continue influencing public policy regarding health care and iodine nutrition globally. To achieve our goals we will continue recruiting young physicians and investigators from many disciplines.

Biosketch

Robert C. Smallridge, M.D., is Professor of Medicine and Chair, Endocrinology Division, at Mayo Clinic Florida. He is Deputy Director, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, and the Alfred D. and Audrey M. Petersen Professor in Cancer Research. He is a Colonel (Retired) and was Director, Department of Medicine, at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and Consultant Endocrinologist to the Attending Physician, United States Congress.

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Bryan R. Haugen, continued

Affairs Committee and Nominating Committee as well as a member of the local organizing committee for the 1998 meeting. Dr. Haugen was co-chair of the Annual Meeting Scientific Program Committee

in 2003. He served on the Board of Directors from 2003 to 2007 and is currently a member of the thyroid nodules and cancer guidelines task force. He has been a member of the editorial board of *Thyroid* since 1998 and has been an Associate Editor since 2008.

Dr. Haugen's clinical interests include thyroid nodules and cancer, thyroid dysfunction, and other endocrine neoplasms. His research group is actively studying novel molecular pathways as therapeutic targets in advanced thyroid cancer, molecular diagnostic tools in thyroid neoplasms, and novel nuclear receptors as regulators of the hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid axis.

Dr. Haugen has served on many editorial boards and he is currently a Scientific Editor for *Endocrine-Related Cancer*. He has served on study sections for the NIH and various cancer organizations. Dr. Haugen received the Abbott Thyroid Clinical Research Mentor Award (2008) from the Endocrine Society.

Dr. Haugen received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from St Olaf College and medical degree from the Mayo Medical School. He completed internal medicine residency and endocrinology clinical/research fellowship at the University of Colorado under the mentorship of Dr. E. Chester Ridgway.



Robert C. Smallridge, continued

Dr. Smallridge graduated from Yale University and the Medical College of Virginia. He was an intern/resident at Grady Memorial/Emory/VA Hospitals, and completed fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. His interest in the thyroid began during fellowship with Drs. Len Wartofsky (mentor) and Ken Burman. His lab research began with pathways of deiodination and development of immunoassays, then cell signaling and recently, mechanisms of carcinogenesis (primarily anaplastic cancer). Clinical research included iodothyronine pharmacokinetics, inappropriate TSH secretion, thyroid dysfunction in pregnancy and postpartum, and recently, thyroid cancer (sensitive thyroglobulin prognostics and clinical trials). His research support includes the National Cancer Institute, the Florida Biomedical Research Council, and Mayo Clinic.

He served the ATA as Treasurer (1988-1993) and as a member of numerous committees including Membership (1985-87), Finance & Audit (Ex-officio, 1989-93; member and Chair, 1993-99); Ad Hoc Fund Management (Chair, 1991-93); Development (Ex-officio, 1989-93); Education (1997-99); Publications (2003-08); and Awards (2007-09). He also participated in the Strategic Planning Retreat (2000), Co-chaired the Spring meeting, "Impact of Maternal Thyroid Status on Pregnancy and Fetal and Childhood Development" (2004), and Chairs the Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Guidelines Task Force (2009-2011).

Dr. Smallridge served on the NIH Endocrinology Study Section (1987-1991), and has served the Endocrine Society as an Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, and member of the Finance, Annual Meeting Steering, Special Programs, and Clinical Endocrinology Update Planning Committees. He serves on the Board of Directors of the International Thyroid Oncology Group.

ATA Board of Directors — Candidate Statements and Biosketches

Four-year term of office (2011–2015); Vote for Two (2) of the six (6) candidates



Erik K. Alexander, M.D.

Candidate for Director

Candidate's Statement

I am honored to be a member of the American Thyroid Association, and to work tirelessly towards fulfilling its mission.

As the leading organization focused on expanding our understanding of thyroid physiology and improving the care of those patients with thyroid illness, the ATA has proven its ability to continually push our field forward and promote discovery. Our future will be witness to continuing evolution, and the success of our organization in large part depends upon our collective ability to adapt to new challenges, support our membership's needs, and maintain our recognized leadership in the field of Thyroidology. As a Director of the ATA, my desire is to focus all of my energy toward accomplishing these goals.

Our membership is diverse, representing clinicians, laboratory investigators, medical educators, public health advocates, and many others. The ATA has long been the professional home for all such individuals as we share a common passion for understanding thyroid health and reducing illness. It is through this diversity and collaboration that we obtain more success than we would ever have individually. As a member of the ATA Board of Directors, my goal is to promote efforts to further build upon our success, yet to expand our diversity, membership, and synergistic relationships further. The ATA must seek to remain value-

added to all of its members. As a Director, I pledge to place all of my energies toward these endpoints. It would be a privilege to serve in this role.

Biosketch

Dr. Erik K. Alexander, M.D. is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and a member of the Thyroid Unit, Department of Medicine at the Brigham & Women's Hospital. In addition to his clinical activities, Dr. Alexander is a recognized leader in medical education, and currently is the Director of Medical Student Education at the Brigham & Women's Hospital. In this role, he directs the 3rd year Internal Medicine clerkship as well as the 4th year subinternship in Internal Medicine, while overseeing all medical student activities throughout an 850-bed institution.

Dr. Alexander has an active clinical practice seeing patients with thyroid disorders, with special interest in patients requiring thyroid nodule evaluation as well as those with thyroid disorders during pregnancies. He is a member of two national guideline committees, and has authored more than 50 peer-reviewed publications and over 15 book chapters. His original research has been published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *JCEM*, *Thyroid*, and the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, among others. Dr. Alexander presently is co-leading a national clinical trial investigating molecular analysis of thyroid nodule aspiration tissue.

Dr. Alexander has previously served in various roles on ATA Committees for 8 years, including his role as co-chair of the 79th Annual Meeting of the ATA in Chicago, IL.



Kenneth H. Hupart, M.D.

Candidate for Director

Candidate's Statement

I appreciate the honor of being nominated to serve on the board of the ATA.

The ATA holds a singular place in the minds, hearts, and the professional careers of its members. It is the vehicle that we employ to share our research, our clinical insights, and our concerns for public health. It furthers our mission of educating the public about thyroid diseases and it supports the education and training of the next generation of thyroid clinicians, educators and researchers. That it accomplishes these laudable goals while it promotes a spirit of fellowship and camaraderie among its members defines the uniqueness of our association.

Our board must work to ensure that the ATA remains an organization that supports the exchange of important clinical and basic thyroid science; it must also maintain the fiscal stability that enables it to fulfill its expansive mission. As

modes of medical and scientific communication change, the ATA must constantly demonstrate that there is value to the vibrant exchange of information and ideas as occurs at our annual meeting and that the collegial spirit that exemplifies our organization needs to be nurtured and preserved. In this manner we can ensure that we maintain the value of ATA membership for all its members. If elected to the board I would be proud to help further these ATA goals and values.

Biosketch

Ken Hupart is the Chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) in East Meadow, NY. He is also the Program Director of the Endocrinology Fellowship at NUMC. Dr. Hupart is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and an Affiliate Full Clinical Professor at the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions at St. John's University.

Dr. Hupart received his Bachelor's Degree in Bioengineering from Columbia University and his medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony

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Kenneth H. Hupart, continued

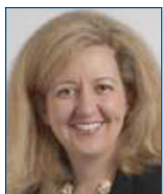
Brook. He trained in internal medicine and was chief resident at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine where he also pursued his training in endocrinology under the mentorship of Dr. Martin Surks.

He has served the ATA as chair of the Publications Committee and Chairman of the Search Committee for the Editor-in-Chief of Thyroid. During the past two decades he has also been a member of the Standards of Care Committee, the Membership Committee and several iterations of the Program Committee.

Dr. Hupart is also active in the Endocrine Society where he has chaired the Finance and Audit Committee, led the search for the Editors-in-Chief for both Endocrine

Reviews and Endocrinology, and served on the Publications Committee. He has been involved in issues concerning medical and scientific publishing in an era when electronic publishing has altered the way that physicians and scientists access professional literature. He has also chaired the Website Committee for the Association of Program Directors in Endocrinology and Metabolism and will represent this organization as a member of the Task Force to Analyze the US Endocrinology Workforce.

Dr. Hupart continues to be clinically active. He has a specific interest in the euthyroid-sick syndrome and in medical informatics. He is married to Merri Rosenberg and is the father of two adult children, Jacob and Ruth.



Kresimira (Mira) Milas, M.D.

Candidate for Director

Candidate's Statement

It is an honor and privilege to be nominated as a candidate for the ATA Board of Directors. I view the ATA as the compass for my daily work as a thyroid surgeon. It is a vibrant organization, taking the best of multidisciplinary contributions and distilling these into practical and meaningful tools for patient care. The ATA highlights innovative thyroid practices of the future and serves as the key representation for the discipline of thyroidology, nationally and beyond. The first-time or long-time ATA member can readily recognize this is an organization worthy of energy and enthusiasm for innumerable good causes — for the patient, medical caregivers and scientists, and public health. As part of the Board of Directors, I would be dedicated to recruitment and participation of young specialists from all healthcare backgrounds involved with thyroid care, help facilitate public awareness of thyroid cancer and thyroid research support, and promote the ATA as the center for thyroid-related innovations in knowledge and technology. I look forward to a lifelong association with this society, and value the opportunity to assist its mission.

Biosketch

Dr. Mira Milas is the Director of The Thyroid Center at the Cleveland Clinic. She is Associate Professor of Surgery in the Department of Endocrine Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. She was appointed to the Cleveland Clinic in 2002 and has been a member of the ATA since that time.

Dr. Milas graduated from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, Tx. She completed her general surgery residency at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and fellowships in endocrine surgery and surgical oncology at Emory and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Among numerous awards, she was recognized with the highest institutional honor, the Nightingale Award, for physician collaboration and named among Top Docs by *U.S. News and World Report*.

Dr. Milas' active participation in the ATA includes current service as Chair of the Clinical Affairs Committee. In that role, she has been involved with several initiatives, including formulation of the ATA recommendations on current safety practices for use of 131-I, guidelines for ultrasound set-up in new clinical practices, and updating of ATA website-based patient brochures. Her efforts led to development of an enhanced ATA "Find-a-Specialist" website function. She has also served on the ATA Membership Committee. She is an active member of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons and its Committee on Education and Research, and has promoted involvement with the ATA to partner surgical groups and other allied medical specialists.

Dr. Milas' specialty interests focus on endocrine surgical diseases, surgeon-performed ultrasound, and molecular markers of thyroid cancer, particularly TSHR mRNA detection in peripheral blood as a cancer biomarker. She is an active clinician, educator and researcher. Her bibliography includes over 100 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters, as well as surgical technique cine-video educational materials. She currently serves as section editor for endocrine surgery in the *Journal of Surgical Oncology* and is a member of several editorial boards.

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Alex Stagnaro-Green, M.D., MHPE

Candidate for Director

Candidate's Statement

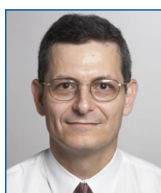
I have had the pleasure of being a member of the American Thyroid Association for the last 25 years. Over that time I have been mentored and supported by the Association and have been fortunate to develop colleagues and friends throughout the world. The ATA has also encouraged me to assume leadership roles in an area of thyroid research that I have passionately pursued throughout my career, the interplay between pregnancy and the thyroid. In essence, the ATA has been an integral component of my personal and professional development. As a member of the Board it would be an honor to serve the Association to maintain and enhance the collegiality, excellence and mentorship that are hallmarks of the ATA.

Biosketch

Dr. Stagnaro-Green is Professor of Medicine, Professor

of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Senior Associate Dean for Education at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He is an active clinician, educator, researcher and administrator. His research activities center on the interplay between the thyroid and pregnancy/postpartum. Specifically, he has focused on the impact of thyroid antibodies and miscarriage, thyroid hormone abnormalities and preterm delivery, and the incidence, etiology and impact of postpartum thyroiditis.

Dr. Stagnaro-Green has been an active member of the ATA for more than 20 years. He has served on the Publications Committee and on the search committee for the editor-in-chief of *Thyroid*. He was co-chair of the 2009 ATA Spring Symposium on Thyroid and Pregnancy and has delivered invited lectures at many regional, national and international meetings. Dr. Stagnaro-Green is presently Chair of the ATA Task Force on Thyroid Disease in Pregnancy and the ATA Task Force on Clinical Guidelines for Thyroid and Pregnancy.



Yaron Tomer, M.D.

Candidate for Director

Candidate's Statement

I am honored to be nominated as candidate for the Board of Directors of the ATA. The ATA has over 1,400 members from 43 countries around the world, and it is celebrating its 88th anniversary as the leading organization of thyroidologists. Our society has been leading the way in improving the care of thyroid disorders, performing cutting edge research, and educating physicians and patients about thyroid diseases. I was enchanted by the thyroid field and chose to focus my academic career in this field through the mentorship, enthusiasm, and leadership of my mentor Dr. Terry Davies. In the coming years our society will need to navigate in a changing and challenging environment. Medicare cuts are going to present challenges to quality care of thyroid patients and shrinking NIH budgets can seriously affect thyroid research. At these challenging times our society needs to focus on our core mission of improving the care of thyroid patients and promoting thyroid research and education. To succeed in achieving our mission we need to increase our ranks and encourage young physicians and scientists to choose a career in the thyroid field; this can be achieved through outstanding mentorship and leadership, the same one that I was exposed to early in my career. We need to increase public awareness of thyroid disorders, to encourage young clinicians and scientists to join our society,

and to promote translational research in thyroid disorders. Finally, we need to strengthen our ties to our sister societies in order to enhance and magnify our impact. As a member of the Board of Directors I will work together with other Board members, colleagues and friends at the ATA, to ensure that our society and our field continue to grow, that young endocrinologists and scientists choose to pursue a career in thyroidology, and that we continue to be the voice and the advocates of our field.

Biosketch

Yaron Tomer, M.D. is Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Hilda & J. Lester Gabrilove Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Bone Disease at Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York. Dr. Tomer received his M.D. degree from the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University. He trained in Internal Medicine at Sheba Medical Center, Israel, and continued his training in Internal Medicine and in Endocrinology at The Mount Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Tomer's research focuses on the immunogenetic, epigenetic, and environmental mechanisms causing thyroid autoimmunity, and type 1 diabetes. Dr. Tomer has been a member of the ATA since 1995 and served in the society in many capacities. Dr. Tomer was a member of the Research Committee, the Awards committee, and was a co-chair of the Program Committee of the 2010 Spring Meeting of the American Thyroid Association. Dr. Tomer also served on the organizing committee of the 14th International Thyroid Congress held in Paris in 2010. Currently he is the chair of

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Yaron Tomer, continued

the ATA Awards Committee. He was an Associate Editor of *Thyroid* and launched the series “Images in Thyroidology.” Currently he serves as a Special Editor of the journal *Thyroid* and serves on the editorial boards of *Endocrinology*, and the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, among

others. He is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Endocrinology. Dr. Tomer is the recipient of several awards including the American Thyroid Association Van Meter Award.



Martha A. Zeiger, M.D.

Candidate for Director

Candidate's Statement

It is truly an honor to be nominated as a candidate for the American Thyroid Association Board of Directors. Because the ATA includes clinicians, clinician-scientists as well as basic scientists, it is uniquely poised to not only greatly influence patient care, but also promote a better understanding of thyroid disease processes in general. To that end, I believe that its future goals should encompass the following: 1) to continue to grow in both national and international membership by promotion of more comprehensive clinical and basic science programs that include all aspects of clinical care and investigation associated with thyroid diseases and, 2) in an era of limited resources, to seek additional, innovative funding sources to promote clinical and basic science investigation as well as new patient care initiatives.

Biosketch

Martha Zeiger is currently Chief of Endocrine Surgery, Professor of Surgery, Oncology, Cellular and Molecular Medicine, and Co-director of Translational and Basic Research in the Department of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She received her undergraduate degree from Brown University and her

medical degree from The University of Vermont College of Medicine. After serving in the United States Navy as a General Medical Officer, she completed her General Surgical Residency at Maine Medical Center. Thereafter, she worked as a Commander and Attending Surgeon at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Zeiger then completed a fellowship in Surgical Oncology, focusing on Endocrine Surgery at the National Cancer Institute. After fellowship training she began her career in 1993 as an attending surgeon at Johns Hopkins Medical where she has built a very busy endocrine surgery practice, established an endocrine surgery fellowship program, and directed an NIH-funded molecular biology lab for the past 18 years.

Dr. Zeiger has held several leadership positions in national medical societies, including Co-chair of the American Thyroid Association (ATA) Program Committee, member on the ATA Research, Publication, and Membership Committees, Vice President of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons (AAES) and AAES liaison and Board member of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology (AACE).

She has been a key author of several clinical guidelines for AAES and AACE on thyroid cancer, hyperparathyroidism, and adrenal incidentalomas. She has also been instrumental in creating and is currently the Director of Endocrine Surgery University.