

# ***Your Vote Matters***

## **Cast Your Vote for ATA's President-elect, Treasurer-elect and Directors**

Take part in selecting the president-elect, treasurer-elect and ATA Board of Directors by casting your vote. Active and Senior members are qualified to vote in ATA elections. Election results will be announced at the ATA Annual Business Meeting in Quebec City on September 20, 2012.

As recommended by the 2011–12 Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Rebecca Bahn, the American Thyroid Association Board of Directors approved the following candidates: For president-elect: Hossein Gharib and Robert Smallridge. For director in the category of Practicing Clinician: Jennifer Lawrence and Susan Sherman. For director selected at-large: Stephanie Fish and James Hennessey.

The Bylaws were amended in 2011 to provide for the Board of Directors recommendations of targeted categories to the Nominating Committee to consider in selecting candidates for the 2012 slate.

### **Bylaws**

Section 2. (c) Directors will represent the professional disciplines of the ATA members. The Board of Directors will determine the targeted “categories” that need to be filled based on the American Thyroid Association Board composition and communicate this information to the Nominating Committee as guidance for their deliberations.

**Voting is via electronic media. Please submit your votes by Friday, September 14.**

### **ATA President-elect — Candidate Statements and Biosketches**

The president-elect has a one-year term of office (2012–2013), followed by one-year term as president (2013–2014) and one-year term as a past-president (2014–2015); Vote for One (1)



**Hossein Gharib, MD**

Candidate for President-elect

#### **Candidate's Statement**

I am deeply honored to be nominated as a candidate for the position of the President-elect of the ATA. It provides me with both a challenge and an opportunity

to pay back the ATA.

It now seems like a long time ago since I joined the ATA in 1972. Through the years I have served on many committees and developed lasting friendships with many members. This has been an important and pleasant part of my professional life.

I feel we can enhance our corporate connections and support; collaborate with our sister endocrine societies; expand our educational programs; develop public awareness campaigns; and increase our membership. We can develop educational programs for our non-endocrine colleagues. We must recruit fellows and involve them early in our committees and programs.

I am proud to be part of this great organization, and grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve you as its next President-elect. I remain confident and optimistic about our future.



**Robert C. Smallridge, MD**

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 patient's 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, MD, is Professor of Medicine and former Chair, Endocrinology Division, at Mayo Clinic Florida. He is Deputy Director, Mayo Clinic Cancer

## ATA President-elect — Candidate Statements and Biosketches

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### Hossein Gharib, MD, continued

#### Biosketch

Hossein Gharib, MD, a consultant in Endocrinology since 1979, is currently Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. He traveled from Iran to the U.S. in 1958 in pursuit of his dreams

for a medical education. He received his undergraduate education at the Ohio State University, his medical education at the University of Michigan, and completed his internal medicine residency & endocrine training at Mayo.

A member of the ATA since 1972, he has served as a member of the Patient Education and Advocacy, Membership, Education, and Development Committees. He is currently an Editorial Board member of the *Thyroid*. He has regularly attended and presented posters or talks at the ATA annual scientific meetings. He served on the Task Forces that developed the Medullary Thyroid Cancer Guidelines in 2010 and the Hypothyroidism Guidelines in 2012. In 2002, he was honored with the prestigious Paul Starr Award.

Dr. Gharib, an international authority on thyroid disorders, has lectured at over 250 national and international endocrine meetings. He has authored or coauthored more than 250 academic papers, including peer-reviewed journal articles, guidelines for medical practice, scientific meeting abstracts, reviews and book chapters. He has served on the editorial boards of *JCEM*, *Endocrine Practice*, *Acta Endocrinologica (Romania)*, *International Journal of Endocrinology & Metabolism*, and *US Endocrinology*.

The 3rd edition of his *Evidence-Based Endocrinology* textbook was reprinted in 2012.

He is held in high regard by his peers, elected the President of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) in 2002, and the President of the American College of Endocrinology in 2008. He is one of the very few senior physicians honored with both a Mastership of the American College of Physicians (MACP) and the American College of Endocrinology (MACE). His many awards include the Laureate Award of the Department of Medicine- Mayo Clinic and the Distinguished Physician Award of the Endocrine Society in 2010.



### Robert C. Smallridge, MD, continued

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 in Endocrinology to the Attending Physician for the U.S. Congress and Supreme Court.

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 started 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 on Maternal Thyroid Status (2004), and Chaired the Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Guidelines Task Force (2009-2012).

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.

## ATA Treasurer-elect — Candidate Statement and Biosketch

The treasurer-elect has a one-year term of office (2012–2013), followed by a four-year term as treasurer (2013–2017); to be elected by acclamation



### Gregory W. Randolph, MD, FACS

Treasurer-elect to be elected by acclamation

#### Candidate's Statement

I see the ATA as a wonderful organization where surgeons of various backgrounds can interact with their endocrine colleagues through multidisciplinary work especially as it relates to thyroid cancer. Since joining the ATA in 2005, I've served on the Surgical Advisory Committee, the editorial board of *Thyroid* and have been involved in writing groups on the central neck terminology, surgical communication and preoperative imaging for thyroid cancer. I have chaired the Development Committee since 2011. I also chair the thyroid cancer nodal metastasis subgroup of the Surgical Affairs Committee which has completed its work with our manuscript recently accepted to *Thyroid*. I am currently serving on the 2013 Thyroid Nodule and Differentiated Cancer Guidelines Task Force. I am honored to be considered for this leadership position and am fully committed to the ATA.

#### Biosketch

Gregory W. Randolph, MD, FACS, is an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Surgeon at Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary. He trained at Cornell and Harvard Medical Schools. He serves as Director of the General Otolaryngology Division since 1995. He founded and directs the Division of Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery of Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary and serves also on the Endocrine Surgical Service at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Division of Surgical Oncology. Dr. Randolph has focused his research on recurrent laryngeal nerve anatomy, preservation and monitoring during thyroid cancer surgery with focus on importance of laryngeal exam, recognition of lymph node metastasis and revision cancer surgery. He founded one of the first Otolaryngology based Thyroid and Parathyroid surgical fellowships in the U.S. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Randolph has served as a member of the ATA Surgical Advisory Committee. He served on the ATA Central Neck Dissection guideline advisory group and is currently Chair of the Development Committee and the thyroid cancer nodal micrometastasis subgroup. He is on the *Thyroid* editorial board.

Dr. Randolph was one of the first otolaryngologist members of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons (AAES) and serves as Council member of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons. He serves on the executive steering committee for the World Congress on Thyroid Cancer (held in 2009 and ahead in 2013) where collaborative and multidisciplinary interactions are held as core values.

## ATA Board of Directors — Candidate Statements and Biosketches

Please vote for one candidate in the category of "At-Large" on the American Thyroid Association Board of Directors (term 2012–2016)



### Stephanie A. Fish, MD

Candidate for 'At-Large' Category —  
Board of Directors

#### Candidate's Statement

I am honored to be chosen to run for the position of Director of the ATA. I have been an active member of the ATA since 2002 and am excited to be more involved in the organization's growth and development. I have worked very hard to develop an exciting and educational program for the fellows during our annual meeting. The Fellows' Track has been an important tool to bring fellows to our annual meeting and encourage their interest in the thyroid. In addition, through the Trainees and Career Advancement Committee, I have also worked on the development and implementation of the Fellows' Corner section of our website. Through these programs, we have been able to reach many training endocrinologists and to provide the most current information regarding the evaluation and management of thyroid diseases. As a Director, I believe that I can play a larger role in helping the ATA to grow and to continue to meet the needs of all of our members, especially the newest members who are just beginning their careers as endocrinologists.

#### Biosketch

Stephanie A. Fish, MD, is an Associate Member in the Endocrine Division at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and New York University School of Medicine, she completed her training in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology at the University of Pennsylvania. She is now a clinician focusing on the care of patients with thyroid disease, specifically thyroid cancer. She is a dedicated teacher who devotes her time to the education of medical students, residents, fellows and clinicians. She has taught numerous courses in thyroid ultrasound through The Endocrine Society and the American Thyroid Association. In addition, Stephanie has been the co-chair of the Fellows' Track at the ATA Annual Meeting since its inception. This program was developed to help foster the Fellows' interest in Thyroidology and to encourage involvement in the ATA. Stephanie is a former Chair of the ATA Trainee and Career Advancement Committee and continues as a member. She also serves on the Clinical Affairs Committee.



### James V. Hennessey, MD

Candidate for 'At-Large' Category — Board of Directors

#### Candidate's Statement

I believe the ATA plays a pivotal role in providing a clinical balance between the ongoing advances in basic knowledge of the pathophysiology of thyroid, the application of new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches focused on these mechanisms and the evaluation of outcomes of both new and current therapies. Our role allows us to apply these ever changing aspects of discovery for the benefit of our people with thyroid disease. The ATA's integrative work creates the opportunity to create clinical practice guidelines based on the best available evidence and makes it possible to communicate these advances to the wider physician community for the benefit of all patients. As a board member I would strive to represent all actively practicing clinicians to maintain a balance in the Association's activities, ever directing our ultimate attention to improving the care of our patients.

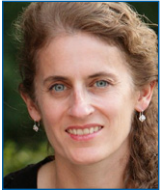
#### Biosketch

James V. Hennessey, MD, is Clinical Director, Division of Endocrinology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston MA and is Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He has been a practicing endocrinologist and thyroidologist for the past 27 years and is currently certified ECNU, performing 10-20 ultrasounds and FNAs weekly. In addition to ongoing student, resident, fellow and peer educational activities he has conducted clinical research in both the thyroid and osteoporosis areas.

Dr. Hennessey joined ATA in 1989 after completing fellowship in Endocrinology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He saw thyroid patients at USAF Medical Center Wright Patterson OH through 1993 before joining the endocrine division at Brown Medical School, Providence Rhode Island. During his time in Providence, he completed 25 years of military service with the Air National Guard and was Governor of the American College of Physicians Rhode Island Chapter. He has provided service to the ATA on the Education committee, initially as a member, then Chair from 1999-2001 pulling together the first collection of common patient education brochures. He subsequently has served on the Patient Education and Advocacy committee, was an ATA representative on the board of the Thyroid Foundation of America from 2002-5 and has been a member of the Public Health Committee since 2004 and currently serves as Chair. He has served as a reviewer for our journal Thyroid and holds appointment to the editorial boards of Thyroid and the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism. He represented ATA on a joint AACE/ATA project as a primary writer for the recently completed guidelines for the evaluation and treatment of hypothyroidism. He has represented the ATA on several occasions before the FDA on issues of L-thyroxine bioequivalence and has recently published a summary of the data collected through the ATA's Pharmacovigilance website.

## ATA Board of Directors — Candidate Statements and Biosketches

Please vote for one candidate in the category of "Practicing Clinician" for the American Thyroid Association Board of Directors (term 2012–2016)



### Jennifer E. Lawrence, MD, FACE

Candidate for 'Practicing Physician'  
Category — Board of Directors

#### Candidate's Statement

It is a great honor for me to be nominated to position of director. By providing a welcoming environment for collaboration among members from varied disciplines, the ATA has enjoyed success as the leading voice of thyroidology, stewarding the guidelines of clinical care and supporting research in thyroid disease and thyroid cancer. As the climate of medicine changes, all medical societies benefit from adaptation and growth. For this organization to remain successful and financially sound, it must remain significant to a broad medical community. As a director, among all duties, I would hope to foster the liaison between academic researchers and practicing endocrinologists, and to encourage increased membership and participation among clinical endocrinologists as well as budding research thyroidologists.

#### Biosketch

Jennifer E. Lawrence, MD, is a practicing clinical endocrinologist in Valdosta, Georgia. She moved to South Georgia to join her husband, Dr. William Tidmore, Jr., in 2000 and has been the only endocrinologist in a ninety-mile radius. The focus of her office practice has been the management of thyroid disease. In addition, she developed and directs a regional hospital-based diabetes management center. She has been active among endocrinologists in the state of Georgia, recently serving as the President of Georgia's chapter of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, and has served on several committees, including the board of AACE-PAC. She serves on the editorial board for Endocrine Practice.

She was introduced as a fellow to the American Thyroid Association by her mentor, Dr. Lewis E. Braverman in 2000. In an effort to honor her mentor, she chose the ATA as the society in which to develop an award lectureship in his name and worked with a committee of his fellows to establish this honor. She was invited to a recent ATA Strategic planning session as a representative of clinical endocrinologists. She completed her medical school degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, her residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and her endocrine fellowship at the Brigham and Women's Hospital.



### Susan A. Sherman, MD

Candidate for 'Practicing Physician'  
Category — Board of Directors

#### Candidate's Statement

As a practicing Endocrinologist since 1977, and a member of the American Thyroid Association since 1995, I have made management of thyroid disorders a major clinical focus. I have attended the national meetings since joining the organization, and under the mentorship of Chip Ridgway, I was involved in planning his Presidential meeting held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I was fortunate to be appointed to the ATA Nominating Committee and served several years as a member and then Chair. I am proud to have been involved in the selection of many of our current and previous leaders. I have participated in Women in Thyroidology and appreciate the forum that has been created to foster new leaders and provide ongoing mentorship of our young trainees.

I would like to share the knowledge I have gained serving on committees of The Endocrine Society: Clinical Affairs Committee, Nominating Committee, Council (the equivalent of the ATA Board), and Finance Committee have allowed me to develop organizational, leadership and management skills. I have also had the opportunity to co-chair the Clinical Diabetes and Endocrinology Institute, a continuing education conference where thyroid disease is a major focus. My involvement in the AMA as a delegate and alternate from The Endocrine Society has allowed me to keep Endocrinology at the table with issues such as drug shortages, obesity, and as an advocate for our patients as well as for research dollars.

I appreciate the experience I have had as a leader in both the ATA and The Endocrine Society, through committee involvement and service. I would like to continue to give back as a member of the Board of Directors and bring the view of the clinician in private practice to the table.

#### Biosketch

Susan A. Sherman, MD, is a practicing endocrinologist in Denver, Colorado since 1977 with the major focus of her practice in thyroid disorders and thyroid cancer. She grew up in New York, and attended college and medical school at The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

As a Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado at Denver, she has brought the clinicians in the community and the endocrine faculty together through The Colorado Society for Endocrinology and Metabolism. She has lead this Endocrine club over the last 30 years, continuing to bring the best in our field to her community and continue her passion for education which she gained as an Endocrine fellow at Northwestern. She also co-chairs The Colorado Diabetes Endocrine Institute, another state of the art Endocrine meeting held in Snowmass, Colorado over the last 20 years. She continues to contribute by developing an environment where continuing education, collaboration, and a forum for enhancing patient care are her paramount interests.

# Bylaws Revision Proposals 2012

To be voted on during the Annual Business Meeting in Quebec City on Thursday, September 20, 2012

## Rationale

### **Student, Resident, and Interns as candidates for ATA Membership**

Requests for membership in the ATA are regularly received from graduate and medical students, residents, and interns. Current ATA bylaws only allow for applicants who are in postgraduate clinical or basic fellowship training to join as members. Both The Endocrine Society and the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists accept student members.

As all agree, the future of our organization is dependent on young investigators and physicians entering the field. Consideration is being requested for lifting the restriction on medical students and PhD graduate students becoming members. The ATA has an opportunity to become more visible and diverse by welcoming those who are interested in the field of thyroidology. In particular, those that are mentees of our leadership provide a wider network with their colleagues who have not started a fellowship. Several of our abstract and poster presenters at the annual meeting are students, residents, and interns and being awarded “fellows” grants, even though they have not been given the benefit of membership.

As they are presenting accepted abstracts and making oral presentations at our annual meeting it is apparent that they are already dedicating themselves to fulfill the ATA’s mission of promoting thyroid health and understanding thyroid biology.

## Board approval

**On February 16, 2012 the Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommendations of the Membership Panel to accept students, residents and interns with an interest in thyroidology to the ATA.**

## Revisions proposed

**Bylaws – Article I: Section 9, Page 5**

### **Associate Members**

Section 9. (a) Applicants who are **medical or graduate students** or in post-graduate clinical fellowship or basic **post-doctoral** training are eligible for associate membership. Eligibility for Associate Membership is based on a letter from the Dean, the Laboratory or the Program Director confirming their enrollment in a fellowship program. Upon a favorable recommendation from the panel, new members shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. (b) Associate Members are not eligible to hold office in the Association and may not vote.

Section 9. (c) An associate member may apply for active or corresponding membership during the last year of post-graduate training or at any time thereafter.