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Vice President-elect

Dr. Terry Cronin, AAD Election Correspondent

- 1) You're running for an important office, but voters like to know about the human side of their candidates. What's your favorite movie? What was the last good book you read? TV series you watched?

There are quite a few movies I have enjoyed, but Frida and Titanic stand out as two of my favorites. Last good book I read was Commander-in-Chief, by Nigel Hamilton. It tells of the story between FDR and Winston Churchill. TV series I enjoy is "Dancing with the Stars"

- 2) Win or lose, what will you do the day after election season is over?

Enjoy a wonderful dinner with my family after a jog in the park

- 3) Do you see burnout as a big problem in dermatology? And, on a related note, what do you do to relax?

Burnout is a major problem in our specialty. We must improve practice management strategies to ease the burden of practitioners. I enjoy sports activities to relax - marathon running, biking and tennis are my favorites.

Dr. Caroline Robinson, AAD Election Co-correspondent:

1. What impact do you think the increased presence of private equity has had on our specialty?

Private equity has taken over control of many practices and the way they are run and how dermatologists are influenced to practice. Financial takeover has also led to an increased number of young retirees in our specialty. Economics must not influence the quality of care.

Dr. Rina Allawh, #DermTwitter:

1. Effectively integrating non-physician clinicians into Dermatology has been a topic that is frequently debated on various platforms. As Vice-President, what will be your approach for expanding and ensuring appropriate and adequate education of non-physicians working in care teams led by board-certified dermatologists?

I believe that more educational and hands-on clinical experience will make physician extenders better providers. Also, enhancing continuing medical education programs and increasing emphasis on dermatology in physician extender training programs will help in this regard. CME requirements for recertification may also be helpful.

Dr. Travis Blalock/Dr. Dhvani Mehta, Young Physicians Committee:

1. Over the past 10 years, AAD Presidents have made an amazing effort to engage Young Physicians by getting them involved, utilizing their strengths and harnessing their buy-in. This is certainly exemplified through Academy councils, committees, and task forces, which now have a number of Young Physicians which corresponds to the percentage of Young Physician Members in the Academy itself – around 30%. What kind of an impact do you think would be made if a representative number of Young Physicians were represented on the Board of Directors? Why is it important to consider Young Physicians' talents and perspectives on today's specialty issues?

Young physicians are keys to our specialty's future. There is a young physician representative currently serving on the AAD Board of Directors. We might consider adding a secondary position as cultivating leadership is extremely important to advancing the Academy's goals. Leadership must listen to the voice and perspective of these young, future leaders and they must begin to gain experience in programs and initiatives which they can incorporate into their leadership development careers. AAD programs and initiatives should include their voice and be a balance of both youthful and experienced perspectives.

Dr. Nkanyezi Ferguson, Diversity Committee

1. The American Academy of Dermatology has taken an active stance in addressing the lack of racial and ethnic diversity within the specialty. Despite this, the number of underrepresented dermatologists is still low. What steps can the American Academy of Dermatology take to combat this disparity in representation?

The AAD can incorporate and emphasize more racial and ethnic diversity at an early stage of development in their leadership programs and encourage such in their training and mentorship programs during this early part of their career. The voices of all racial and ethnic sectors of our membership should be greatly represented. These individuals must be encouraged to take leadership roles and mentored early and throughout their careers.