**2020-2022 FCAAP President**

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**Full name and credentials:** Lisa Gwynn, DO, MBA, FAAP, CPE

**City of practice:** Miami

**Statement of Interest/Bio:**

Lisa Gwynn is Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Public Health Sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (UMMSOM) and serves as Medical Director for the Pediatric Mobile Clinic, a program that provides a medical home to uninsured children, as well as Program Director of the Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation School Health Initiative, a school-based health clinic program located in 9 schools in Miami-Dade County. Dr. Gwynn received her medical degree from NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her postgraduate medical training in Pediatrics at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. She worked in private practice for 9 years and joined the faculty at UMMSOM in 2010. In 2011, she earned her MBA, with a specialization in Health Sector Management and Policy from University of Miami School of Business and is currently pursuing a Masters in Science in Public Health. Her areas of interest include community pediatrics, telemedicine, school health, advocacy and healthcare delivery in underserved populations. She plays a large role in educating pediatric residents, medical, nursing and public health students on the complexities of caring for immigrant and underserved populations and how the social determinants of health play a large role in the well-being of children. She also serves as Associate Division Chief of the Division of General Pediatrics at UMMSOM.

Dr. Gwynn is a Certified Physician Executive, Board Certified in Pediatrics, a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Vice President of the Florida Chapter of the AAP, Chair of the Chapter’s School Health Task Force, and is FCAAP’s Chapter E-Cigarette Champion. Dr. Gwynn remains steadfast in serving her community, and is a passionate advocate for kids, especially those children who are most marginalized in our society.
2020-2022 FCAAP Vice President

Name & credentials: Toni Richards-Rowley, MD

City of Practice: Lithia, FL

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Dr. Richards-Rowley is the current Secretary for the Board of the Florida Chapter of the AAP (FCAAP). She completed her undergraduate education at Harvard University, and received her MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She completed her Residency and Clinical Adolescent Medicine Fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She and her family relocated to the Tampa Bay area where she has been in private practice for almost 20 years.

Since moving to Florida, she has been an active member of the FCAAP serving as the Alternate Representative for Region 5, Treasurer and Secretary. She has been the Legislative Chair for FCAAP, and spearheaded reorganizing the committee efforts by splitting the Committee into Legislative and Advocacy Sub-Committees, and encouraging more grassroots involvement by members. She has been very involved in a variety of important issues for the children of Florida from gun control, Medicaid access, immunization and other legislative concerns of the FCAAP. She is one of the representatives of the FCAAP meeting with AHCA for the Medicaid lawsuit and has helped lobby for increased payments to more Pediatricians as well as increase in payments (including telemedicine) during COVID-19 pandemic. At the National Level, Dr. Richards-Rowley was recently selected to serve on COFGA (Committee on Federal and Government Affairs). She also serves on the Practical Pediatric Committee for Pediatric Education which is in charge of the Practical Pediatric Educational Courses.

Dr. Richards-Rowley also runs a solo Pediatric Private Practice and has firsthand knowledge of what real world Pediatricians face. She strives to represent community pediatricians who provide exceptional care but have challenges unique to private practice. By having a private practice Pediatrician on the board, she tries to be a voice for Community Pediatricians at the leadership level. She vows to continue her advocacy efforts on behalf of all pediatricians at the State and National level.
2020-2022 FCAAP Secretary

Name & credentials: Nicole S. Torres, MD
Primary city of practice: Miami

Statement of Interest/Bio:

I am honored to be nominated to serve as Secretary of the Florida Chapter of the AAP. There is no doubt that the challenges of 2020 will be shaping child health and advocacy conversations for years to come. The FCAAP is poised to lead those conversations, with the support of general and subspecialty pediatricians a like.

Miami is my hometown. I earned my undergraduate degree at the University of Miami and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. I completed my General Pediatrics Residency and Chief Residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital. I joined the faculty at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine as an academic pediatrician and serve as Associate Program Director of Jackson’s Pediatric Residency. I have been a member of the FCAAP since completing residency. Since 2017, I have co-chaired the continuing education committee. The team responsible for planning and executing all the CME experiences the FCAAP offers, including the annual Future of Pediatrics Practice. For the last two years, I have served as the General Pediatrician at Large Representative to the Board of Directors.

As Secretary, I hope to engage members in those advocacy opportunities and to champion FCAAP’s mission of supporting our members as they care for children in their clinics and hospitals across our state. Thank you for your consideration. Be well!
2020-2022 FCAAP Treasurer

Name & Credentials:
Thresia B. Gambon, MD, MBA, MPH, FAAP

City of primary practice: Hialeah, Florida

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Dr. Thresia B. Gambon is a Pediatrician who has been practicing in Miami for over 20 years. She works at Citrus Health Network which is a system of community health centers (CHC) that specializes in behavioral and medical care to mental health patients, foster care children and victims of sex trafficking. Dr. Gambon provides outpatient pediatric care and medical care for teenagers admitted to the long term residential psychiatric program. Dr. Gambon is voluntary faculty for Florida International University and teaches with the Psychiatric Residency program.

Previously, Dr. Gambon worked at the county hospital, Jackson Health System (JHS) and the University of Miami. She was active faculty, providing clinical and didactic instruction to residents and medical students. Dr. Gambon worked in administration as a Medical Director for several years with oversight of JHS outpatient medical services.

Dr. Gambon has a long history of providing care to the underserved and marginalized populations in Miami-Dade. She is actively engaged in the community and has served on the Children’s Trust, the local children services council. Throughout her career, she has been involved in local task forces and collaborations to improve care in a county that carries a high burden of uninsured and undocumented, including working closely with the health department to increase vaccination rates and dental services.

Dr. Gambon’s involvement with the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics began in 2002 when she served as an alternate and then regional representative. She then became involved at the national level serving on the Council of Community Pediatrics and the Committee of Psychosocial Aspects of the Child and Family. A previous CATCH recipient, she volunteered to be the Florida Chapter CATCH facilitator and has served in that role since 2011. She is currently on the Membership Committee and the School and Mental Health Task Force and is a Reach Out and Read champion.

Dr. Gambon is willing to serve as treasurer for the Florida Chapter and feels she can contribute her skills of organization, advocacy and leadership. Her main areas of interest are in health care access, provider reimbursement and behavioral health integration.
2020-2022 FCAAP Region 2 Representative

Name & credentials: Ayesha Mirza MD, FAAP, FPIDS
City of Practice: Jacksonville.

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Dr. Mirza is currently a clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Florida, College of Medicine, Jacksonville, where she also serves as the pediatric residency program director. She graduated from Dow Medical College Karachi, Pakistan in 1989, and then completed her pediatric residency at the Milton Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University, Hershey, PA, followed by a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at the combined Tulane/LSU program in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Mirza has been with the University of Florida, College of Medicine, Jacksonville since 2005. She has over 10 years of experience in graduate medical education and has won many awards and accolades for her teaching and other professional accomplishments. Dr. Mirza has been actively involved in different AAP committees over the years. Currently she serves on the executive committee of the AAP Section on Foreign Medical Graduates where she is also the editor of the annual newsletter.

Dr. Mirza has been a member in good standing with the FCAAP for the past several years. She serves as the liaison between the chapter and all the pediatric training programs in the state, coordinating the pediatric program leadership meetings at the FCAAP annual meeting for the past three years. She has also been actively involved in facilitating the participation of pediatric residents from all programs in Children’s Week activities in Tallahassee for the past three years. Given her active involvement in medical education, she will serve to involve young trainees in the chapter, and also continue to help facilitate the engagement of all pediatric training programs in the state with the mission and work of the FCAAP.
2020-2022 FCAAP Region 4 Representative

Name & credentials: Judith Aronson-Ramos, MD, FAAP
City of Practice: Coconut Creek, Florida

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Dr. Judith Aronson-Ramos has been a member of the AAP since completing her pediatric training in 1993. She completed her undergraduate education at Dartmouth College and attended medical school at the Miller School of Medicine. After she completed her internship and residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Dr. Aronson-Ramos practiced general pediatrics in Palm Beach and Broward counties in a variety of settings including private practice, urgent care, and early intervention services. In 2007 she obtained her board certification in Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics through the clinical pathway. From that point she has been working exclusively as a Developmental & Behavioral pediatrician in private practice. She is also adjunct professor at the University of Miami and Broward General Hospital teaching both medical students and pediatric residents.

Dr. Aronson-Ramos has diverse interests including: Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, Gun Safety, and early intervention services. She is co-chair of the Gun Safety Task Force for the FCAAP, an issue that came to her backyard as a resident of Parkland and parent of two Marjory Stoneman Douglas Highschool graduates. She is medical director of Professionals United for Parkland a non-profit formed after the MSD shooting in 2018. She also serves on the Board of the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at FAU where she provides frequent trainings, lectures, and task force participation.

Dr. Aronson-Ramos has worked to help her general pediatric colleagues in the early identification and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. She is particularly interested in the under identification of developmental disabilities in minority populations. She is also an advocate for gun safety and raising awareness among her colleagues of trauma informed care. She hopes to bring a listening ear to the needs of her general pediatric colleagues as well as a passion for engagement and positive change to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children and families.
Name & Credentials:  Rachel Dawkins, MD, FAAP

Primary City:        St. Petersburg

Statement of Interest/Bio:

Rachel Dawkins, MD FAAP is a general pediatrician and medical director of the Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine Clinics at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital in her hometown of St. Petersburg, FL. She is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Her practice became a NCQA certified Patient Centered Medical Home in 2018.

Dr. Dawkins completed undergraduate and medical school at the University of Miami. She moved to New Orleans for residency at Louisiana State University and stayed as faculty where she spent six years as an Associate Program Director for the pediatric residency program.

Dr. Dawkins’ involvement with the AAP started as a resident. She worked with the Academy’s Friends of Children Fund to help raise money for residents and pediatricians affected by Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Dawkins became part of the executive committee of the then Section on Residents as well as the executive committee of the Section on Young Physicians, where she later served as Chair. She is the current Multidisciplinary Action Group 1 Chair for the Section Forum Management Committee. Dr. Dawkins has been involved on the board of the Louisiana Chapter of the AAP serving as Treasurer and with the Florida Chapters serving on the board as regional representative. She is on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast.

Outside of work, Dr. Dawkins loves paddle boarding, football and recently started learning to play the drums.

I am excited for the opportunity to represent general pediatricians across Florida as we continue to advocate for our patients, families and our profession. Pediatric practices, of all types, face significant challenges ranging from the anti-vaccine movement to COVID. Working with the chapter over these past years, I have learned the tremendous amount of work that takes place and can’t wait to lend a hand.
**2020-2022 FCAAP Medical School Pediatric Department Chair Delegate**

**Name & credentials:** Mark L. Hudak, MD

**City of Practice:** Jacksonville

**Statement of Interest/Bio:**

I am eager to serve on the Board of FCAAP to represent the state academic departments and bring the benefits of a diverse experience to this position. I have served on the pediatric faculty at Johns Hopkins, the State University of Buffalo in New York at the Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, and now at University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville at UF Health Jacksonville and Wolfson Children’s Hospitals. My formal positions have included roles in director roles in two NICUs, as division chief of neonatology, and for the past 8 years as Chair of Pediatrics in Jacksonville. These roles have broadened my understanding of the entire pediatric care continuum.

Other incredible learning and service experiences within the AAP and elsewhere will inform what I can bring to this role. I have served a 7-year term on the AAP Committee on Drugs and 7 years on the Committee on Child Health Financing, the final 4 years as Chair. I continue to work with members of that committee in writing key policy statements on Scope of Benefits, Medicaid, and Alternative Payment Models. I now serve as the national Chair of the Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. In addition, after 10 years as a committee member, it was my honor to serve as Chair of the FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee from 2015-2018. I currently serve as an Associate Editor of Pediatrics. I have published extensively in the areas of clinical interventions and outcomes, health care financing, and health care policy.

These are challenging times for the children we care for and for the pediatricians who provide their essential care. Not only has the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted patterns of care, but COVID-19 has brutally exposed systemic problems in our country related to racism and health and social disparities. The FCAAP has a long history of passionate advocacy on behalf of Florida children and pediatricians and has accomplished much on behalf of both of these constituencies. Going forward, we will need to be even more engaged with our members and with our allies in government to address both medical issues and profound societal issues.