



Candidates for the 2019 ACPA Board of Directors



PRESIDENT-ELECT Patricia A. Beals, DMD, MS

I am honored to be considered for the position of President-Elect of the ACPA. During my career long membership, I have served on ACPA committees and task forces, and as an officer. These

experiences have allowed me to get to know the association on several levels. I have enjoyed being in a service role and I would consider it a privilege to continue my service as President-Elect. Should I have the opportunity to do so, I would work diligently to guide the strategic plan, leading to a sustainable Association benefitting families and providers alike.

My full-time practice is dedicated to the care of patients with cleft lip and palate, craniofacial differences, special healthcare needs, and traumatic injuries. I provide team-based services at the Barrow Cleft and Craniofacial Center where I also serve as Co-Medical Director. My path to craniofacial orthodontics was non-traditional. After having two children, I began college part-time at 27 years of age. I completed my residency at age 40. I am a graduate of Muhlenberg College, University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and Temple University School of Dentistry. I worked at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for nearly a decade, developing my passion for families affected by cleft lip and palate, before joining the Barrow Cleft and Craniofacial Center in Phoenix, AZ.

I have been an active ACPA member since 2000 and have served on the Commission for Approval of Teams Task Force, the Americleft Task Force, the Revitalization Task Force, the Board of Directors, and numerous committees. At St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, home of The Barrow Cleft and Craniofacial Center, I have held several positions of leadership including Chair of the Department of Dentistry as well as serving on the Credentials, the Quality, and the Medical Executive Committees. A highlight in my career was my successful involvement in a fundraising effort that raised over a million and a half dollars to renovate our craniofacial center. Additional fund-raising efforts resulted in establishment of a permanent program designed after our motto, "To Heal the Flesh, the Spirit Must Soar", targeting the social, emotional, and psychological needs of families.

I have always said that I consider my professional position to be a "calling". I am partnered in practice and marriage to Dr. Stephen P. Beals, a true partner in the mission to heal. I feel a great responsibility to positively affect my

patient's lives beyond their treatment needs. I also consider leadership and service to be a calling. I am unwavering in my belief that the interdisciplinary approach to cleft and craniofacial care, that involves the family, produces the best possible result. Effective ACPA leadership, promoting education, awareness, and empowerment, of colleagues and families will lead ultimately to improved outcomes. Through the position of President-elect, I feel I can affect patient outcomes on a larger scale. I appreciate this opportunity to serve the ACPA membership and families.

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VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

John A. Giroto, MD, MMA, FAAP, FACS

I have been active in the ACPA beginning during my residency training at the Johns Hopkins Hospitals. I maintain a clinical practice dedicated to providing interdisciplinary team care for children with cleft lip / palate and craniofacial anomalies. I have served many roles for the ACPA over the years, most notably as Treasurer since 2016. Prior service includes being a member of the management and finance committee, the membership committee, and the international outreach committee. I have also served as a council member at large, and chair of challenge team 10 for the recent strategic planning.

In similar roles, I am past President of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons, having served prior on that board as membership chair and treasurer. I am currently on the board of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and have served as the chair of the finance and investment committee for the ASPS twice. In this role, I have directed the plastic surgery national endowment and the long-term growth portfolio totaling over \$30 million.

I attended college and medical school at Washington University in St Louis as one of 10 “scholars in medicine.” My combined general and plastic surgery residency training was in the Johns Hopkins / University of Maryland program followed by a craniofacial fellowship at Seattle Children’s Hospital. I then spent 12 years at the University of Rochester as director of the regional cleft and craniofacial team. While there, I received my MBA from the Simon School of Business with a focus on Medical Management.

Currently, I am the Section Chief Pediatric Plastic surgery and Dermatology at the Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids with an academic appointment in the Michigan State College of Human Medicine.



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Jamie L. Perry, PhD, CCC-SLP

It is a distinct honor to be nominated for the position of Communications Officer of ACPA. I have enjoyed serving in numerous roles in ACPA such as being a member of program committees, chair of the CPF Grants Committee, chair of a Revitalization Task Force, chair of Nomination Committee, World Cleft Coalition, and chair of the Education Committee. I have had the privilege to be involved in planning pre-conference, panel discussions, and serving as session chairs during the annual ACPA meetings. Service through ACPA has allowed me to develop many life-long friendships and establish collaborative networks that have resulted in research grants and publications.

I am thankful for the many amazing mentors and colleagues in the area of cleft palate who so graciously came alongside me to help me develop my passion for research in cleft care. I received my doctorate from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. I worked at Illinois State University as an Assistant Professor and licensed speech-language pathologist. I later moved to East Carolina University where I continue to do research, teach, and support my local cleft craniofacial team. Presently, I am the Department Chair at East Carolina University in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. My research uses MRI to investigate the anatomic and physiologic underpinnings that define normal speech. Through these research endeavors we aim to understand the impact of surgery on patient anatomy and function.

More recently, through collaborations with Silvia Blemker’s team at the University of Virginia, we have applied computational modeling to use prediction-based modeling to understand how alterations in surgical techniques effects the biomechanics of the speech system. Through this and other clinical partnerships with cleft palate craniofacial teams in the US, I am confident that these advances will significantly alter the current clinical paradigm in cleft care and maximize patient outcomes. Our laboratory also conducts clinical research through our resonance disorder clinic on the ECU campus and I serve as the lead Speech Language Pathologist on the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Cleft Palate Craniofacial team, Wilmington, NC. Probably the most rewarding part of my job, however, is training and mentoring PhD students to be future researchers in cleft care to continue to advance the field.

Being able to serve on the Board of Directors for ACPA as a Communications Officer would be an honor and would provide me the opportunity to give back to the organization, serve the membership, and support the future direction of the association. I look forward to this possible opportunity and am sincerely thankful for the nomination.

BOARD MEMBER POSITION #1 – Vote for one: Kelly Cordero, PhD, CCC-SLP or Angela Dixon, MA



BOARD POSITION #1
Kelly Nett Cordero, PhD, CCC-SLP

It is an honor to be nominated for a position of leadership within ACPA. I have been caring for individuals with cleft lip/palate and craniofacial conditions for close to 18 years and

have been involved with ACPA for almost that long. I started my study of communicative disorders at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1996. I then completed my master's thesis and advanced Spanish coursework in Mexico in 1997 and earned my master's degree the following year in speech-language pathology with a bilingual specialization from the University of Texas at Austin. At that time, I had not yet found my passion for working with individuals with cleft and craniofacial conditions. However, I wanted to serve bilingual patients and took a position with pediatric clients in Miami. I was eventually assigned to work with Spanish-speaking patients at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center for Cleft and Craniofacial Services. Around that time, I attended my first ACPA meeting and was hooked. Not only was I impressed by the education I received, but I also received invaluable guidance for finding a doctoral program to further my studies in this area and started to form connections.

With advice of excellent colleagues in ACPA and a desire to serve this population more fully, I pursued my PhD in speech and language pathology from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in 2008, completing my dissertation on the assessment of cleft palate articulation and resonance in familiar and unfamiliar languages: English, Spanish, and Hmong. I was recognized as a 'Diversity Champion' by ASHA in 2009. After graduation, I took a position at the Center for Craniofacial Services at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, MN. I was still interested in working more with bilingual patients, and when a position opened at Barrow Cleft and Craniofacial Center, I was fortunate to join an excellent team and serve more bilingual patients and their families.

I have been involved in the care of individuals with cleft lip/palate and craniofacial conditions and a member of ACPA for the past 17 years. I have participated in the Americleft Task Force and International Outreach committees. I have a passion for dissemination of information about how to provide care in this field and have been fortunate to be able to lecture extensively at local, national, and international levels. I have provided clinical or educational service related to craniofacial populations in four other countries. I have also been involved in grant funded research related to the Americleft Speech Outcomes project. My hope and plan is to continue to serve patients with cleft and craniofacial conditions, always working to advance best practices through clinical experience and research. It would be an honor and pleasure to serve an organization that has supported me and our patients so consistently over time.



BOARD POSITION #1
Angela J. Dixon, MA

I couldn't be more honored or humbled to be considered for membership on the ACPA Board of Directors. As a clinical speech-language pathologist at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana

University Health in Indianapolis, IN, my clinical passion and specialty has been in the care of individuals with cleft palate/craniofacial anomalies since the start of my career over 15 years ago. A member of ACPA since 2005, I have been fortunate to enjoy many benefits from the organization (professional development, networking, etc) and I have sought out opportunities to give back as possible. During my time within the organization I have served on the Membership committee, Taskforce on Americleft – Speech Group, and the former CPF Publications Committee. Currently, I enjoy the privilege of co-chairing the Learning Resource Committee within our newly merged organization. I also am a current member of the Management and Finance Committee, which has afforded me a greater understanding of the workings of ACPA, an organization I only continue to be more proud to represent.

Outside of ACPA, I have been a member of SIG 5: Craniofacial and Velopharyngeal Disorders (past member of the Professional Development Committee) for multiple years and am involved in many local programs to benefit the patients of the Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Program at Riley Hospital. I thoroughly enjoy teaching and take advantage of any opportunity - I am a frequent guest lecturer within my hospital system and at Purdue University and have been fortunate to present at many ASHA Conventions and ACPA Annual Meetings. As the Speech Pathology Team Lead at Riley Hospital, the professional responsibilities I enjoy most include program development and professional staff development, though it has provided experience in the areas of resource utilization, regulatory compliance, etc. I have proudly contributed to the continued growth of the Cleft/Craniofacial Program at Riley Hospital and have also contributed to the development of other multi-disciplinary programs within my hospital setting.

Again, I am truly honored and genuinely excited for this opportunity to further serve ACPA and its membership, and I thank you for your consideration.

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BOARD MEMBER POSITION #2 – Vote for one: Gregory Allen, MD or Canice Crerand, PhD



BOARD POSITION #2
Gregory C. Allen, MD

I am honored and very excited about this opportunity to serve ACPA. I am a Pediatric Otolaryngologist and Cleft Surgeon at Children's Hospital Colorado. I joined Children's Colorado and the Cleft Lip and Palate Team in 1997. I joined

ACPA around that same time and attended my first annual meeting in the spring of 1998. I have been pleased to participate in every annual meeting since then. I am full-time faculty and Associate Professor of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. I am a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Surgeons.

Like many surgeons, my cleft practice and experience began small, but grew quickly. I was named Associate Medical Director of the Team in 2002, and now serve as Medical Director. I am very proud of the multidisciplinary team of dedicated individuals that serve our patient population at Children's Colorado. Our team has continued to grow, add new members, and increase patient numbers throughout the last 21 years. Full cleft team clinics are now almost every week and the number of patients seen continues to rise. Four years ago, we launched a second free-standing, and ACPA endorsed, Cleft Lip and Palate Program at the Children's South Campus in Colorado Springs. With all this growth, we also have continued to excel in quality care and improved outcomes.

I have enjoyed serving the ACPA in a variety of capacities. I have served on the Annual Meeting Program Committee twice. I have served on the Family Resources Committee (previously the Publications Committee) since 2011. Previously, I have served on the International Relations Committee, Revitalization Task Force, Exhibits Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, and Society Relations Committee. I am an active member and regular contributor through the ACPA Online Community. Through all of this involvement, it has been a pleasure to work with the National Office on a regular basis.

Serving on the Board of Directors would be a great honor and challenge for me. I look forward to doing whatever possible to assist the Association in implementing the strategic plan, and I embrace the challenge of enlisting philanthropic support. I will strive to let my passion for caring for these very special individual patients guide every comment, decision, and vote.



BOARD POSITION #2
Canice E. Crerand, PhD

I am a clinical psychologist in the Section of Pediatric Psychology and Neuropsychology at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) and an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Plastic Surgery at The Ohio State

University College of Medicine in Columbus, OH. Clinically, I serve as a team psychologist for the Cleft Lip and Palate Center, 22q Center, and Center for Complex Craniofacial Disorders at NCH and provide psychological consultation and treatment for patients with craniofacial conditions and their families. As a Principal Investigator in the Center for Biobehavioral Health, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, I conduct research on psychosocial adjustment and body image in youth with craniofacial conditions; psychosocial outcomes of cleft care; and psychosocial screening approaches. My research has been funded by NIH and CPF. Prior to joining NCH, I served as a psychologist in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia from 2005-2013 and was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine from 2009-2013.

I have been an active member of ACPA since 2006 and have served on several committees including the Research Grants Committee (2012-present); Data Standards Committee (2011-2015); Membership Committee (2014-2016); Planning Committee for 2009, 2013, and 2017 Annual Meetings; Nominating Committee (2013); and the Team Approval Process Review Task Force (2018). I am a member of the newly formed Mental Health/Psychosocial Special Interest Group. From 2013-2017, I served as Section Editor for the Behavioral Sciences Section of *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*. I have been a member of the Americleft Psychology and Social Work Group since 2013 and currently serve as a member of the Americleft Board. Additionally, I served as Co-Chair of the American Psychological Association Division 54 Society of Pediatric Psychology Craniofacial Special Interest Group (2015-2017).

I am excited and honored to be nominated for a Board Member position. ACPA has played such an integral role in my career development, and I am eager to contribute my clinical and research expertise to furthering the mission of ACPA. As a psychologist, I am keenly aware of the important roles that education, support, and access to interdisciplinary care play in supporting the physical and psychosocial health and quality of life of children with craniofacial conditions and their families. I am committed to fostering the well-being of individuals with craniofacial conditions and their families and to improving interdisciplinary care through the identification and dissemination of best practices and enhancing access to psychosocial and other needed services. I am also passionate about expanding advocacy and outreach efforts to enhance community support and awareness of cleft and craniofacial conditions. Finally, I would advocate for strategies to support mentoring and educational opportunities for members especially early career professionals.