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## **Federation of State Medical Boards Announces 2018 Award Recipients**

(CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 28, 2018) – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced the recipients of its 2018 awards, which were presented at the FSMB Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. Each year, the FSMB recognizes outstanding service and leadership to the field of medical regulation.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award is presented on rare occasions to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary and sustained service and commitment to the field of medical licensure and discipline.



### **Bryant Galusha, MD**

First appointed to the North Carolina Medical Board in 1968, Dr. Galusha made many invaluable contributions to the board over the next 12 years. The high esteem and respect enjoyed by Dr. Galusha were evident when his colleagues elected him directly on the FSMB governing board as Chair-elect in 1980. He led the FSMB as Board Chair in 1981-82 and then as President/CEO from 1984 to 1989.

Dr. Galusha's five years as FSMB President/CEO proved extremely impactful. Dr. Galusha laid the early groundwork that culminated in the United States Medical Licensing Examination, and FSMB's participation in the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities dates to outreach efforts led by Dr. Galusha in the mid-1980s. His vision for FSMB and state medical boards included a major initiative to computerize the organization's records and its database of disciplinary actions, including the first mechanism allowing medical boards to remotely query the FSMB's Board Action Data Bank. Although the FSMB dates to 1912, no individual has done more to shape the organization in its current form and structure than Dr. Galusha.

### **Distinguished Service Award**

This award recognizes the highest level of service and commitment to the FSMB; the advancement of the profession of medical regulation; and the strengthening of public protection.



**David Henderson, JD**

Mr. Henderson began his distinguished 22-year career at the North Carolina Medical Board in 1996 as a prosecuting attorney. Named Executive Director of the board in 2003, Mr. Henderson is well known for a cheerful, energetic leadership style that encourages collaboration and innovation. During his tenure, he has overseen numerous enhancements to the board's processes, educational programming to licensees, and public outreach. Mr. Henderson also has made many contributions to the medical board community as a member of Administrators in

Medicine, providing vital leadership to the organization as its Treasurer since 2014.

He has been a strong supporter of the mission of the FSMB for many years, making key contributions through his service on the Special Committee on Strategic Positioning, the Committee to Examine the Composite Action Index, the Advisory Council of Board Executives, and the Workgroup on Education About Medical Regulation. He also supported the United States Medical Licensing Examination program through his service as a chair and member of the USMLE Committee on Individualized Review. In 2007, Mr. Henderson earned the Certified Medical Board Executive designation.



**Lyle Kelsey, MBA**

Since joining the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as its Executive Director two decades ago, Mr. Kelsey has spearheaded many initiatives to enhance the processes of the board, which regulates more than 22,000 licensees in 12 health professions. Under his friendly and energetic leadership, the board has become well known for its efforts to provide cutting-edge educational programming to licensees on current issues such as opioid prescribing.

Mr. Kelsey also has been a key contributor to FSMB in multiple roles, serving on the Board of Directors and providing valuable insights for six years as a member of the Editorial Committee. In 2002, he earned the Certified Medical Board Executive designation. Mr. Kelsey also has made many valuable contributions as a member of Administrators in Medicine, serving as AIM's president from 2006 to 2008. He received AIM's Distinguished Service Award in 2004.



### **Jon Thomas, MD**

During his many years of service in medical regulation, Dr. Thomas has demonstrated boundless energy, innovation and collaborative leadership in advancing the cause of public protection. A champion for expanded access to quality health care, license portability and enhanced regulatory processes, he made major contributions to the mission of the FSMB through his engagement on numerous committees and advisory groups.

During his recent tenure as FSMB's Chair, Dr. Thomas helped lead the development of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, widely considered the biggest innovation in physician licensure in decades. As Chair of the Compact's Commission, he played an integral role in officially launching the Compact a year ago. Appointed to the Minnesota board in 2001, Dr. Thomas served the board in numerous roles for the next 16 years, including two terms as chair. During his long and distinguished service in medical regulation, Dr. Thomas has impacted the lives of patients and improved professional practice for physicians across the country.

### **John H. Clark, MD Leadership Award**

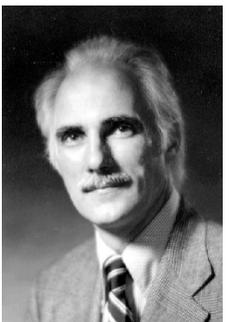
This award recognizes outstanding and exemplary leadership and commitment in advancing the public good at the state medical board level.



### **John William "Bill" Kinsinger, MD (posthumously)**

Appointed to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision in 2011, Dr. Kinsinger was a passionate advocate of patient safety and a highly regarded Oklahoma City anesthesiologist. Active in the animal rescue community as a pilot, Dr. Kinsinger passed away unexpectedly earlier this year while flying on a rescue mission to collect a disabled dog and transport it to a new home. Widely known for his enthusiastic approach to life and compassion for both people and animals,

Dr. Kinsinger was a strong proponent of patient safety and consumer protection during his seven-year tenure on the board. Dr. Kinsinger served as the Oklahoma board's vice president in 2013 and president in 2014.



### **Grant La Farge, MD**

Dr. La Farge has a long history of outstanding and selfless service through his many years of work – both as a board member and a staff member – on the New Mexico Medical Board. First appointed to the board in March 1998, Dr. La Farge was appointed to the post of Secretary-Treasurer a few months later. In this and other roles, he provided capable leadership to the board's deliberations for many years. After completing his appointed term on the board, Dr. La Farge

didn't go far, stepping into a new role as the New Mexico board's Medical Director. A highly regarded cardiologist and Clinical Professor at the University

of New Mexico, he has provided invaluable insights for the board as it assesses complex cases and legislative challenges. Dr. La Farge also served as a member of FSMB's Editorial Committee for six years, and he was a valuable member of the FSMB's 2005 Special Committee on Scope of Practice.



**Janis M. Orlowski, MD, MACP**

Dr. Orlowski was appointed as the new chairperson of the District of Columbia Board of Medicine in 2009 during a time of great public scrutiny after critical media coverage had raised concerns about the board's ability to discipline physicians and protect the public. For the next eight years Dr. Orlowski served diligently as chairperson, helping turn around the board's image by working with the Department of Health to strengthen the Board's disciplinary authority and communicating with stakeholders about the duty to identify and report unsafe practice. Under Dr. Orlowski's leadership, the board implemented its influential workforce survey, which gathers data on the District's physician workforce. Multiple agencies now use the tool to determine the best policies and programs to improve the health of the District's residents. Although Dr. Orlowski's term ended last year, the positive impact she had on the board and the residents of the District of Columbia will be felt for years to come.

**Award of Merit**

This award recognizes individuals who have positively impacted and strengthened the profession of medical regulation and helped enhance public protection.



**Alejandro Aparicio, MD**

As the Director of Medical Education Programs at the AMA since 2004, Dr. Aparicio is widely considered the "go to" person for all things having to do with CME. At the AMA, he is the de facto guardian of the AMA PRA CME credit system, but his influence is pervasive throughout the CME community. Dr. Aparicio has served on nearly every CME related board, and he is so respected that he has been repeatedly called on to bring disparate factions within the CME community to the table and achieved not just collaboration, but harmony. Dr. Aparicio has been supportive of FSMB's recent successful effort to become a CME provider and has stood ready to assist FSMB in any way possible. Through his dedicated, consistent and important support of the CME system that is so essential to state medical boards, Dr. Aparicio has made a major contribution to public protection.



### **Laura Forester, JD**

During her seven-year tenure as Chief of Medical Prosecutions for the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Ms. Forester revolutionized the medical prosecutions unit and markedly improved patient safety in Illinois in the process. The hard work of Ms. Forester and her team – a team she built almost from scratch – and her high levels of professionalism, experience and legal knowledge helped the department excel in its duties despite significant budgetary challenges and other obstacles. An outstanding bridge builder, she forged productive relationships with an array of key regulatory and enforcement agencies to share common issues and strategies. Ms. Forester was recently promoted to the position of Administrative Law Judge for the agency, where she will continue to protect the citizens of Illinois by serving as a Hearing Officer at the formal hearings for the medical boards and multiple other professions regulated by the department.



### **Norman Kahn, Jr., MD**

Under the leadership of Dr. Kahn, who recently retired after a decade of service as CEO, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies grew into an influential voice for its 43 medical specialty societies and their aggregate membership of nearly 800,000 U.S. physicians. Working collaboratively, CMSS, its member societies and various national stakeholders formulate and promote adoption of policies that improve the U.S. health care system and public health. Among the many accomplishments under Dr. Kahn's leadership were the creation of the CMSS Code for Interaction with Companies, which establishes ethical standards for relationships between professional medical associations and industries; successful national summits in CME, Alternative Payment Models, and other key issues; and the adoption of positions supporting GME financing, universal immunization, and patient access to needed medications. Under Dr. Kahn's leadership, CMSS has made great strides in facilitating a culture of performance improvement in practice and in modeling professionalism.

### **Journal of Medical Regulation Writing Awards**

These awards recognize excellence in articles and editorials published in the FSMB's *Journal of Medical Regulation* in addressing issues of importance to the FSMB and its members.



**Ray L. Casterline Award for Excellence in Writing**

This award recognizes an outstanding contribution to the FSMB's *Journal of Medical Regulation*.

**Susan Allen, DrPH**, et al., for their article, "Training Matters: A Retrospective Study of Physician Disciplinary Actions by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 1990–2010."



**Federation of State Medical Boards Award for Excellence in Editorial Writing**

This award recognizes an outstanding commentary written for the FSMB's *Journal of Medical Regulation*.

**Jack Drescher, MD**, et al., for their commentary, "The Growing Regulation of Conversion Therapy."

**About the Federation of State Medical Boards**

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. The FSMB serves as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care and regulatory best practices. To learn more about FSMB, visit [www.fsmb.org](http://www.fsmb.org). You can also follow FSMB on Twitter ([@theFSMB](https://twitter.com/theFSMB)).

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