RE: 2023 CAPA BOD Election

December 19, 2022

Dear CAPA Members:

Thank you very much for your nomination. The CAPA Election Committee is pleased to announce that among seven (7) nominated candidates, five (5) candidates are determined to be qualified candidates per CAPA bylaws to fill four (4) positions on the Board of Directors (BOD) for the year 2023-2025.

The qualified candidates are listed below in the order of the receipt of their nomination.

The election will be held from Friday, January 6, 2023, at 12:00 pm (noon time) EST to Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 12:00 pm (noon time) EST.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the 2023 CAPA election.

CAPA Election Committee

List of candidates for BOD

Gang Wang, MD, PhD, FRCPC (王罡)
Xiaoying Liu, MD, MSc (刘晓英)
Wei Zhang, MD, PhD (张巍)
Helen Zhang, MD (张宇)
Xiu Yang, MD, PhD (杨秀)
Dr. Wang received his MD degree from Tongji Medical University (Wuhan, China) and his Ph.D. in Pathology from the University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada). After completing his Anatomic Pathology residency at the University of British Columbia, he served as a Genitourinary Pathology fellow at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. After fellowship training, he joined the University of British Columbia faculty as a Clinical Assistant Professor and has worked as a consultant pathologist in BC Cancer Vancouver Center since 2017. Dr. Wang is currently the director of BC Cancer GU Tumor Bank, the director of Histology and Immunohistochemistry, and the Director of the David Hardwick Pathology Learning Centre at UBC.

Dr. Wang has a long-term research interest in genitourinary tumors, and his translational research is supported by Bladder Cancer Canada, University of British Columbia, and industry collaborative grants. He is the chapter author of "Urinary Bladder Pathology" and "Practical Cytology Frequently Asked Questions". Dr. Wang authored more than 60 peer-reviewed original articles. He was an invited speaker for the CAPA diagnostic course and online lecture series, The Canadian Anatomic & Molecular Pathology Conference (CAMP), Canadian Bladder Cancer Information System (CBCIS), and Huaxia Pathology Online Course. He is also the reviewer for more than 20 academic journals. He has been awarded the "New Faculty Research Award" from UBC Faculty of Medicine and the "Excellent in Research and Discovery Award" from UBC Department of Pathology. As an academic pathologist, Dr. Wang has trained more than 30 residents and fellows and served as mentors for many of them.

Dr. Wang has served Medical Staff Engagement Society (MSES) of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) and Priority and Evaluation Committee (PEC) of BC Cancer and is also an active member of the Chinese Canadian Medical Society (CCMS). He is a firm believer of CAPA and has been a lifetime member since 2016. Dr. Wang has a strong willingness to dedicate himself to CAPA and make it a mainstream professional organization representing and promoting the success of every Chinese pathologist in academic centers or private practice. Based on his clinical, academic, and administrative background, with his enthusiasm, Dr. Wang will be the best fit for CAPA BOD.
Xiaoying Liu 刘晓英, MD, MSc.

Dr. Xiaoying Liu is an associate professor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College and senior faculty member in the Department of Pathology and Lab Medicine at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). She is the medical director of the laboratory at Cottage Hospital and the president of the New Hampshire Society of Pathologists.

Dr. Liu completed AP and CP training in 2008 and Cytopathology fellowship in 2009 at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She joined the Department of Pathology and Lab Medicine at the DHMC in 2009. She is board-certified in Anatomic/Clinical Pathology and Cytopathology. Her practice and academic interests are cytopathology, fine needle aspiration, telecytopathology, and GI pathology. Dr. Liu has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Her major research interests are in thyroid and pancreatic cancers as well as deep learning in cytology and histology. She has served on multiple national society committees, including Cytopathology Committee at the American society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP), Case Study Committee at the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC), Scientific Program Committee of ASC, and Education Committee at the Digital Pathology Association (DPA).

Dr. Liu has been an active member of CAPA. Currently she serves as the Chair of Cytopathology Subcommittee of CAPA. She has also served on multiple CAPA committees, including Education Committee, Industry Relations Committee, Pathology Informatics Digital Pathology Committee, and Annual CAPA Diagnostic Course Organizing Committee. Dr. Liu helped to organize the 8th Annual CAPA Diagnostic Course and served as the moderator for the Theme Session # 6 (Cytopathology). She has been actively involved in planning and organizing the CAPA Companion Symposium at the 13th ASIA PACIFIC International Academy of Pathology CONGRESS 2023 and will serve as the moderator for the session in Endocrine, Head and Neck Pathology. Dr. Liu has also given talks on Pancreas/Liver/GI cytology on the CAPA Online Education Program Pathology Lectures Series. In addition, she has given various lectures on cytopathology locally, nationally, and internationally.

Dr. Liu believes that CAPA is a robust society, which has provided various excellent education platforms to pathologists, pathology trainees and fellows. Dr. Liu is very passionate about furthering the CAPA strategic goals on educations, and collaborations with other pathology societies. She would like to apply to become a CAPA BOD member and she hopes to serve the CAPA members by listening to their thoughts, ideas and concerns. By working together with CAPA, she hopes to make this society stronger and better.
Dr. Wei Zhang received her medical degree from China Medical University in 1994. After graduation, she finished her Ophthalmology residency at China Medical University and went to Japan to pursue her Ph.D. in 1999. She was working as a research associate scientist at Yale University School of Medicine before starting her Pathology residency training. After AP/CP residency training at Mount Sinai St.-Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital, she completed her GI/Liver Pathology fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center and her Molecular Genetic Pathology fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. She has been working as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 2019. She is currently the head of the GI/Liver service there. She is also involved in several institutional committees of the Hospital of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, including the Providers’ wellness committee, Finance Committee, etc.

Dr. Zhang joined CAPA in 2015 when she was still a resident. Since then, she has been actively involved in many CAPA activities. She has been serving the membership committee since 2016. During this period, she has been helping the past chairs, Drs. Guoping Cai and Xin Han, on the membership application and annual meeting registration. She served as the co-chair in 2021 and currently is the chair of the CAPA membership committee. In these positions, she helped the education committee organize the 2021 and 2022 CAPA Annual Diagnostic Course and gave talks at both conferences. She received CAPA’s service award in March 2022 for her contribution as the co-chair of the membership committee. Besides the membership committee, Dr. Zhang is also very actively involved in CAPA’s Career development program and molecular pathology sub-committee.

Since Dr. Zhang joined CAPA in 2015, she felt strongly that CAPA is the organization to which she belongs. She has devoted her time and effort and made significant contributions to CAPA in the past years as CAPA membership committee co-chair and chair. If Dr. Zhang was to be elected, she will work closely with other BOD members and the president to further promote CAPA and our members in various pathology platforms. Dr. Zhang is determined to continue to serve CAPA and its members in the following years.
Dr. Zhang received her medical degree and Master of Medicine in Cardiology from Wenzhou Medical University. She completed her residency at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia and followed by hematopathology fellowship at Houston Methodist Hospital and cytopathology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. After a short period of practice in a private group, Dr. Zhang joined Baylor College of Medicine and currently at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston as an assistant professor. Dr. Zhang plays an active role in residents’ education. She was the recipient of 2022 Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award at UT Houston McGovern Medical School for her excellent teaching. She is also actively involved in regional and national pathology committees including Texas Society of Pathologists, Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology and American Society of Cytopathology.

Dr. Zhang is a long time CAPA member and actively involved in many CAPA activities. She is currently the Chair of CAPA Leadership, Professionalism, Wellness and Friendship Development Program, and has been organizing, hosting and moderating monthly online lecture series focusing on leadership skills, wellness, and professional growth (up to 21 sessions, involving 25 prominent speakers throughout the North America). Dr. Zhang was a speaker and a moderator at 2022 CAPA Annual Diagnostic Course. In addition, she serves on both cytopathology and hematopathology subcommittees. She was a recipient of 2021-2022 CAPA Service Award.

This year, Dr. Zhang established a new CAPA social media group “CAPA 休闲娱乐群” with the help of other CAPA members to provide a platform for our CAPA members to share anything that can make us proud, and to foster a supportive community. Dr. Zhang is an active member of Duotou Wen-Gong-Tuan Performance Group (多头文工团) and performs regularly at CAPA Annual Meetings and Annual Diagnostic Courses.

If Dr. Zhang were to be elected, she will collaborate with BOD members, CAPA President and EC members to make CAPA stronger. Dr. Zhang has been an active interviewer for medical school student and pathology resident recruitment. This experience will allow her to help our trainees’ fellowship application and job hunting. A healthy work-life balance is important for our well-being and quality of life. Dr. Zhang would like to be an advocate for our members’ wellness.

In summary, Dr. Zhang feels dearly that CAPA is our own organization. She devoted her time and effort and made significant contributions to CAPA in the past, now, and will continue to do so in the future. She is looking forward to the opportunity to serve CAPA as a member of Board of Directors.
I am AP/CP and cytopathology Board certified pathologist. Currently I am a member of Ameripath Indiana (Quest), practicing at a few community-based hospitals.

I got my medical degree in China Medical University and continued my education in the same institute, department of pathology for master degree. After finishing my Ph.D at Case western Reserve University, department of Neuroscience, I matched to SUNY downstate as a AP/CP resident. After Cytopathology fellowship at Montifiore Medical Center affiliated to Albert Einstein University, I started my practice at University of Louisville, KY. I signed out all types of surgical and cytology cases, and served as director of head and neck/endocrine pathology. I also involved in training residents and cytology fellows and became the assistant fellowship director after one year. After working at UoL for more than 3 years, due to family reason, I joined AmeriPath indiana and started practice in community-based settings. My experience made me familiar with both academic and community practice settings, and understand the similarities and differences between the two.

I am a lifetime CAPA member and serve as a member of CAPA private practice committee. Over the years, I actively attended CAPA annual meetings and participated in online and in-person performances. The previous BOD members have done superb jobs to help CAPA members thrive in day to day work, academic research and professional developments. I deeply appreciate their efforts. Therefore, I hope to dedicate myself to CAPA and help promote the success of every CAPA member in various settings.