



American College of Medical Genetics Foundation

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New Board Members Join American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (ACMGF)

*Distinguished Executive, Medical and Philanthropic Leaders
Bring Additional Perspectives to the ACMGF Board*

BETHESDA, MD – May 7, 2009 | The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (ACMGF) has announced the election of four new directors, following its 2009 annual meeting. The board members are active participants in serving as advocates for the Foundation and for advancing the policies and programs of the ACMGF.

The incoming directors, who will serve a term of 5 years, are:

Wayne W. Grody, MD, PhD, FACMG, Professor in the Departments of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Pediatrics, and Human Genetics at the UCLA School of Medicine. He is the founder and director of the Diagnostic Molecular Pathology Laboratory within the UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Grody is also an attending physician in the Department of Pediatrics. He has been one of the primary developers of quality assurance and ethical guidelines for DNA-based genetic testing for a large number of governmental and professional agencies including FDA, AMA, CAP, ACMG, ASHG, NCCLS, CDC, NIH-DOE Human Genome Project (ELSI program), and PSRGN. He did his undergraduate work at Johns Hopkins University, received his MD and PhD at Baylor College of Medicine, and completed residency and fellowship training at UCLA. He is double board-certified by the American Board of Pathology (Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Molecular Genetic Pathology) and the American Board of Medical Genetics (Clinical Genetics, Molecular Genetics, and Biochemical Genetics). He is an ex-officio member of the Foundation Board as president-elect of the American College of Medical Genetics.

Richard A. King, MD, PhD, FACMG, Associate Director of the Institute for Human Genetics at the University of Minnesota and Director of the Genetics Division, is a renowned geneticist and former Editor-in-Chief of the peer-reviewed journal, *Genetics in Medicine*. Dr. King graduated from Pennsylvania State University and Jefferson Medical College. He was an intern and resident, and completed the clinical component of a rheumatology fellowship in the University of Minnesota, Department of Medicine. Following two years at the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima, he returned to the University of Minnesota and obtained his PhD in genetics in 1975.

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Timothy T. Stenzel, MD, PhD, FACMG, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Diagnostic Research and Development at Asuragen, Inc. Dr. Stenzel currently serves on the Strategic Planning Committee for the Association for Molecular Pathology. He graduated with honors in chemistry from Grinnell College and is a graduate of the Duke University Medical Scientist Training Program where he studied the molecular biology of DNA replication and received his MD/PhD. His residency training in pathology, a NIH-funded genetics fellowship, and his fellowship in Clinical Molecular Genetics occurred at Duke as well. He is a member of the following national professional organizations: ACMG, AMA, AMP, and CAP.

Karen O'Connor Urban, is a community advocate and volunteer who serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Bank, as well as a number of not-for-profit organizations. She is an active fundraiser whose leadership has resulted in many successful annual and capital campaigns. Her extensive background in volunteer service has benefitted a diverse array of charitable organizations which span the visual and performing arts to universities, health and hospitals. These include, in part, Texas A& M University at Corpus Christi, Christus Spohn Health System Foundation, the Art Museum of the South and the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center.

“These four highly qualified leaders each bring a new perspective and talent to the ACMG Foundation and will help our Board to further the important work of the Foundation to ensure that genetic discoveries are translated into better health for all,” said R. Rodney Howell, MD, FACMG, president of the ACMGF. “The work of the Foundation is critical to the field of medical genetics today. We are indebted to our current and new leaders for their longstanding dedication to medical genetics and to the public’s health. Each board member brings important new perspectives and I look forward to working with them to realize ACMGF’s goals.”

A complete list of the ACMGF Board of Directors is available at www.acmgfoundation.org.

The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation is currently comprised of 13 board members who are responsible for formulating long-term goals and advancing the policies and programs of the Foundation, and for fundraising to ensure the Foundation’s annual and capital goals.

About the American College of Medical Genetics and the ACMG Foundation

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics (www.acmg.net) advances the practice of medical genetics by providing education, resources and a voice for more than 1400 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals committed to the practice of medical genetics. ACMG’s activities include the development of laboratory and practice standards and guidelines, advocating for quality genetic services in health care and in public health, and promoting the development of methods to diagnose, treat and prevent genetic disease. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG’s website (www.acmg.net) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Medical Geneticist Locator. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics are dependent upon grants, contracts and charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals. The **American College of Medical Genetics Foundation** (www.acmgfoundation.org) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to funding the College’s diverse efforts to translate genes into health.

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