Call for Nominations for Public Member

WHO WE ARE: The American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery (ABCRS) is an independent, not-for-profit institution, representing over 2800 diplomates across the US and Canada. We provide the critical service of establishing standards and certifying surgeons completing specialty training in Colon and Rectal Surgery who go on to provide care and treatment of patients suffering with colorectal disease. The breadth of the surgical specialty ranges from life threatening cancers to benign anorectal conditions. The certification process involves a two-step high-stakes board examination (written and oral exams). In addition, ABCRS monitors progress throughout a Diplomate’s career and provides the framework for maintenance of certification, ensuring the continuous education necessary for a Diplomate’s growth and preparedness.

Ultimately, the American Board of Colon Rectal Surgery serves the public by establishing qualifications and certifying Diplomates, thereby ensuring the highest quality of care to safeguard patients.

POSITION TITLE: Public Member of the Board of Directors

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT: 4 years (starting October 2024), may be elected to a second term depending on interest and performance.

TIME INVOLVEMENT: 4 meetings per year, 2 in-person and 2 virtual as well as periodic offline assignments within committees and task forces.

TRAINING: None required.

DESCRIPTION: We actively seek a Public Board member to serve as a fully vested, voting member of our Board of Directors who is committed and engaged in this important mission. We believe that a Public Member offers critical and unique perspectives which will enhance and augment the Board’s effectiveness. The term of service is comparable to any physician member: 4 years with the option for an additional term depending on interest and performance. This member will also have the privilege to serve on committees and task forces as appropriate. This is a volunteer position without compensation, but travel expenses associated with attending meetings will be reimbursed.
QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Record of experience in organizations that operate for the public good, ideally those with an emphasis on health care.
2. Demonstrates leadership experience or service on a similar institution’s Board of Directors.
3. Understanding of the current health care environment.
4. Cannot be a colorectal or abdominal surgeon.
5. Possesses the ability to think strategically.
6. Maintains broad a perspective on health care and governance.
7. Respectful of and willing to advocate for the profession and for certification.
8. Commitment to diversity and inclusion.
9. Knowledge and expertise in areas such as business and finance, health policy, health information technology, health care management, quality improvement, and communications and marketing.
10. Works collaboratively and cooperatively to achieve goals and decisions.
11. Ability to actively interact and participate in high-level discussions.
12. Skilled in developing and articulating professional knowledge and opinions in a concise and confident manner.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. As a voting member, the Public Member is asked to attend and actively participate in 4 meetings per year, 2 in-person and 2 virtual.
2. Support the mission of ABCRS.
3. Bring an external, public viewpoint and perspective to the discussions of the Board.
4. Serve on committees and task forces as appropriate.

PROCESS:

1. Please send a one-page letter of interest, highlighting experience and specific skills apropos to the qualities outlined as well as a curriculum vitae to mathis.kellie@mayo.edu. Please direct any pre-application inquiries to the same email address.
2. The invitation for nomination will remain open for three months or until 10 qualified applicants are identified. Following review of qualifications, an interview process will occur with details of such to be determined and conveyed.

We deeply appreciate the interest and engagement in this endeavor as the Board seeks to add a Public Member to the Board of Directors.