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California Medical Association Elects New Chair for Board of Trustees

LOS ANGELES, CA, December 7, 2014 – The California Medical Association (CMA) elected David H. Aizuss, M.D. as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees. This is the first time in twenty years a Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) member has been elected CMA chair.

A board certified ophthalmologist who practices in Los Angeles, Aizuss exclusively places focus on direct patient care. He has served as Vice Chair of the CMA board since 2011 and was a former president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

"I am honored to have been elected. The association is dedicated to serving its members and advancing the public health of the citizens of California," said Aizuss. "CMA is the single most effective voice for physician advocacy in our state legislature and before state regulatory bodies."

In addition to his association responsibilities, Aizuss belongs to several professional societies and also serves as an assistant clinical professor of Ophthalmology at the UCLA Geffen School of Medicine. He is a medical staff member at both Tarzana and West Hills Hospital in Los Angeles County.

Pedram Salimpour, M.D., President of LACMA, applauded the electoral results. "We are proud to have one of our own serving on such a highly regarded board," Salimpour said. "Dr. Aizuss is one of the most highly respected clinicians and physician leaders in California and I take very personal pride in that he has been a close associate of my family's for many years."

"I am proud of the physicians who put their reputations and pocketbooks on the line in the interest of their patients. To have such a compassionate and dedicated physician as the new chair of CMA strengthens our voice in our advocacy for the patients our physicians serve," stated Chief Executive Officer of LACMA after hearing of the electoral results.

CMA was founded in 1856 by a small group of physicians dedicated to their patients and their profession. They saw a need to establish standards for the profession to combat issues of epidemic and disease. Today CMA serves more than 40,000 members in various forms of practices and specialties throughout California.

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