



October 2, 2024

Association of Departments of Family Medicine
Nomination Committee

Dear colleagues and members of the ADFM nomination committee (Wanda Cruz-Knight, Megan McGhean, Folashade Omoloe, and David Schmitz):

Thank you in advance for reviewing my statement and CV in support of my interest in President-elect of the Association of Departments of Family Medicine. I am grateful for your work in reviewing candidates for ADFM leadership.

As of July 2024, I have completed a 5 year term as Chair of Family Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, and have been reappointed for a second term, which I will resume in January, 2025 when I return from sabbatical.

About 75% of my first term as Chair has been dealing with the acute or early 'reconstitution' phases of the coronavirus pandemic. As you all know, the pandemic highlighted and exacerbated the struggles of primary care and family medicine. I believe that notwithstanding the pressures and disinvestment from the U.S. Healthcare system, Family Medicine remains a key model for primary care locally, nationally, and globally. ADFM, as a representative organization of academic leaders in Family Medicine, can collaborate with the larger Family Medicine community to provide ongoing support for Family Medicine and co-creating a robust future. as a crucial clinical discipline supported by rigorous educational program and research, to advance equity in health for individuals and communities.

I am spending my sabbatical on two threads that I've maintained through my career: creative and empiric. About half of my time has been dedicated to writing, revising, and submitting a variety of creative works, including poetry, narrative and 55-word stories. I continue to believe in the importance of sharing our stories. Journalists share stories to engage their audience in a greater understanding of the issue at hand. We also should share the stories of the physicians, staff, family members, and patients to continue to help the public understand the nature and importance of our work. There is a long tradition of storytelling in our discipline, and our major journals all publish some form of creative writing.

On the empiric side, I am spending time working at the AAFP Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Primary Care and Family Medicine and the ABFM Center for Professionalism and Values in Healthcare. In both these settings, I'm working with national leaders in policy research, exploring the connections between burnout and stepping back from practice among our Family Physician colleagues. While we know that these are key issues, understanding the data will allow us to share our understandings with other stakeholders in the private sector and government and continue to develop solutions to the challenges facing the primary care workforce.



Beginning with the LEADS fellowship, in which I participated in 2018-19, ADFM has provided an important professional home for me to ensure my local work in Family Medicine is informed by a national perspective as I work with ADFM colleagues from all over the country. I'm especially grateful for the mentoring and collegueship these ADFM members have generously provided to me.

I have served on the Nominations committee and have co-facilitated a "hot topics" webinar. I Chaired the 2024 annual conference held in Palm Springs, after serving on the Program Committee for the two previous years.

I am eager for the opportunity to work with ADFM as a leader and use the experience I've gained in Rochester and with national colleagues to strengthen the discipline of Family Medicine in the national health landscape and strengthen the connections and advocacy ADFM provides among academic departments of Family Medicine.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'CFogarty MD MSc'.