

Gerald E. Harmon, MD



When Gerald E. "Gerry" Harmon asked for your vote for his first term on the AMA Board of Trustees, he pledged to approach the gnarly issues facing our profession with the same tenacity and intensity he brings to catching the pesky alligators that still crawl into the backyard of his coastal home in South Carolina. He has kept that pledge.

Dr. Harmon's belief that medical policy is best set by those working in the grassroots of medicine led to his involvement, first, in the South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA) and, subsequently, the American Medical Association.

At SCMA his responsibilities ranged from trustee, board chair and president to helping found a physician assurance (medical liability) company. His AMA leadership involvement began with the AMA Council on Medical Service and continued on the

Board of Trustees, serving as chair 2017–2018.

His voluntary work as medical supervisor for the local district's 23 schools led to a Lifetime Achievement Award from the county Chamber of Commerce. For his dedication to his service as a clinical professor at two of his state's medical schools and his hospital's family medicine residency program, the South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians has twice named him Community Educator of the Year. He continues to personally sponsor his area resident physicians to attend AMA meetings.

For nearly 30 years Dr. Harmon has worked beside us in our House against those misguided forces that threaten to weaken our profession and—most unfairly—hinder us from making the timely and accurate medical decisions we are well trained to make. Now, the South Carolina Medical Association is proud to nominate and asks for you to join in supporting this experienced, energetic advocate for American medicine to serve as our next president-elect. SCMA is joined by the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Southeastern Delegation to the AMA in this advocacy.

Inclusive, approachable, decisive ... not afraid to speak truth to power and to stand up for what's right for patients and the physicians who care for them ... Gerry Harmon is the right leader to be our next president-elect.

Personal statement:

"The AMA is not just a group of 'providers' to be viewed as merely a collection of NPIs. We represent the most highly trained and educated, incredibly talented and accomplished medical professionals in the nation who are providing exceptional care and comfort to our patients while leading transformation in health care delivery."