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SDSMA Elects New Officers, Announces Award Recipients at Annual Conference

SIoux FALLS – June 6, 2022 – **Lucio N. Margallo II, MD**, of Mitchell became the 141st president of the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) during the organization’s annual meeting on Friday in Sioux Falls. Outgoing president **Kara L. Dahl, MD**, of Aberdeen, presented the presidential medallion to Dr. Margallo at the association’s banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown.

Dr. Margallo has been an active member of the SDSMA since 1994. He is an internal medicine physician at Avera Medical Group Mitchell. He has served in leadership in healthcare for many years including positions on the SDSMA Board of Directors, SDSMA Policy Council, his local District 6 Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association. After being sworn in, Dr. Margallo spoke about his upbringing in the Philippines and his journey to medicine, the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, efforts to remove obstacles that interfere with patient care, tackling other challenges in health care, and improving the health of South Dakotans. “During this pandemic, physicians have risen to the occasion – and have made us all proud” Dr. Margallo said. “The passion that South Dakota physicians have for their patients and the profession of medicine is profound.” [Learn more about Dr. Margallo here.](#)

The Board of Directors members for the 2022-23 year are:

- President – **Lucio N. Margallo II, MD**
- President-Elect – **Denise S. Hanisch, MD**
- Vice President – **Jennifer J. Tinguely, MD, MPH**
- Secretary-Treasurer – **Susan M. Anderson, MD**
- Immediate Past President – **Kara L. Dahl, MD**
- At-Large Director – **Mark C. Ballard, MD**
- At-Large Director – **Lisa B. Brown, MD**
- At-Large Director – **Keith A. Hansen, MD**
- Policy Council Chair – **Heather L. Preuss, MD**
- SDSMA Delegate to the American Medical Association – **Mary S. Carpenter, MD**
- SDSMA Delegate to the American Medical Association – **Robert L. Allison, MD**
- SDSMA Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association – **Robert J. Summerer, DO**

Learn more about Board of Directors members [here](#).

SDSMA Award Recipients

The SDSMA presented awards to recipients at the annual banquet on Friday.

- The SDSMA’s **Distinguished Service Award** recognizes a physician or lay person who has been of outstanding service to the medical profession in South Dakota. This year the Distinguished Service Award recipient is **Tom J. Huber, MD**.

- The **Outstanding Young Physician Award** was presented to **Mandi Greenway Bietz, MD**. This award is given to a young physician under 40 or within the first eight years of professional practice after residency and fellowship training. This physician is recognized for outstanding achievements, dedication and service to the community and the SDSMA at the local, state and national levels.
- The SDSMA's **Community Service Award** is presented each year to a physician who separates himself or herself through outstanding work in the area of community affairs. This year the award was given to **David Basel, MD**.
- **The Prairie Docs – Andrew R. Ellsworth, MD; Kelly M. Evans-Hullinger, MD; Debra J. Johnston, MD and Jill Kruse, DO** – received the SDSMA's **Richard P. Holm, MD, Media Award**. The Richard P. Holm, MD, Media Award recognizes those who have helped promote the medical field and medical issues.
- The **Young at Heart Award** is presented to a physician who has inspired young physicians as a mentor, role model and leader. This year's recipient is **Laurie B. Landeen, MD**.
- **Benjamin C. Aaker, MD**, received the SDSMA's **Past President's Award**. This award is presented each year to the immediate past president of the SDSMA in recognition of their many years of work and dedication to organized medicine.
- **Mary S. Carpenter, MD**, received the **Special Presidential Award**. This award is chosen by the SDSMA president to recognize the recipient's contributions to the medical profession.
- The **Friend of Medicine Award** was presented to **Blake Curd, MD**. This award is given in recognition of contributions serving as an effective advocate for health care and the medical profession.
- The **COPIC Humanitarian Award** honors a physician for volunteer medical services and contributions to their community. **Tim Irwin, MD**, is the recipient of this year's award. The award aims to recognize individuals who unassumingly volunteer outside the spectrum of their day-to-day lives. The recipient of the award designates a \$10,000 donation from COPIC to be provided to a health care-related 501(c)(3) organization in South Dakota. Dr. Irwin has chosen Servant Hearts Clinic in Yankton as the donation recipient.
- Six physicians were recognized with the SDSMA's **50-Year Award** for medical practice in South Dakota. Physicians who received this award were: **Frank G. Alvine, MD; Bernie H.P. Hanson, MD; Donald H. Kelley, MD; Thomas L. Looby, MD; Michael W. Pekas, MD; and John D. Sabow, MD**. These physicians have been practicing medicine for a half-century and have contributed greatly to the medical profession.

The SDSMA serves physicians, residents and medical students who are dedicated to the health of South Dakotans. The mission of the SDSMA is to promote the art and science of medicine, protect and improve the health of the public, and advocate for the well-being of physicians and patients and the best environment for physicians to advance quality health care.

Learn more about the SDSMA at www.sdsma.org.