

EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES



ALFRED DEMARIA, JR., MD

Candidate for
PRESIDENT-ELECT
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Al DeMaria has been the Massachusetts State Epidemiologist since 1990. He has served in various other roles in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, including Assistant Commissioner, Acting Director of the State Laboratory Institute, and Chief Medical Officer. Currently, he is Medical Director of the Bureau of Infectious Disease. Duties include epidemiologic and medical direction of the bureau, consultation services to other components of the department and other state agencies, and responsibility for scientific direction of several programs and research projects.

Dr. DeMaria is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard Medical School. He trained in internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in The Bronx, NY and in infectious diseases at the Boston City Hospital and the Boston University School of Medicine. Prior to joining the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, he was an attending in the Section of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine and on the staff of the Maxwell Finland Laboratory for Infectious Diseases at the Boston City Hospital, as well as engaged in infectious diseases specialty practice in the community.

Currently, Dr. DeMaria is completing his first year on the CSTE Executive Board as Infectious Diseases Chair. He is currently representing CSTE on the Transfusion Transmitted Disease Committee of the AABB and as viral hepatitis lead. He served on the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee from 1997-2003. He is a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America.

Dr. DeMaria was on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Public Health Association for 15 years. He has been a member of multiple committees of the Massachusetts Medical Society, including a 21-year member of its Committee on Public Health. He is currently President Elect of the Northeast Branch of the American Society of Microbiology. Dr. DeMaria has an interest in public health history and has been on the Board of Directors of The Public Health Museum in Massachusetts since 2002.

Disclosure: Dr. DeMaria has not potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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TIM JONES, MD

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Dr. Jones received his MD degree from Stanford University, and completed a residency in Family Medicine and fellowship in maternal-child health in Rhode Island. He subsequently worked with the National Health Service Corps in Utah. In 1997 he joined CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service, assigned to the Tennessee Department of Health.

Following his EIS service, Dr. Jones joined the Tennessee Department of Health as a medical epidemiologist, overseeing the Emerging Infections Program FoodNet program. In 2001 he became the Deputy State Epidemiologist, and in 2007 was appointed State Epidemiologist in TN. He currently oversees programs including HIV/STD, immunizations, TB, emergency preparedness, hospital infections, environmental epidemiology, informatics, and general communicable diseases. He has a special interest in foodborne diseases and outbreak investigation. He has participated in numerous activities including work with the WHO, Institute of Medicine, FDA, and Global Foodborne Infections Network, and serves on the IDSA National and Global Public Health Committee. He is on the Editorial Board of the MMWR and has coauthored over 120 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Jones has been a CSTE member since he was an EIS Officer. He has served as the CSTE liaison to the ASTHO Food Safety Committee and the FDA, and is co-chair and CSTE representative on the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of CSTE since 2010.

Disclosure: Dr. Jones is employed solely by the Tennessee Department of Health and has no conflicts of interest to report.

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JERRY FAGLIANO, PHD, MPH

Candidate for
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH /
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH / INJURY CHAIR

Dr. Jerald A. Fagliano has worked as an epidemiologist for the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services for 26 years, where he is the manager of the Environmental and Occupational Health Surveillance Program. The program is responsible for occupational health surveillance funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, including surveillance of work-related asthma, silicosis, fatal injuries, and adult lead exposure. He is the principal investigator of a project funded by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to conduct state-based surveillance of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Dr. Fagliano is also the principal investigator of the ATSDR-funded project for public health assessments of hazardous waste sites in the state, and is also the principal investigator of the Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) project in New Jersey, funded by the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH). He is co-chair of the EPHT Content Work Group which makes recommendations to NCEH on nationally consistent data for display on the EPHT network. He has led investigations of cancer and birth defects in relation to air pollutants and drinking water contaminants, exposure to mercury, chromium and lead in residential, recreational and day-care settings, asthma morbidity and air pollutants, and health impacts of emergency events. His program is also responsible for cancer and other disease cluster investigations. He was the principal investigator of the Toms River childhood cancer cluster study.

Dr. Fagliano is a graduate of the University of Vermont. After working as the laboratory director for the Burlington, Vt. Water Resources Department, he earned a Master of Public Health degree in environmental health from Yale University in 1985. While employed in New Jersey, he earned a Ph.D. in occupational and environmental epidemiology from The Johns Hopkins University in 1998. His dissertation examined the relationship between the incidence of childhood brain cancer and drinking water contaminants.

He joined CSTE in 2006, and is the Environmental Epidemiology point of contact for New Jersey. He has served CSTE as a member of: the Environmental Epidemiology Leadership Group; the CDC work group to update cancer cluster investigation guidelines; a work group to define the functions of environmental epidemiology and surveillance in state health departments; and the State Environmental Health Indicator Collaborative. He also served as a member of the annual meeting planning committee for 2007. He is currently a mentor to a CSTE Fellow in environmental and occupational epidemiology.

Dr. Fagliano received the Distinguished Service Award from the Environment Section of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in 2001, after serving as Chair of the section and on the APHA Science Board and Governing Council. He was entered into the Public Service Honor Roll by the Association of Yale Alumni in Public Health in 2006.

Disclosure: Dr. Fagliano is employed by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, where his position is supported by state general funds. He has no potential conflicts of interest regarding service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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BETSY KAGEY, PHD, MSPH

Candidate for
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH /
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH / INJURY CHAIR
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Dr. Betsy Kagey is the Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response at the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH). At GDPH, she works in the area of planning for and responding to events of public health significance including all hazards and terrorist events. As a member of the Biowatch Advisory Committee, her interests lie in the environmental sampling decision processes which will support the public health response and long-term epidemiologic follow-up. Dr. Kagey is also epidemiologic consultant to Georgia's ATSDR's Cooperative Agreement Chemical Hazards Program and the Chair of the Georgia Water Advisory Group, an interagency workgroup which developed *The Georgia Public Health Drought Guidance*. She was a member of CDC's National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures Chemical Emergencies Work Group. She is an active participant in Georgia's Coalition for Emergency Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities and Older Adults.

Prior to coming to the GDPH in 2006, Dr. Kagey was epidemiologist at the Allegany County Health Department in Public Health Emergency Preparedness in Western Maryland and an adjunct professor at Frostburg State University. Dr. Kagey is a member and Past President of The Society for Environmental Geochemistry and Health (SEGH) and was Co-Chair of SEGH's Conference on Urban Environmental Contamination and Health: The Aftermath of Katrina, New Orleans July, 2007

Dr. Kagey received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University, her MSPH in Environmental Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health and her doctorate in Environmental Health and Toxicology from State University of New York-Albany School of Public Health.

As a CSTE member since 2006, Dr. Kagey has worked on CSTE's Environmental Health Conference Planning Committee for the past two years, presented and moderated sessions at the annual conferences, participated in the State Environmental Public Health Indicators workgroup and the Disaster Epidemiology Workgroup meetings.

Disclosure: Dr. Kagey has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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SHARON WATKINS, PHD, MA

Candidate for
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH /
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH / INJURY CHAIR
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Dr. Sharon Watkins has over 10 years of experience with the Florida Department of Health and has been a Sr. Environmental Epidemiologist since 2008 in the Bureau of Environmental Public Health Medicine. In her current capacity she oversees a number of programs. These include the Chemical Disease Surveillance program, which involves surveillance on pesticide poisonings, carbon monoxide poisonings and other notifiable diseases as well as surveillance and epidemiologic response for other chemical and radiological events (preparedness). She also oversees the Occupational Safety and Health Program, Analytical Environmental Epidemiology program (environmental disease clusters and consultation), and the Birth Defects Program. Dr. Watkins is PI for grants from NIOSH, EPA and CDC related to these programs.

Dr. Watkins received her BA from Ohio Wesleyan University in Botany/Bacteriology, MA from SUNY Albany in Physical Anthropology and PhD from The Ohio State University in Preventive Medicine in 1996 with an emphasis in epidemiology. Her focus was on epidemiologic methods, environmental and occupational epidemiology and maternal and child health issues. She joined the Florida Department of Health as an Injury Epidemiologist and has gone on to work and consult in a variety of capacities (MCH and Environmental Epidemiology). Since joining the department she has been involved in projects such as childhood blood lead surveillance, creation of the Healthy Start program and screening criteria, and PRAMS sampling strategies and use of data. She has recently been instrumental in starting Florida's occupational illness and injury surveillance program, launching chemical and radiologic epidemiologic functions in the department, revision of the Florida protocol for investigation of cancer clusters, coordination of investigations of acute illnesses associated with chemical poisonings, coordination of birth defect surveillance projects and strengthening pesticide poisoning surveillance and investigations.

Dr. Watkins has been a member of CSTE since 2007 and is active in a number of CSTE committees and initiatives, attending annual meetings since 2008. She has served as a CSTE representative on the National Alliance for Radiation Readiness (NARR) since 2009, an organization which serves to bring together a wide variety of partner organizations to serve as a collective voice of health in radiation readiness and preparedness activities. She has also served on a national workgroup formed to rewrite the Guidelines for Investigating Cancer Clusters, scheduled to be released as an MMWR in 2012. Dr. Watkins is co-chair (CSTE representative) for the newly created Community of Practice group, formed to build increased partnerships between Poison Control Centers and state health departments. She has also served as an advisor and conference participant to the environmental subcommittee in CSTE.

She has authored and co-authored over 24 peer reviewed published papers and regularly presents at the annual CSTE conference.

Disclosures: Dr. Watkins has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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JANET HAMILTON, MPH

Candidate for
CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT-LARGE
(SURVEILLANCE / INFORMATICS STEERING COMMITTEE)

Janet J Hamilton, MPH is an epidemiologist with public health work experience at the state and local level. Ms. Hamilton started with the Florida Department of Health in 2003 following completion of her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Michigan. To further advance her informatics training, Ms. Hamilton completed the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) 10 X 10 course in 2008.

Ms. Hamilton has seven years of experience running and developing the Florida Department of Health's infectious disease surveillance systems. She is currently the Surveillance Systems Unit Manager for the Bureau of Epidemiology. In this position she has made Florida a leader in innovation in both reportable disease and syndromic surveillance. This work was recognized in 2011 with the receipt of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Davies Award for positively impacting population health by optimizing health information technology. She also oversees surveillance activities during response efforts post-natural disaster (such as hurricanes), antimicrobial resistance, and influenza and other non-reportable respiratory diseases. A core focus of her work has been to advance electronic laboratory reporting for reportable disease surveillance, and most recently to automate case generation, determination of case classification according to surveillance case definitions and reporting for select reportable diseases within the in-house developed reportable disease surveillance system, Merlin. Janet has given numerous presentations and was invited to present to the American Health Information Community (AHIC) Population Health and Clinical Care Connections Workgroup on surveillance system needs and data use during outbreak response.

Ms. Hamilton has been an active member of CSTE for the last 8 years and has served on the CSTE Executive Board and Chair of the Surveillance and Informatics Steering Committee since 2011. In this role she also actively participates in each of the four Surveillance and Informatics Sub-committees.

Ms. Hamilton would be honored to serve again on the CSTE Executive Board to further advance efforts in electronic laboratory reporting, electronic disease surveillance and new surveillance opportunities available in today's electronic information environment. In particular, Ms. Hamilton is interested in focusing efforts on the challenges and opportunities facing public health in the areas of cloud computing, health information exchanges, the Affordable Care Act, and Meaningful Use.

Disclosures: Ms. Hamilton has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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BRYANT KARRAS, MD

Candidate for
CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT-LARGE
(SURVEILLANCE / INFORMATICS STEERING COMMITTEE)
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Bryant Thomas Karras MD, Chief Public Health Informatics Officer and Senior Epidemiologist at WA State DOH is a Physician, an Engineer and Public Health Informatician. He joined Washington's Department of Health from the University of Washington in 2008. He has a technical, business process, and problem-solving approach with a background in Biomedical Engineering (University of California San Diego), Internal Medicine (University of Wisconsin) and Medical Informatics (Yale). Dr. Karras was a founding faculty member of the University of Washington the Biomedical & Health Informatics program, and the Center for Public Health Informatics. He still teaches and mentors Masters, PhD students, and CSTE Fellows, as well as being one of the developers of the PH Informatics competencies, curricula and many continuing education courses, both in the USA and internationally. He specializes in informatics methods to improve public health via disease surveillance, health promotion surveys, and prevention. As Informatics Officer he supports the informatics needs of Epidemiology, Health Statistics and the Public Health Laboratories. He leads the DOH cross divisional efforts to prepare public health for meaningful use and changes to public health practice that Statewide Health Information Exchange will bring. He has attended CSTE for the past 3 three years and has been a CSTE member and workgroup participant on Informatics and Surveillance since 2008.

Disclosures: Dr. Karras has no potential conflicts of interest regarding potential service as a member of the CSTE Board.

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