

2021 IDSA Elections

Biographical Sketches and Personal Statements

IDSA 2021 Elections Ballot

Vice President (4-year term): Steven K. Schmitt, MD, FIDSA
Cleveland, OH

Treasurer (3-year term): Jeanne Marrasso, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA
Birmingham, AL

Director (3-year term): Lilian M. Abbo, MD, FIDSA
Miami, FL

Director (3-year term): Adaora A. Adimora, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA
Chapel Hill, NC

Director (3-year term): Maximo O. Brito, MD, MPH, FIDSA
Chicago, IL

Vice President

Steven K. Schmitt, MD, FIDSA

Education: Haverford College, 1982; University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, 1988; Internal Medicine Residency, Cleveland Clinic, 1991; Infectious Disease Fellowship, Cleveland Clinic, 1994.

Current Appointments: Vice Chair, Department of Infectious Disease, Cleveland Clinic; Head, Section of Bone and Joint Infections, Department of Infectious Disease, Cleveland Clinic; Associate Professor of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University.

IDSA Participation: American Medical Association CPT Advisory Committee (IDSA CPT advisor; Vaccine Coding Caucus; Cognitive Specialty Workgroup; Evaluation and Management Coding Workgroup; Telehealth Workgroup; currently, IDSA alternate advisor), 2008-present; American Medical Association RUC Advisory Committee (IDSA RUC Advisor), 2018-2020; Board of State and Regional Societies, 2004-2007; Clinical Affairs Committee, 2008-2013 (Chair, 2011-2013); Board of Directors liaison, 2015-2016; Truven Value Project, 2016-2018; Quality Improvement Task Force, 2008-2014; Vertebral Osteomyelitis Guidelines Panel, 2010-2015; Chair, Value of Infectious Diseases Specialists Task Force, 2009-2014; ID Specialty Recruitment Task Force, 2014-2016; IDSA Guidelines Task Force, 2015-2016; IDSA Board of Directors, 2013-2016; Governance Task Force, 2017-2018; Leadership Institute Work Group, 2018-present; Chair, Physician Compensation Strike Team, 2020; Physician Compensation Task Force, 2020-present.

Research Interests: Value of clinical and non-clinical activities of ID specialists.

Other: President, Musculoskeletal Infection Society, 2014-2015 (Executive Committee, 2012-2015); President, Infectious Diseases Society of Ohio, 2002-2004 (VP, 2000-2002); IDSA Society Citation, 2019; Best Doctors in America, 2011-2020; Fellow, Infectious Diseases Society of America, 2006; Fellow, American College of Physicians, 2010; Diplomate, ABIM, in IM and ID.

Personal Statement: It has been my privilege to serve ID specialists and IDSA for more than two decades. It is abundantly apparent that ID specialists serve a lynchpin role in complex patient care, health care systems, basic and clinical research and public health. However, these roles continue to be woefully under-recognized. It has been the focus of my IDSA involvement to mitigate this. I have advocated in AMA venues for clinical payment policy since 2008. With my accomplished colleagues in the Clinical Affairs Committee and Value of ID Task Force, we published two seminal big data studies proving the value of the ID specialist in clinical settings. In the last two years, I have been honored to carry this work forward as chair of ID Compensation Strike Team and the subsequent task force, developing tools for negotiation and novel approaches to compensation for all ID specialists. It is my hope to take advantage of these experiences and leverage this unique moment in history to bring IDSA members the professional and personal recognition that our efforts beg and the data say that we have long deserved.

These activities have placed me squarely in the “Grow” portion of the IDSA Strategic Plan. In that same domain, I have been an active participant in efforts to secure the future of the Society, helping to inform efforts to entice the best and brightest to ID as a member of the Recruitment Task Force, shape a qualified and diverse leadership for the Society on the Governance Task Force and ensure ID leadership skills and a Society leadership bench on the Leadership Institute Work Group. I am prouder still of the leaders I’ve helped direct toward and seen emerge in IDSA. It energizes me to know that they are using their diverse backgrounds and talents to build IDSA’s future.

I am committed to using my experience to make IDSA vibrant, responsive and indispensable to the brilliant and diverse members who pay its dues and to ensuring that they enjoy a sense of purpose and respect across the many domains they represent. They deserve no less than our best effort to lift their careers and lives.

Treasurer

Jeanne Marrazzo, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA

Education: Harvard-Radcliffe College, AB Cum Laude, 1984; Thomas Jefferson Medical College, MD, 1988; Intern, Resident and Chief Resident in Internal Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital, 1988-1992; Infectious Disease Fellow, University of Washington, 1992-1995; University of Washington, MPH, Epidemiology, 1994.

Current Appointments: C. Glenn Cobbs Endowed Chair in Infectious Diseases & Division Director, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Co-Director, UAB Center for AIDS Research.

IDSA Recent Participation: IDWeek Program Committee, 2015-2018 (Chair, HIV Track, 2018); IDSA Board of Directors, 2018-present.

Research Interests: Management and biomedical prevention of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV; vaginal microbiome; reproductive tract infections in women.

Other: Chair, American Board of Internal Medicine Council, 2015-2018; Chair, ABIM Infectious Disease Subspecialty Board, 2013-2018; President, International Society for Sexually Transmitted Disease Research, 2015-2017; President, Anaerobe Society of the Americas, 2015-2018; Trustee, ABIM Foundation, 2020-present.

Personal Statement: I have been involved in IDSA leadership for the last decade, first through membership on the IDWeek Program Committee (eventually chairing the HIV track) and more recently, for the last three years, as a member of the Board of Directors. Through this involvement, I've gotten to understand and help promote the critical role that IDSA has in leading on literally dozens of issues, from compensation for our members to optimization of patient care to educating and supporting our trainees. My experience as a director of a large ID division (~50 faculty) has given me a keen appreciation for the intense need for leadership from a national organization like IDSA. I have been continually impressed by the unfailing energy, vision, enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism of the IDSA leadership and staff and would be greatly honored to continue to serve as an officer. The role of treasurer is a critical one, involving familiarity with the financial aspects of the organization as well as a deep appreciation for and commitment to the organization's strategic priorities and vision. I would be humbled to be selected and would do my best to contribute to the Executive Team's efforts in that role.

My role in leading my division as well as training generations of mentees have combined with my leadership roles in several professional organizations to hone abilities that are critical for the IDSA leadership track. I am able to manage group dynamics and discussion with ease and encourage participation of diverse voices; my participation in IDSA BOD discussions has pushed me in my growth in thinking strategically and promoting thoughtful, considered change that is derived from honest, robust discussion in an atmosphere of respect. My role as division director overseeing an annual budget of approximately \$45M, including research funding and another \$8M in endowments, has been a great experience in learning the fundamentals of sound financial management and planning for a large organization; this experience should inform meaningful ability to take on the position of treasurer and work with IDSA staff to provide the best service that I can in this role.

Director Candidate

Lilian M. Abbo, MD, FIDSA

Education: Universidad Central de Venezuela, Luis Razetti Medical School, Physician Surgeon (MD), 1999; Intern in Internal Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY, 2003; Resident in Internal Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center, 2005; Fellow in Infectious Diseases, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine/Jackson Memorial Hospital, 2007; Fellow, 25th *Hedwig van Ameringen* Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program for Women, Drexel University College of Medicine, 2020; University of Miami, Herbert Business School, Executive MBA for Health Management & Policy (*Fall 2022*).

Current Appointments: Professor of Medicine and Clinical Infectious Diseases, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Chief, Infection Control and Prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship Chief, Jackson Health System, Miami, Florida.

IDSA Participation: Antimicrobial Resistance Committee, 2020-present; Diversity Inclusion and Equity Task Force, 2018-2020; Antimicrobial Stewardship Basic and Advanced Fellows Curriculum Workgroup, 2016-2019; Joint Antimicrobial Stewardship Task Force, 2016-2018; Antimicrobial Resistance Advocacy for the UN Global Task Force, 2016-2017; Quality Improvement Committee, 2014-2017; Education Committee, 2014-2017; Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidelines Panel, 2012-2015; Standards and Practice Guidelines Committee, 2010-2013.

Research Interests: Antimicrobial resistance; antimicrobial stewardship; transplant infectious diseases; infection prevention and hospital epidemiology; COVID-19.

Other: Executive Healthcare Leadership Certificate, Cornell University, 2019; Healthcare Change Leadership Certificate, Cornell University, 2019; Value-Based Health Care Delivery Intensive Seminar, Harvard University Business School, 2017; Green Belt Six Sigma Process Improvement Certified, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2016; Florida Department of Health, Advisory Board, Healthcare Associated Infections, 2018-present, and Advisory Board, Antimicrobial Stewardship, 2019-present; Health Services Advisory Group and Medicare Quality Innovation Network Board, Florida Antimicrobial Stewardship Advisory Council, 2017; Association of American Medical Colleges Group of Women in Medicine and Science representative for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2014-2017; Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of North America Research Committee, 2014-2017; American Society of Transplantation, Infectious Diseases Community of Practice Executive Committee, and Co-Chair, Transplant ID Safety and Quality Workgroup, 2018-2020; International Society of Chemotherapy for Infection and Cancer, Antimicrobial Stewardship Working Group, 2009-2019; Venezuelan American Medical Association, 2011-present; Diversity Award Department of Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2017; Excellence in Leadership Award Women in Academic Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, 2017; May A. Brunson Award, 45th Annual Meeting University of Miami Women's Commission, University of Miami, 2016; FIDSA, 2015.

Personal Statement: As a dual U.S. and Venezuelan citizen, I have always been committed to the advancement of minorities, women and Hispanics into the mission of IDSA. My background, network of national and international multidisciplinary collaborators, clinical expertise in transplantation and management of multidrug-resistant infections, as well as my participation in multiple societies, has allowed me to expand the footprint of IDSA globally. The opportunity to serve in the board will allow me to bring a different and diverse perspective to represent our current and future membership. For the past year I have been leading the COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts from hospital epidemiology and antimicrobial stewardship at Jackson Health System, the largest county hospital in the state of Florida and safety net for Miami-Dade County. More than ever, we have seen how the social determinants of health play a key role in ID and access to care and how global health is fundamental to close these disparities. Most recently, we have all seen the impact of emerging COVID variants and poor access to vaccination beyond the U.S. in our neighboring Latin American countries and India. I am a strategic thinker and have served in multiple leadership roles in my institutions as well as undergoing formal training in leadership and leading change. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the IDSA Board to support IDSA's efforts to advance evidence-based initiatives, public health policy and the value of the infectious diseases specialist. I believe that my experience, passion and collaborative skills will be valuable to the IDSA Board, our members and trainees.

Director Candidate

Adaora A. Adimora, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA

Education: Cornell University, BA; Yale School of Medicine, MD, 1981; Intern and Resident in Internal Medicine, Boston City Hospital, 1981-1984; Fellow in Infectious Diseases, Montefiore/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1984-1986.

Current Appointments: Sarah Graham Kenan Distinguished Professor of Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Professor of Epidemiology, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

IDSA Participation: IDSA Awards Committee, 2018-2019; IDSA Governance Task Force, 2018; IDSA Task Force on Gender Disparities in ID, 2017, and co-authored an article, "Diversity in the U.S. Infectious Diseases Workforce: Challenges for Women and Underrepresented Minorities," (*J Infect Dis*) that resulted from this work; speaker, IDSA/National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Infectious Diseases Research Careers Meeting, 2017; testimony to the U.S. Congress on behalf of HIVMA concerning drug pricing, 2016; Chair, HIVMA, 2014-2015; HIVMA liaison to IDSA Research Committee, 2009-2011; HIVMA Board of Directors, 2008-2011.

Research Interests: Clinical and social epidemiology of HIV and STIs.

Other: Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine, and Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine-Subspecialty Infectious Diseases; Edward H. Kass Award Lecturer, 2020; HIVMA Clinical Educator Award, 2020; Thomas Jefferson Award, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2020; NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel, 2020-present; National Academy of Medicine, 2019; Governing Council, International AIDS Society, 2015; Co-Chair, HIV Incidence Subcommittee, Presidential Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, 2015-2017; Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, 2013-2017; Department of Health and Human Services Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents, 2011-2019; National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Advisory Council, 2011-2015; POZ 100, 2010; The Root 100, 2009; testimony to U.S. Congressional Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 2008.

Personal Statement: In all likelihood, there is no future timeline in which we completely conquer all infectious diseases. Antimicrobial resistance will persist for some time. We will face more pandemics after — and perhaps even before — the current one ends. The past 15 months have clearly shown that infectious diseases are, quite literally, an existential threat to humankind.

Infectious disease professionals have unique insights into and understanding of these problems at both the individual patient and larger societal levels. Our success in facing these challenges will depend at least in part on our ability to harness these insights to effect positive change. The Infectious Diseases Society of America has been critical in amplifying the voices of ID professionals: developing guidelines that maximize clinicians' ability to deliver optimal care, clarifying the value of ID physicians and the need for their adequate compensation and providing input to help shape public health policy. I look forward to working with IDSA as we confront and conquer infectious disease challenges of the future.

Director Candidate

Maximo O. Brito, MD, MPH, FIDSA

Education: INTEC University, Dominican Republic, MD, 1994; Intern and Resident in Internal Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center, FL, 1996-1999; Chief Medical Resident, Mount Sinai Medical Center, FL, 1999-2000; Fellow in Infectious Diseases, University of Miami, 2000-2002; University of Illinois at Chicago, MPH, 2008-2010.

Current Appointments: Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine; Chief of Infectious Diseases, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois.

IDSA Participation: Training Program Directors Committee, 2010-2014; Global Health Committee, 2017-present; HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Program Committee, 2019-present; Panelist, Congressional briefing on the importance of the ID workforce, U.S. Capitol, 2018; IDSA representative, Civil Society Hearing on the eradication of tuberculosis, United Nations, NY, 2018; lead of writing group for IDSA's collaborative paper, "ID/HIV Physician Ambassadors: Advancing Policy to Improve Health" (published simultaneously in *CID/JPIDS*), 2021.

Research Interests: HIV prevention and early HIV treatment; global health; epidemiology of epidemic and endemic arboviral diseases.

Other: Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine (Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases); Distinguished City of Chicago Resolution, 2015; Clifford Pilz Attending of the Year, University of Illinois, 2007; Certificate of Excellence in Teaching, University of Illinois, 2009-2016.

Personal Statement: Unlike any recent historical period, the events of the year 2020 introduced the citizens of this country and the world to the infectious diseases community.

The country is witnessing with respect and admiration how our ID colleagues are rising to this most difficult challenge to assist their respective institutions, their cities, their states and their country and to reassure a stunned public during this unprecedented crisis. In this extraordinary test of leadership, IDSA has emerged as a trusted organization to advocate and educate health care workers, inform the public and advise political leaders. The society remains true to its mission: "to improve the health of individuals, communities and society by promoting excellence relating to infectious diseases."

That is the type of organization we all want to belong to; it is what first got me involved, and it is what inspired me to volunteer for a seat on the Board of Directors. If elected to this position, I commit to help further IDSA's national and global advocacy priorities on behalf of my colleagues and our patients and contribute to the Society's education and mentoring missions. Importantly, I am eager to advance IDSA's commitment to foster a new generation of diverse health care workers and leaders that mirror the people they serve.