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Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Society Announces 2023-2024 Leadership

Chicago, March 2023: The [American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) is pleased to announce Board Officers and At-Large Trustees for the Society's 2023-2024 governance term which begins at the conclusion of the 2023 ASPHO Conference, May 10-13, in Fort Worth, TX. Appointments to the Society's Board of Trustees are based on exemplary contributions to pediatric hematology/oncology, impactful participation in the Society, leadership capacity, and representation of the Society's diverse membership. Incoming Board President Caroline Hastings, MD, Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, an active member of ASPHO, served in various volunteer positions including the Board and authored ASPHO's recent workforce publication. Incoming Vice President Jeffrey Hord, MD, Akron Children's Hospital, chaired the Education Committee and critical accreditation process sustaining ASPHO's high caliber educational content. Daniel Wechsler, MD PhD, of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University, who has led multiple committees and chaired the 2015 and 2016 ASPHO Conferences, will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Current Board of Trustees President, Douglas Graham, MD PhD, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University, will succeed to Immediate Past President and guide the [Leadership Development Committee](#) in critical efforts to create a strong leadership pipeline in accordance with defined competencies and the Society's [Diversity Statement](#).

Society leadership includes six At-Large Board Trustees, with four Trustees continuing their service: Sarah Alexander, MD, Hospital for Sick Children, Michelle

Hudspeth, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Michael Jeng, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, and Maria Velez, MD, LSUHSC/Children's Hospital New Orleans. Incoming Trustees Amir Mian, MD MBA, Georgia Cancer Center/Children's Hospital of Georgia, and Rich Tower, MD MS, Medical College of Wisconsin, join the Board for the 2023-2026 term.

Acknowledging the leadership transition, Dr. Graham notes, “ASPHO is extremely fortunate to have as its next Board President Dr. Caroline Hastings, who is known for her ability to steer organizations to high levels of both patient care and support of expert healthcare providers. The ASPHO Conference also marks the departure of Immediate Past President from Society leadership, and we are indebted to Jorge Di Paola, MD, of Washington University in St. Louis and St. Louis Children's Hospital, for leading the Society through the unexpected travails of the pandemic that enormously affected our members, both professionally and personally, as well as pediatric hematology/oncology patient families. Dr. Di Paola was an exceptional leader during the pandemic, and we are grateful for his service.”

Founded in 1981, the [American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology \(ASPHO\)](#) is the professional medical society of pediatric hematology/oncology subspecialists and other healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting the optimal care of children, adolescents, and young adults with blood disorders and cancer. ASPHO serves over 1,900 members including physicians, researchers, advanced practice providers, and fellows in training by sponsoring educational and professional development programs, promoting discovery, advocating on behalf of its patient base and members, advancing professional practice, and supporting partnerships to further its goals. For more information, visit www.aspho.org.

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