



2025 Board of Directors Nomination

Nomination submission for:

Director-at-Large (two positions)

Nominee Identification Information

Name Gemayel Lee

Please list your credentials, i.e., MD, MPH, PhD, etc. MD

How Many Years Have You Been an AAPM Member? 2

How long have you held your current volunteer position? 1

What is your total experience in the field of pain medicine? 8

Employment & Practice Information

Type of Organization (select one) Private Practice

Organization Relive You Center for Advanced Pain Management

1. In what areas of Pain Medicine do you practice? Pain Medicine Anesthesiology Interventional

Acute Pain & Regional Anesthesiology Chronic Pain

2. Indicate your specialty of origin. Anesthesiology

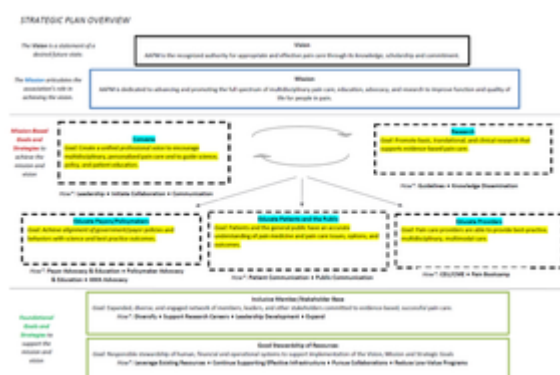
3. Indicate your percentage of time practicing Pain Medicine & specialty of origin. Pain Medicine: 95 Specialty of Origin: 5

4. Employment Experience: Please provide a 30- to 50-word summary of your work experience.

(If you are retired, please describe the work that you did during the time you were employed.)

1 year local private practice in San Diego
8 years independent interventional practice ownership - Relive You Center for Advanced pain market with diverse payor mix (Insurance, personal injury, cash and workers comp).
4 years DEI co-chair with PSPS
4 years PNS consulting

AAPM Strategy



The above image is a diagram of AAPM's current strategic plan. The following three nomination questions will refer to the above image.

1. The Academy has focused on Convene, Educate Providers, Research, and Access Advocacy. The Board of Directors leads our strategic planning and formation of annual strategic objectives. Based on the above plan, your professional experiences, and experiences with the Academy, what suggestions would you make to move the Academy forward? Please keep comments to 300 - 500 words.

As a practice owner in San Diego, I have noticed that many insurance payors dictate many of our treatment options and restrict patient access to evidence-based care. We are the experts, and in addition to striving for high-quality RCT data for our treatments and services, I believe providing cost analysis data may help to reduce the heavy restrictions implemented by many insurance payors. Cost analysis can include site of service (office, ASC, HOPD) and long term costs such as frequent ED visits, prolonged opiate dependence, work absenteeism and need for further costly treatments and/or surgery. Cost analysis data aligns with convene, educate payors, research and access advocacy and hopefully can ensure pain physicians are central in advancing the science and practice of our treatments for our patients.

2. What is your professional vision for the future of Pain Medicine?

My professional vision for the future of pain medicine is to educate our physicians on the science, the practice and the business of what we do so that we can improve how we care for patients, and ensure we have long term job security and moral and ethical leadership in improving the care of our patients. My concerns is that the insurance and workers comp payor restrictions will continue to limit our progress in caring for patients, and limit patients access to evidence based technologies.

3. Why would you like to serve on the AAPM Board of Directors? (30-50 word limit)

AAPM is the premiere pain society with a strong reputation and national influence. I believe AAPM is a key catalyst for pain physicians to come together and advance the field pain and ensure patients have access to high quality, evidenced-based treatments.

Qualifications to Serve on the AAPM Board of Directors

1. How has AAPM Membership brought value to your career?

National presence that brings many perspectives and experiences together to advance patient care.

2. List significant leadership commitment and involvement within the field of Pain Medicine.

Organization	Type	Leadership Position	Duration
PSPS	DEI	Co-chai	3 years
NANS	DEI	committee member	2 years
NANS	PNS	subcommittee member	1 year
Relive You Center for Advanced Pain Management	Independent private practice	President, CEO	8 years

3. After reviewing the AAPM Strategic Plan, what abilities and attributes will you bring to the Board of Directors' strategic deliberations?

Cost-analysis experience as an independent practice owner can help educate physicians and payors on the value of our services and ensure patients have access to high-quality, evidence-based care.

4. Describe one transformational/defining experience in your professional life you have been involved with and what you learned from the experience.

Independent practice ownership in San Diego. San Diego is an extremely competitive HMO insurance market and it was difficult to obtain contracts and develop a referral network. Understanding payor mix, site of service and cost-analysis allowed us to develop a strategic plan and practice-model that allowed us to secure competitive contracts and advanced innovative therapies such as PNS, in a market that was closed.

5. Is there anything else you would like the AAPM Nominating Committee to know about you that has not been stated previously?

AAPM has been a wonderful opportunity to learn from the leaders in our field. I believe the next few years will be time of significant growth and I am happy to be involved.

I hereby give permission to the AAPM Nominating Committee to contact me, print my Candidate Nomination Profile and Statement, and consider me for nomination to the AAPM Board of Directors on the official AAPM 2025-2026 Election Ballot.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read the AAPM Board of Directors expectations and duties on the 2025 Call for Board Nominations page on painmed.org.

Signature

