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The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), representing over 44,000 members, is pleased to nominate Richard W. Rosenquist, M.D., as a member of the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC) at NIH. ASA believes that Dr. Rosenquist possesses the crucial experience and expertise, including advancement of pain care research and dissemination of recommendations that the IPRCC seeks.

In addition to his service to ASA, Dr. Rosenquist is highly active in numerous professional organizations pertaining to pain care. He has served as a member of the External Affairs Committee of the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) since 2010. In addition, he has been a co-chair of the Low Back Pain Guidelines Project of the American Pain Society (APS) since 2005, and will be a member of APS's 2011 Awards Committee at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. He was the recipient of the APS Distinguished Service Award in 2010. He has also been a member of the Pain Management Clinical Expert Panel convened in 2002 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations, the American Medical Association, and the National Committee for Quality Assurance. Finally, Dr. Rosenquist served as a member of the VHA Pain Management Initiative Coordinating Committee and the Chair of the Pain Management Guidelines Subcommittee on the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Pain Management Initiative from 1999-2003.

In regard to his service to ASA and its members, Dr. Rosenquist has chaired the ASA Task Force on the Future of Pain Medicine Training and the ASA Task Force on Chronic Pain Guidelines since 2008. He has also served as a member of the ASA Committee on Pain Medicine since 2003, and has chaired the committee since 2008. The Committee on Pain Medicine is charged with studying pain mechanisms and management as well as reviewing and disseminating developments in the field of pain medicine. Dr. Rosenquist was a member of the ASA Task Force to Update Practice Guidelines for Chronic Pain in 2006. In addition, he served as a member of the ASA Educational Track Subcommittee on Pain Medicine from 2005-2010. Finally, Dr. Rosenquist chaired the Pain Care Coalition (PCC) from 2007-2009 and served as the ASA representative to the PCC from 2004-2010.

Dr. Rosenquist has published numerous articles, chapters, books, and abstracts. He has co-authored *Complex Regional Pain Syndrome* in Neurosurgical Pain Management and has authored *Evaluation of the Pain Patient: History, Physical Examination and Diagnostic Testing* in Refresher Courses in Anesthesiology. Finally, he has presented and lectured on a number of issues, both domestically and internationally, including on topics related to pain medicine and research.

Dr. Rosenquist is the Director of the Pain Medicine Division and the Pain Medicine Fellowship Program, a professor of Anesthesia, and the Departmental Fellowship Director in the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

If selected to serve on the IPRCC, Dr. Rosenquist is enthusiastically willing to serve and commit to the meetings required.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to submit the nomination of Dr. Richard W. Rosenquist for the IPRCC and hope that the IPRCC will seriously consider his appointment. Dr. Rosenquist is a recognized leader in pain medicine and provides a diverse and broad experience and expertise that would benefit the important mission of the IPRCC. I have personally worked closely with Dr. Rosenquist on standards of care, training, research and policy issues in pain medicine. His contributions have been enormous, his insights invaluable and his collegiality extraordinary. He is held in the highest esteem by colleagues in numerous organizations and by me. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

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