

APHL | BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020-2021

President

BILL WHITMAR

laboratory director, Missouri State Public Health Laboratory

Bill Whitmar has been the director of the Missouri State Public Health Laboratory for more than seven years. He first joined MSPHL in 1989. His career in public service spans 40 years, the majority of which have been devoted to public health and public health laboratories. Bill has also been a facilitator for the Joint Criminal and Epidemiological Investigation Workshop series, an Instructor with the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy, a US Department of Commerce Delegate to the International Organization of Legal Metrology in Paris, France, and Advisor to the Department of Transportation Safety Administration. In addition to serving on the APHL Finance Committee, Bill has also been a member of the Laboratory Systems and Standards Committee, the Nominations Committee, Public Health Laboratory Accreditations Committee, a Public Health Emerging Leader, and First Cohort Member. He is board liaison to the Informatics and Newborn Screening and Genetics in Public Health Committees.



President-Elect

Denise Marie Toney, PhD, HCLD(ABB)

director, Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

Denise Toney currently serves as laboratory director of the Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, the state laboratory for the Commonwealth of Virginia, providing analytical testing services to public health, environmental, agricultural, and consumer protection agencies statewide. Denise joined DCLS in 1997 and has devoted more than 20 years to building capability and capacity within Virginia's consolidated laboratory services.

Denise has extensive experience with public health laboratory operations, fiscal and policy development, personnel management, and workforce training and development. She holds an adjunct faculty appointment at Virginia Commonwealth University and served as a member of FERN's Course Advisory and Methods Review Committees, CDC's DPDx Blue Panel Review, the Governor's Task Force on Ebola, pandemic influenza and Zika virus response and most recently CDC's PulseNet Steering Committee, Virginia's Emergency Response Council, Virginia's Biotechnology Advisory Board and APHL's Food safety Committee.

Denise holds a BS degree in Biochemistry and Chemistry from Virginia Tech and a PhD in Microbiology/Immunology from the Medical College of VCU. She is liaison to the Food Safety and Workforce Development Committees.



Secretary-Treasurer

DAPHNE WARE, PhD

laboratory director, Mississippi Public Health Laboratory

Daphne Ware joined the Mississippi Public Health Laboratory in 2005 where she served in various roles throughout the laboratory, enabling her to gain extensive experience overseeing laboratories regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. She earned a PhD in Microbiology from the University of Mississippi with a focus in bacterial pathogenicity and a BS in Biology and Chemistry from the University of Southern Mississippi. Daphne is certified in Clinical Chemistry by the National Registry of Certified Chemists and by the American Society for Clinical Pathology in Molecular Biology. She has served on the CDC TB Cooperative Agreement Laboratory Component Funding Formula Workgroup and was a member of the APHL Public Health Emerging Leader Cohort. Daphne is the Chair of the APHL Finance Committee.



Past-President

GRACE KUBIN, PhD

director, Texas State Public Health Laboratories

Grace Kubin is the director of the Public Health Laboratories in the State of Texas. She has held various positions in the laboratory, including performing testing in support of foodborne outbreak investigations, managing biological and chemical threat testing, and serving in the State's Emergency Medical Operations Center. Under Grace's leadership, the Texas PHL has built a Continuous Quality Improvement team focusing on using Lean and Sigma principles to drive quality improvement. Grace received her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Grace has been a board liaison to the APHL Public Health Preparedness and Response and the Workforce Development Committees. She has served on the Business Operational Workgroup, the APHL-CDC Workgroup on Joint Data Collection, the Communications and Marketing Advisory Group, and the Network of Laboratory Leadership and Alumni. Grace was the 2009 recipient of the APHL Emerging Leader Award for her work in developing relationships with various groups involved with biological and chemical threat emergency response.



Public Health Institutional State Member Representative

TIM SOUTHERN, PhD, D(ABMM)

laboratory director, South Dakota Public Health Laboratory

Dr. Tim Southern has served as the director of the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory in Pierre since 2016. The laboratory provides medical microbiology, environmental chemistry, and forensic chemistry testing services for the state. Dr. Southern has worked closely with partners and stakeholders to build a flexible, responsive laboratory testing program to meet statewide public health needs. As director, he has been an outspoken advocate for workforce development, financial sustainability, and infrastructure revitalization. He serves on the APHL LSS Committee and the American Society for Microbiology Personnel Standards and Workforce Subcommittee. Prior to his work in South Dakota, Dr. Southern was an ASM-CPEP Clinical Microbiology Fellow at the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory and University of Nebraska Medical Center where he studied molecular diagnostics for Ebola virus disease. He also completed postdoctoral fellowships at the National Institutes of Health, Rocky Mountain Laboratory where he studied chlamydia pathogenesis, and at the University of Georgia where he studied molecular parasitology. Dr. Southern earned his masters and doctoral degrees at East Tennessee State University and is certified by the American Board of Medical Microbiology.



Public Health Institutional State Member Representative

RICHARD STEECE, PhD, D(ABMM)

laboratory director, Tennessee Division of Laboratory Services

Dr. Richard Steece currently serves as the Director of the Tennessee Division of Laboratory Services in Nashville, TN, a consolidated laboratory serving Public Health and Environmental agencies in the state. The Division of Laboratory Services also has a regional Public Health Laboratory in Knoxville, TN under Dr. Steece. He has more than 40 years of experience in public health laboratories in Minnesota (Asst. Director), New Mexico and South Dakota (Laboratory Director). In addition, he had worked for the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) for nine years as a Science Advisor and as a Consultant to the Centers for Disease Control National Infertility Prevention Project for seven years. He has also worked internationally and provided support for the Centers for CDC, APHL, Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute, and the US Department of the Interior projects in Asia the South Pacific, US territories, and Europe. He is a board certified Diplomate of the American Academy of Microbiology (ASM) and hold a PhD from the University of New Mexico and a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from South Dakota State University. He has authored numerous publications and presented technical and public health lectures and seminars at locations across the United States. He is currently board liaison to the Infectious Disease Committee and, has chaired the Sexually Transmitted Disease Subcommittee and served on the Global Health Committee.



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Seat Open

Seat previously held by Anthony Tran, Dr.PH, MPH, D(ABMM), MT(ASCP)
Former laboratory director, District of Columbia Public Health Laboratory



Public Health Associate Institutional Member Representative

SALLY FLOWERS, PhD

laboratory director, Kansas Department of Agriculture Laboratory

Sally Flowers holds a BS Degree in Animal Science from the University of Florida and a BS Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. MS, Animal Science, The Pennsylvania State University She has an MS Degree in Animal Science from the Pennsylvania State University and also received her PhD in Food Science from Penn State.

Prior to joining the Kansas Department of Agriculture laboratory in 2020, she served as Laboratory Administrator at the Nebraska Department of Agriculture since 2016. She has served on a number of committees and workgroups including APHL Human and Animal Food Testing Subcommittee, Association of American Feed Control Officials Laboratory Methods and Services Committee, Planning Committees for the 4th and 5th Governmental Food and Feed Laboratory Accreditation Meetings, Co-chaired the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Laboratory Science and Technology Committee, AFDO liaison to the APHL Human and Animal Food Testing Subcommittee and Partnership for Food Protection (PFP) Lab Sciences Workgroup, and Advisory Group.



She held other positions, including Director of Operations, AEGIS Food Testing Laboratories (now SGS), Oklahoma City, OK.

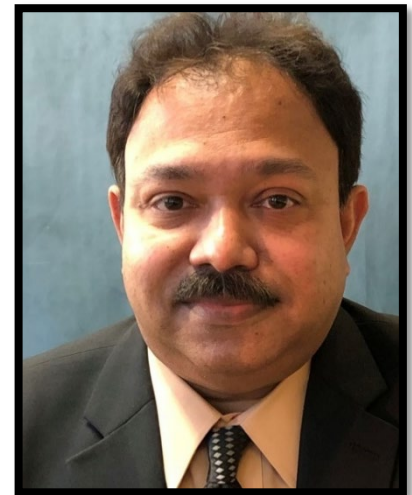
Public Health Institutional Local Member Representative

SANJIB BHATTACHARYYA, PhD

laboratory director, special deputy health commissioner,
City of Milwaukee Health Department

Dr. Sanjib Bhattacharyya is the Laboratory Director and Special Deputy Health Commissioner of the City of Milwaukee. He oversees CLIA-certified public health clinic laboratories and serves as an Adjunct faculty at the UW-Milwaukee Zilber School of Public Health and Clinical Associate Professor at the College of Health Sciences. He serves as PI on many private and federally funded grants on communicable and sexually transmitted infections.

Dr. Bhattacharyya serves on advisory committees at the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, and the World Health Organization. Dr. Bhattacharyya received his Master's degree in Molecular Genetics from the University of Kolkata; PhD in Medical Microbiology from the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, India; and post-doctorate at the Medical College of Wisconsin & VA Medical Center, Milwaukee. He has published over 40 peer-reviewed research articles and serves as a reviewer for multiple scientific journals.



Dr. Bhattacharyya was honored to be one of two top mayoral picks for the Commissioner of Health, City of Milwaukee (2018). He is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Medical College of Wisconsin 2017 President's 'Community Engagement Award,' the APHL 'Emerging Leader Award' (2013) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials '2013 Model Practice Award', the 'Young Scientist Award' at the International Workshop on Campylobacter, Helicobacter and Related Organisms in Freiburg, Germany and the American Gastroenterological Association 'Distinguished Plenary Session Presentation Award' in 2001.

Public Health Institutional Local Member Representative
MEGAN CRUMPLER, PhD, HCLD(ABB)
director, Orange County Public Health Laboratory

Megan Crumpler received her Bachelor's degree in Microbiology and Cell Science from the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. She obtained her PhD in Microbiology and Immunology from the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, VA where she studied immune evasion techniques of Cytomegalovirus in guinea pigs. She successfully completed the doctoral program in 2008 and went on to do a one-year post-doctoral fellowship at VCU in the Infectious Disease Division where she studied gut inflammatory markers released in HIV-infected patients.

In 2009, she moved to California and assumed a Supervising Public Health Microbiologist (PHM) position at the Riverside County Public Health Laboratory. In May 2014, following completion of her laboratory director training and board certification by the American Board of Bioanalysis as a High-Complexity Clinical Laboratory Director, she was promoted to Laboratory Director.

In April 2017, Megan accepted the Laboratory Director position at the Orange County Public Health Laboratory. Megan is an active member of CAPHLD and is currently serving her second 2-year term as CAPHLD's Secretary-Treasurer. She is co-chair of CAPHLD's Program Planning Committee, a member of the PHL Regulations Subcommittee and CAPHLD's representative to the CA Department of Public Health's Reportable Diseases Subcommittee. She has also served as President of CAPHLD, co-chair of the Public Health Microbiologist Training Committee, and as a member of the LabAspire Committee. Megan has served on APHL's Nominations Committee, Program Planning Committee, and as chair of the STD Subcommittee. She currently serves as board liaison to the Infectious Disease and Laboratory Systems and Standards Committees.



Ex-Officio
SCOTT J. BECKER, MS
chief executive officer, Association of Public Health Laboratories

Scott Becker has served as the chief executive officer for the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) since 1997. As the association's chief staff officer, Scott is responsible for programmatic and fiscal operations, liaison with APHL members and partners, and policy development. Under his leadership, APHL has doubled its staff, tripled its programs and more than quadrupled its budget. In 1999, he was recognized as one of the nation's top association executives under 40.

Prior to joining APHL, Scott served as deputy executive director for the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH). During a sabbatical from ASPH, he directed a WHO project to integrate HIV/AIDS into health profession curricula. He holds BS and MS degrees in business and non-profit management, respectively, from the University of Maryland.

The chief executive officer also serves as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

