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## Tell us a bit about your professional background

I have been trained as a physician, health economist, methodologist, business administrator, a leader and problem solver. I am responsible for leading clinical policy at the American College of Physicians, the largest physician organization and the oldest guidelines program in USA. I have been involved in several international collaborations to develop joint evidence reviews, clinical guidelines, and improve quality of care across different countries. I have published extensively on topics related to evidence-based medicine and have been invited to speak at several national and international conferences. I am also on governance boards and committees of various national and international organizations such as includes GIN, WHO, CDC, AHRQ, GRADE.

## Why do you want to become a member of Cochrane's Governing Board?

I have spent all my professional life advocating for evidence-based medicine. I am a firm believer in international collaboration to pool resources, exchange knowledge, offer innovative networking and partnership opportunities, meet the needs of members, and work towards the common goal of advancing evidence-based medicine. I believe that we need to steer Cochrane in the direction of addressing current challenges and exploring opportunities over the coming year to further the mission, goals, and values of Cochrane. I would like to harness the intellectual brain power and experiences of the members of Cochrane and my goal is to represent you all on the board as we work together to provide future direction to Cochrane.

## What are Cochrane's key opportunities and challenges and what can the Board do to help address them?

1. Working as a team to develop clinically relevant reviews. Thinking beyond the current environment, discuss advances in science and methods needed in the light of new data and technology.
2. Fostering and building new leaders among Cochrane members who can take the reins of Cochrane.
3. Focusing on increasing the value of Cochrane among current and new potential members.
4. Expanding our regional presence.
5. Increasing participation and visibility of Cochrane by advocating for evidence to public, policy makers, and clinicians.
6. Supporting the core business, focusing on the long-term financial stability.
7. Listening to our members, asking them what we are doing well and what needs to change, and working towards building trust between members and governance including establishing a transparent and effective two-way communication.