In today’s increasingly complex health care environment, I believe collaboration will be critical for state medical boards’ continuing success and ability to overcome the many challenges facing us.

During the year to come, I will emphasize the creative use of collaboration through these important partnerships: 1) between FSMB and medical boards; 2) between medical boards; and 3) between the medical regulatory community and key national and international organizations.

On all of these levels, we have so much to offer one another. This was evident in the first-of-its-kind meeting of nearly 50 medical board executives co-hosted by FSMB and Administrators in Medicine earlier this year. New ideas were birthed in a robust exchange of experiences — ideas that could affect change in public protection and health care spaces across the country.

The meeting was a microcosm of what can happen when collaboration occurs — and why I will be encouraging it throughout my term as Chair. As state boards build engagement with one another and other state, national and international organizations and government entities, we will all advance shared goals and outcomes.

We will also continue to emphasize supporting the needs of state medical boards. This will include supporting initiatives that uphold state medical board authority and state-based licensure, and forming committees and workgroups that target issues of particular concern to medical regulators.

As a member of the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts and the FSMB Board, I have had the privilege of working with many talented, devoted public servants in the medical regulatory community. It will be my great honor to serve as your Chair in the year ahead.

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Dr. Carter was appointed to the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts in 2009, and again in 2019. On the state level he has served in numerous leadership roles, including twice as Board President. Inspired by the opportunity to achieve greater impact on medical regulation and patient care on the national level, Dr. Carter was elected to the FSMB Board of Directors in 2017. He has held numerous committee appointments, and served as Chair of the FSMB Workgroup on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Medical Regulation and Patient Care. Dr. Carter became Chair-elect in 2022.

He is a graduate of Yale University School of Medicine, with postgraduate training in anesthesiology at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Carter has 25 years of practice experience and is a member of Metro-West Anesthesia Group, Inc. in St. Louis. Dr. Carter’s contributions to clinical, administrative, and regulatory practice have been recognized by his peers yearly since 2007 with “The Best Doctors Award,” and he is the recipient of the St. Louis American Foundation’s “Excellence in Healthcare Award.”

“Building on engagement with the state medical boards is key, as FSMB strengthens operational assets, raises awareness of the vital role of medical regulation, and strategizes future regulatory opportunities for the boards.”

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