Candidate for Director

Andrea (Annie) Dotson MD MSPH IBCLC NABBLM-C PMH-C FAAFP FABM



Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Institution/Employer: Duke University

Location: Durham, North Carolina, United States

Primary Specialty: Family Medicine; Breastfeeding and Lactation Medicine

Education

- 2015 – MD, Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States
- 2011 – MSPH, International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland, United States
- 2005 – BA, Women's Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States

ABM Involvement

- Board of Directors: Director, 2023–Present
- Finance Committee: Member, 2026–Present
- Nominations Committee: Member, 2024–2025
- U.S. Breastfeeding Committee: ABM Liaison, 2026–Present
- Family Medicine Special Interest Group: Chair, 2022–Present
- Leadership Academy: Participant, 2021

Other Breastfeeding Medicine Leadership

- Breastfeeding Work Group: Chair, Duke University, 2022–Present
- Postpartum Doula Course: Co-Founder and Co-Director, Duke University, 2023–Present
- LILAC Breastfeeding and Lactation Medicine Fellowship: Fellowship Advisor, University of Rochester, 2024–Present
- Breastfeeding Medicine/Lactation Services Elective Rotation: Faculty Advisor, Duke University, 2021–Present
- Breastfeeding Medicine Immersion Track: Faculty Lead, Duke University, 2021–Present

Current Volunteer Commitments

- North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians: Member, Member Satisfaction Committee, 2018–Present
- Society of Teachers of Family Medicine: Member, 2016–Present
- American Academy of Family Physicians: Member, 2014–Present
- Ad Hoc Reviewer: Annals of Family Medicine, International Breastfeeding Journal, Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine, and Journal of Human Lactation

Candidate Statement

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve a second term on the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine Board of Directors. My first term has deepened my appreciation for ABM's unique role in advancing evidence-based, equitable, and clinically rigorous breastfeeding and lactation medicine. It has also given me a clearer understanding of both the opportunities and challenges facing the organization and our field.

I would welcome the opportunity to build on the work of my first term and provide continuity as ABM advances its strategic priorities. I remain particularly committed to strengthening the organization's clinical and educational impact, expanding engagement across disciplines and career stages, and ensuring that ABM continues to be a trusted international voice for evidence-based breastfeeding medicine.

A second term would allow me to bring not only continued commitment, but also the institutional knowledge, relationships, and perspective I have developed through Board service. I hope to use that experience to help ABM translate its mission into meaningful, sustainable initiatives for our members and the patients and families they serve. I value the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues who bring diverse expertise and perspectives to this work, and I would be honored to continue contributing my time, experience, and energy to ABM's leadership.