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Dear Candidate:

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM) Board of Directors. Currently, we are seeking candidates for the following positions:

* President-Elect (1 position for 2-year terms for each: president-elect, president, and past president)
* Treasurer (1 position for a 2-year term)
* Director (up to 5 positions for 3-year terms each)

Submit the following items through the ABM website to complete the nomination process. All items must be submitted by **Friday, May 30, 2025.**

Candidate Information Form

Candidate Position Statement

Curriculum Vitae or Resume

Photo of yourself, head-and-shoulders view with a plain background (to be posted with your

election candidate profile)

To learn more about each position's qualification requirements and responsibilities, please visit the ABM website to view the *ABM Fact Sheets* for positions on the Board of Directors.

Once you have completed the full candidate application requirements, please upload your application through the ABM website.

We appreciate your promptness and thank you again for your commitment and service to ABM. You will be notified the week of July 7 if selected for the interview process. Following interviews, the committee will select the slate of candidates, present the slate to the Board of Directors for approval, and then present the slate to the membership for ratification, in which they will have three weeks to vote. Candidates will be notified of the ratification outcome by the Nominations Committee Chair in mid-October. If you have any questions, please contact the ABM staff at [abm@bfmed.org](mailto:abm@bfmed.org).

Ann Kellams, MD IBCLC FAAP FABM NABBLM-C

Nominations Committee Chair

ABM Past President

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**CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM**

**Candidate Name:** **Samuel Elliott, MD MPH MSEd**

**Educational Preparation:**Please list the three most recent degrees earned.

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| **Year** | **Degree** | **Major** | **Institution** | **City** |
| 2019 | MSEd | **Health Professional Education** | Northern Illinois University College of Education | DeKalb, Illinois |
| 2010 | MD | **Medicine** | John Hopkins University School of Medicine | Baltimore, Maryland |
| 2010 | MPH | **International Health** | John Hopkins University School of Medicine | Baltimore, Maryland |

**Previous and current involvement in ABM:**

Please provide up to 15 recent ABM National activities.

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| **Begin/End Year** | **Position** | **Committee/Chapter/Project** | **Description of Involvement** |
| 2022-2025 | Member | **Protocol Committee** | Actively participate in committee meetings, review and provide input on protocols, handouts, and position statements. Also co-authored the Breastfeeding in Emergency Situations Position Statement |
| 2022 | First Author | **Breastfeeding in Emergencies Position Statement** | Served as the first author on the position statement. |
| 2018-2022 | Co-author | **Mastitis Protocol** | Co-authored the mastitis protocol |
| 2020 | Annual Conference Speaker | **Session Presenter** | Presented session: Growing Families Welcoming Change, Supporting Marginalized Families throughout their Breastfeeding Journey |
| 2025 | Grand Rounds Webinar Presenter | **Presenter** | Grand Rounds session on Breastfeeding and Obesity |
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**Previous and current involvement in a regional breastfeeding organization:**

Please provide up to 15 recent regional breastfeeding organization activities.

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| **Begin/End Year** | **Position** | **Committee/Chapter/Project** | **Description of Involvement** |
| 2023 | Speaker, Illinois Breastfeeding Coalition | Click or tap here to enter text. | Growing families welcoming change, supporting LGBTQI+ families in breastfeeding, chestfeeding, and lactation |
| 2016-2017 | Illinois Breastfeeding Quality Improvement Project, Faculty and Co-Chair | Click or tap here to enter text. | Supported 39 hospitals in the state of Illinois to improve breastfeeding outcomes, policies, practices and systems to be consistent with Illinois Hospital regulations and laws and best practices between birth and hospital discharge |
| 2018 | Keynote Speaker, The American Academy of Pediatrics | Click or tap here to enter text. | Presented the keynote session on Breastfeeding and Obesity |
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**Previous or current involvement in your workplace and/or other professional organizations; professional accomplishments, including publications and presentations at professional meetings.**

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| **Begin/End Year** | **Organization** | **Position/Committee/Project/Poster/Paper/Presentation** | **Description of Involvement or Accomplishment** |
| 2025-Present | University of Chicago Breastfeeding Committee | Chair | Serve as the chair of the intitional breastfeeding committee. Goals of the committee are to develop education and training programs for staff. |
| 2018-2022 | Resources for Moms | Board Member | Serve as a board member of a community organization that provides resources for for dyads through adolescents |
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**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE *(Include examples of participation in other activities, such as volunteer experiences or activities external to your professional role that demonstrate leadership or specific skills related to the office for which you are under consideration):***

Sam Elliott

**Current Volunteer Commitments   
Please list all organizations you currently volunteer with and their annual meeting dates, if applicable.**

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| **Organization** | **Position** | **Term** | **Annual Meeting Date/Location** |
| Community Unit School District 300 | **Board Member** | 2022-2024 | N/A |
| **Algonquin Public Library** | **Fundraising Committee Member** | 2005-2010 | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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**I hereby acknowledge that the information provided is true and correct.**

**Candidate:** Sam Elliott

**Date:** **March 1, 2022**

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**CANDIDATE POSITION STATEMENT**

**Please provide a typed personal statement *not to exceed 250 words*. This statement should describe why you wish to run for office and include a summary of your qualifications (e.g., leadership qualities) and goals for effectively executing this office.**

**Candidate Name:** Sam Elliott

I am honored to submit my candidacy for a position on the Board of Directors. As a dedicated member of this organization for the past 10 years, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of our collective work, and I am eager to contribute to its continued growth and success.

Throughout my career, I have sought opportunities to lead with integrity, collaboration, and vision. I currently serve as the Chair of the Education Committee, where I’ve overseen the development of evidence-based resources and educational programming that reflect the needs of our diverse membership. Additionally, my experience as a department director in a large academic health system has honed my skills in strategic planning, financial stewardship, and fostering inclusive, high-functioning teams.

If elected, my goals are threefold: to strengthen member engagement through transparent communication and responsive programming; to advance the organization’s strategic priorities with a focus on sustainability and innovation; and to champion initiatives that support the next generation of leaders in our field. I believe effective leadership requires both the humility to listen and the courage to act, and I am committed to bringing both to this role.

It would be a privilege to serve alongside this accomplished board in shaping the future of our organization.