

Member-at-Large

Candidate: Sandra John Baptiste, M.Ed., CMD, RT(T)

1. Why do you wish to serve on the AAMD Board of Directors?

I am eager to serve on the AAMD Board of Directors to contribute to the advancement of our profession and support the growth and development of medical dosimetrists. With over two decades of experience in radiation therapy and medical dosimetry, I have a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within our field. One matter that is an opportunity for medical dosimetrists to help the field grow is adaptive therapy. Specifically, I can bring insight to collaborative approaches to patient care since I am working with the ASRT regarding Advanced Practice Radiation Therapists. As an educator and leader at MD Anderson Cancer Center, I am committed to promoting educational excellence and innovation. Serving on the AAMD Board will allow me to advocate for our community, enhance professional standards, and drive initiatives that benefit both practitioners and patients.

2. Where do you believe the AAMD should focus efforts during the proposed 3-year term?

During the proposed 3-year term (2025-2028), I believe the AAMD should focus on advancing education and training to ensure medical dosimetrists are equipped with the latest knowledge and skills. This includes integrating advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), into the curriculum to prepare dosimetrists for evolving roles. The AAMD can strengthen partnerships with other professional organizations to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and secure the role of medical dosimetrists within the broader healthcare team. With the rising shortage of medical dosimetrists, advocacy at national and international levels is crucial to raise awareness and improve working conditions. Promoting and supporting research initiatives, particularly in AI, will help the membership understand and leverage AI for improved treatment planning, increased efficiency, and enhanced patient outcomes.