

Member-at-Large

Candidate: Warren Jason Heilig, MS, CMD, RT(R)(T)

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

As a Dosimetrist serving a small rural area in western Kentucky, it is easy to become disconnected from the larger community of dosimetrists and fall behind on the latest trends in our field. I have found the AAMD to be a valuable resource in filling that void, providing opportunities for both continuing education and networking. It is my intention to use my 20+ years of experience in the field of Radiation Oncology to expand the outreach of the AAMD and to be a voice on the Board of Directors for those who find themselves in a similar situation. My goal, should I be elected, is to explore new avenues for networking in a collaborative effort with the Board of Directors and among the many members of the AAMD; along with finding ways of making the offerings of the AAMD more accessible and convenient for all Dosimetrists.

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

If we look at what lies ahead for the field of medical dosimetry, we should recognize that we are seeing an interesting shift in the direction of our profession. The use of AI continues to advance, an increased desire to seek jobs that promote remote options, the introduction of hybrid positions that use buzzwords like “task-shifting” could have major impacts on the longevity of our field as hospital administrations look for ways to cut cost in the face of dwindling reimbursement and the uptick in denials. It is my belief that the AAMD should focus on advocating for the direction of our field in this shift. Forming alliances among the broader medical field to gain influence and taking charge in defining the role and importance of the dosimetrist during this sea-of-change should be among the priorities in order to secure the future of our profession for future generations.