

## Gaurav Arora

It is an honor to be nominated for PACES VP of Finance. I have had the privilege to meet and work with many of you through PACES collaborative research and committee work. I was a member of the Finance committee for 6 years beginning in 2014, and have served on the GRAD committee since 2019. I participated in the PACES strategic planning event held in San Francisco where we discussed future opportunities for PACES growth and development. I would be thrilled to contribute to these goals as the VP of Finance.

For those who don't know me, I completed my cardiology training and EP fellowship at Texas Children's Hospital in 2006. I then joined the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where I have been for the last 15 years. In addition to my clinical responsibilities in EP, I serve as the Associate Vice-Chair for Clinical Affairs, Ambulatory Care, helping to oversee all the outpatient work of the Department of Pediatrics. In this role, I work with a diverse set of leaders towards a common goal, and I believe that this experience would help me succeed as a member of the PACES Executive Committee.

My service on the Finance committee allowed me to see how the committee serves the larger PACES interests, and the collaboration required for smooth execution of planned events. I helped to organize the fundraising efforts for the inaugural PACES 5K in 2020. Though the event was unfortunately cancelled, participating in that endeavor gave me valuable fundraising experience, which I think will play a key role in ensuring the stability of our organization.

If elected, I would like to explore options to modernize our financial transactions. We would consider digital transfer of funds utilizing platforms like Zelle or Venmo for dues payments and other needs. This would allow members to pay their dues more easily and promptly.

Moving forward, PACES will need strong financial standing to achieve our common goals. I believe that my prior experience and strong interest would be extremely beneficial. If elected, I would do my best to contribute to the overall mission of PACES as VP of Finance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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