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Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology Announces New Board of Directors

July 1, 2021 | Lexington, KY – The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology (SOAP), a global professional society dedicated to advancing and advocating for the health of pregnant women and their babies, has announced the 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

As the governing body of SOAP, the Board of Directors is responsible for guiding the strategic direction of the organization, with a vision of safe and equitable care for women and newborns everywhere.

The Board of Directors will be led by **Edward (Ted) Yaghmour**, M.D., FASA, of Vanderbilt University, whose term as SOAP President began July 1, 2021. Dr. Yaghmour is a long-time SOAP leader who has held committee and leadership roles in several other national societies, including the American Society of Anesthesiology's Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia. He is a past president of the Illinois Society of Anesthesiologists and a past board member of the National Arab American Medical Association.

Other officers are Vice President **Klaus Kjaer**, M.D., M.B.A., of New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell; Secretary **Ronald George**, M.D., FRCPC, of the University of California San Francisco; and Treasurer **Grant C. Lynde**, M.D., M.B.A., of Emory University. **Ruth Landau**, M.D., of Columbia University is the Immediate Past President.

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The remaining members of the SOAP Board of Directors include:

- **Grace Lim**, M.D. M.S., Magee-Women's Hospital of UPMC
- **David Gambling**, M.B., B.S., FRCPC, Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women and Newborns
- **Rayna Clay**, M.D., Greater Florida Anesthesiologists – Unicom Division
- **Michaela Farber**, M.D., M.S., Brigham & Women's Hospital
- **Vibha Mahendra**, M.D., University of Southern California
- **Jamie Murphy**, M.D., The Johns Hopkins University
- **Heather C. Nixon**, M.D., University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System
- **Dan Katz**, M.D., Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- **Philip Hess**, M.D., Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

About SOAP

The Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology was founded in 1968 to provide a forum for discussion of problems unique to the peripartum period. SOAP is comprised of more than 1,600 anesthesiologists, obstetricians, pediatricians, and basic scientists from around the world who share an interest in the care of the pregnant patient and the newborn. SOAP's mission is to advance and advocate for the health of pregnant women and their babies through research, education, and best practices in obstetric anesthesia care. To learn more, visit soap.org or contact SOAP headquarters via email at info@soap.org.
