

Alexandra “Ally” Funk, PharmD, DABAT

Nomination for Re-Election of AACT Board of Trustees, Trustee



Current Position: Director, Florida Poison Information Center - Tampa

AACT and AACT-related activities, including ABAT

- AACT Board of Trustee
 - September 2020 - Present
- AACT DEI Section Co Chair
 - April 2022 - Present
- AACT DEI Task Force Co Chair
 - June 2021 - April 2022
- ABAT Credentialing Committee
 - June 2020 - Present
- ABAT/AACT Webinar Committee, Co-coordinator and Moderator
 - November 2018 – Present
- ABAT Credentialing Committee, Application Reviewer
 - June 2020 – Present

Non-AACT Leadership Experience

- AAPCC Acetaminophen Guideline Consensus Panel Member
 - December 2021 - Present
- AAPCC Midyear Meeting Planning Committee Co Chair
 - December 2021 - Present
- AAPCC Midyear Meeting Planning Committee
 - December 2019 – December 2021
- AAPCC NPDS Toxikosurveillance Team, Anomaly Reviewer / Committee Member
 - November 2019 – Present
- AAPCC Fatality Reviewer
 - December 2016 – December 2021

Biography:

I am the Director of the Florida Poison Information Center - Tampa at Tampa General Hospital. Previously I was the Director at the Central Ohio Poison Center at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. As the Poison Center Director, I am responsible for all administrative, financial, and personnel duties, and work closely alongside the Medical Director and Associate Medical Director performing clinical duties and providing direct patient care. Additionally, I serve as the primary preceptor for pharmacy students and residents, and co-precept medical students, residents, and fellows.

I completed my PharmD training at D'Youville University School of Pharmacy in 2015, followed by a PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at AdventHealth Orlando, and a Clinical Toxicology Fellowship at the Georgia Poison Center. I achieved the status of Diplomate of the American Board of Applied Toxicology (DABAT) in 2017.

Personal Statement:

I first want to thank the members of AACT for my nomination and the opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees these past few years. It has been an honor to represent the Academy and advocate for you all, our members.

I quickly recognized what a distinguished community AACT was from the moment I was introduced to the world of toxicology. As my involvement has grown over the last several years, my commitment to strengthening and advancing clinical toxicology has augmented in parallel. I have been involved in clinical, education, planning, quality assurance, recruitment, and surveillance roles within AAPCC, AACT, and ABAT committees. Becoming a member of the AACT Board of Trustees has further enhanced my ability to serve our profession.

The current AACT leadership is focused on inclusion and diversity within and amongst this organization. As a "young" toxicologist I believe I have, and will continue to, offer(ed) unique ideas and perspectives of how to adapt to these changing and challenging times. I have strong communication skills, being able to articulate the fine details as well as the overall big picture. Furthermore, I am approachable and thrive in multi-disciplinary environments. I also recognize there is an enormous array of information that I do not know, yet, and will need to learn as my career advances.

During my current BOT term, the most notable contribution has been to help establish the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Section of AACT. This section started off as an idea from President Dr. Cumpston and the BOT, which originated as a Task Force, and has blossomed into an official AACT Section this past April! The mission of the DEI Section is to increase and empower membership and patient representation as well as uplift, inspire, and mentor systematically marginalized and excluded people in the field of Toxicology.

If re-elected to the BOT for a second term, I will continue to advance our Academy by ensuring every individual feels represented and supported. I will continue to seek out additional professional learning and growth opportunities for both the membership and organization. Additionally, I will also continue to advocate for acclimation and inclusion of new and aspiring toxicologists. Speaking from personal experiences, it is challenging to get involved as you begin your professional career, unless you have a mentor to help guide you along. My goal is to ensure all new members have equal opportunities for involvement within the Academy. The future of our field and organization is dependent on rising generations of clinical and medical toxicology fellows and new toxicologists, therefore, I believe we must provide an adequate pathway for inclusion and success.

I am confident serving a second term on the AACT Board of Trustees will foster these advancements to our beloved field of clinical toxicology.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexandra Funk". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'A' and a stylized 'F'.

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