

## Orford Installed as AsMA President; Silberman Is President-Elect

Robert Orford, M.D., CM, MS, MPH, was installed as President of AsMA during the Annual Business Meeting, held



May 7, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States. He is currently Consultant Physician, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ, and Mayo Clinic Healthcare in Partnership with Oxford University Clinic, London, UK, an Assistant Professor at the Mayo Clinic of Medicine, an FAA Aviation Medical Examiner, and an Associate Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He is a

Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, a Fellow and past Director of the Alberta Occupational Health Society, and a member of the Canadian Occupational Health Society, the American Occupational Health Society, the Occupational Medical Association of Alberta, the Occupational Medical Association of Canada, the Canadian Public Health Association, the American Public Health Association, the Canadian Society of Aviation Medicine, and the Canadian Medical Association.

Dr. Orford was awarded a National Health Fellowship from Canada from 1975–1976 and is licensed by the state of Minnesota, the State of Washington, and the province of Alberta. He is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He is a member of and was President of the Airline Medical Directors Association. He is also a Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association, serves on its Scientific Program Committee, and was Parliamentarian on AsMA's Council. He is a recipient of AsMA's Boothby-Edwards and Won Chuel Kay Awards. A more comprehensive biography can be found in the August 2023 issue of *Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance* [AMHP 2023; 94(8):656] or in the August 2023 newsletter (p. N49).

Warren Silberman, D.O., MPH, was elected as President-Elect of AsMA during the Annual Business Meeting



on May 7, 2024. He will be installed as President next year. He is currently performing aviation medical examinations and consultations. He earned an AA degree in 1969 from the Community College of Philadelphia in Pennsylvania and then a B.A. degree from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1971. He received his D.O. degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, IA,

in 1974 and his MPH degree in 1991 from the University of Texas Health Science Center of Houston, San Antonio, TX. He served an internship at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital,

Lancaster, PA, from 1974–1978 and a residency at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, PA, from 1975–1978. He later served a residency in Aerospace/Preventive Medicine at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, TX, from 1991–1992.

Dr. Silberman retired for the second time in late September 2020. Prior to that he was a Medical Officer in the FAA's Aerospace Medical Education Division. From December 2019 until June 2020, he was the medical officer responsible for performing the hazard analysis for all fatal aircraft accidents. He spent 2 years as the Manager of the Occupational Health Clinic at the FAA's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute. He moved from the Aerospace Medical Education Division where he was writing AME courses, teaching AMEs, international aerospace physicians, and residents in aerospace medicine. Prior to that he was working in retirement for 5 years as an AME and Consultant. From June 1997 until January 2012, he was the Manager of Aerospace Medical Certification for the FAA. In that position he ran the largest division in the Office of Aerospace Medicine, lectured extensively both in the United States and internationally, and wrote articles. During the same time, he was the Oklahoma State Air Surgeon responsible for the Air National Guard healthcare.

Dr. Silberman is a past president of the Aerospace Medicine Division of the American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine and the past Chair of the Fellows Group of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) and a past Vice President of Education and Research. He is a Fellow of AsMA and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the American College of Osteopathic Internists, the American Osteopathic Association, the American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine, CAMA, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the International Association of Aviation and Space Medicine, the Society of USAF Flight Surgeons, the Society of U.S. Army Flight Surgeons, and the Airline Medical Directors Association. His awards and honors include the U.S. Army Order of Aeromedical Merit; CAMI Employee of the Year; the Audie and Bernice Davis Award presented by CAMI; the Theodore Lyster, Boothby-Edwards, and Tamisiea Awards from AsMA; Office of Aerospace Medicine Flight Surgeon of the Year (twice); President's Commendation from CAMI for outstanding medical certification of airline pilots; and the Legion of Merit, awarded by U.S. Army Surgeon General Ronald Blanck for service at Raymond W. Bliss Army Community Hospital.

**Other elected officials are:** Vice President Fred Bonato, Ph.D., and **Members-at-Large** Roy Allen Hoffman, M.D., MPH, Thomas Hoffman, D.O., MPH, Bonnie Posselt, B.Sc., MBChB (E), Ph.D., MRCP, D.Av.Med., ARAEs, FAsMA, and Annette Sobel, M.D.

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