Biographies

Program Chair

Samuel K. Caughron, MD, is the current Chair of AMP’s Economic Affairs Committee, and a member of AMP’s Professional Relations Committee and Board of Directors. Before becoming Chair, Dr. Caughron served on the Economic Affairs Committee as co-chair from 2010-2014, as well as serving on the Nominating Committee from 2012-2014.

In addition to his service to AMP, Dr. Caughron has served on professional pathology and medical committees for the College of American Pathologists, Association of Community Cancer Centers, Missouri Society of Pathology, the Catholic Medical Association Guild-Kansas City, American Pathology Foundation, the Kansas Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee, and the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee.

Dr. Caughron is the Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medical Director for Shawnee Mission Medical Center. Since 2009, Dr. Caughron has also served as the President and CEO of the MAWD Pathology Group and the Founding Director of the MAWD Molecular Laboratory in Kansas City, Missouri. He is Board Certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Molecular Pathology. Dr. Caughron received his medical degree and did his Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. He completed his Molecular Genetic Pathology fellowship at Vanderbilt University. After his fellowship, he established and directed a molecular genetic pathology laboratory in Billings, Montana.

Program Facilitator

Amy M. Miller, PhD, is President of the PhRMA Foundation, a leading independent nonprofit that funds foundational academic research advancing drug delivery, drug discovery, translational medicine, health equity, and value-driven health care. Dr. Miller leads strategic planning, fundraising, and the recruitment of pharmaceutical industry experts who comprise the award selection committees.

Dr. Miller has held nonprofit leadership roles for nearly 20 years. Before joining the PhRMA Foundation, she served as President and CEO of the Society for Women’s Health Research (SWHR), a leading organization in promoting women’s health. Prior to that, she was Executive Vice President of the Personalized Medicine Coalition (PMC), a 200+ member advocacy coalition focused on advancing the concept of personalized medicine across the health care ecosystem.
Before entering nonprofit management, Dr. Miller worked in government both within the National Institutes of Health and as an AAAS legislative fellow and policy adviser to Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), focused on welfare reform and domestic homeland security.

She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of New Orleans and a PhD from the University of Connecticut.

About AMP

The Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) was founded in 1995 to provide structure and leadership to the emerging field of molecular diagnostics. AMP's 2,600+ members include individuals from academic and community medical centers, government, and industry; including pathologist and doctoral scientist laboratory directors; basic and translational scientists; technologists; and trainees.

Through the efforts of its Board of Directors, Committees, Working Groups, and members, AMP is the primary resource for expertise, education, and collaboration in one of the fastest growing fields in healthcare. AMP members influence policy and regulation on the national and international levels, ultimately serving to advance innovation in the field and protect patient access to high quality, appropriate testing.