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Dr. Ahmed Faheem Re-Elected President of WV Board of Medicine; Dr. Kishore Challa Elected Vice President

Charleston, WV – Beckley psychiatrist Dr. Ahmed D. Faheem today was elected to serve a second two-year term as president of the West Virginia Board of Medicine, while South Charleston cardiologist Dr. Kishore K. Challa was elected to a two-year term as vice president.

The election took place during the regular bimonthly meeting of the WVBOM in Charleston. Dr. Rahul Gupta, state health officer and commissioner of the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, serves as board secretary.

“I am very pleased and honored to continue in this leadership role for the Board of Medicine,” Faheem said. “We have made significant strides over the past two years in helping pass key legislation, such as this year’s telemedicine bill, and in combating prescription drug abuse and other health issues.

“We have an outstanding leadership group in place, including our committee chairs and the executive leadership team at the Board of Medicine. I’m excited about all the positive changes we can help bring about in our state.”

Faheem, originally from India, completed medical and residency training in India, England and the United States. He is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in General Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, Addiction Psychiatry, and by the American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry. In addition to a full-time private practice, Faheem is a clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry at West Virginia University in Morgantown, and associate medical director of General Psychiatry and medical director of Adolescent Psychiatry at Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Faheem served on the board from 1993 to 2002. He rejoined the board in November 2010 and his current appointment expires in September 2019.

Challa began his medical education in his native India, and then moved to the U.S. to complete a medical residency and cardiology fellowship. He and his family moved to Charleston in 1989. He has served as the chief of staff at Thomas Memorial Hospital. Challa is board certified in internal medicine and cardiology. In February 2013, he was presented with the Distinguished West Virginian award by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, and in 2014 received the American Heart Association's Heart of Gold award.

Challa also chairs the board's Complaint Committee. He was originally appointed to the board in January 2013 for a term which expires in September 2017.

The West Virginia Board of Medicine is the sole authority for the issuance of licenses to practice medicine and surgery, to practice podiatry, and to practice as a physician assistant for a medical doctor (M.D.) in the state of West Virginia, and is the regulatory and disciplinary body for medical doctors, podiatrists and their physician assistants.