



Nomination Statement ACRRM President 2018

Dr Michael Beckoff

I am passionate about Rural Health and have been working as a Rural Generalist since 1977. Firstly, as an equity partner at Bridge Clinic (Practice of the year in Australia 2005) in Murray Bridge, SA, specialising in advanced obstetrics, surgery, emergency medicine, hospitalist medicine and general practice until 2011. My expertise also extended to mental health and sexual therapy. My career involved teaching students, interns, registrars and junior doctors, often presenting at national forums or workshops. I am an examiner for ACRRM, involved in PESCI's and StAMPS.

Secondly, since 2011 I have been a locum Rural Generalist working initially in rural and remote SA, but then in rural and remote areas across Australia, covering most states, utilising my extended skill set to help improve outcomes for those communities, while gaining valuable experience of the variety of health systems used in those areas.

For the latter part of my career I have also been involved in the corporate side of medicine and health. I have been on the ACRRM Council since 2012 and on the ACRRM Board as an inaugural member following the restructure in November 2014, currently chair of the finance, audit and risk committee. Other current positions include Chair of RDWA SA (Rural Doctors Workforce Agency), Chair of MMGPN (Murray Mallee GP Network), Board of HDA (HealthDirect Australia) and chair of the clinical governance committee, Clinical Adviser CHSA LHN (Chair of adverse events, safety and quality, drugs and therapeutics, deteriorating patient committees) and Clinical consultant GPEX (General Practice Education). I am a Fellow of ACRRM (FACRRM) and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD).

I am keen to promote and progress ACRRM's position and tenure nationally, at a critical time in the history of our organisation and believe that I have the skills, drive and experience to do so. I have represented our organisation, when required, in the "Presidential Role" over the past 3-4 years, supporting both Lucie Walters and Ruth Stewart when they were away or unavailable. Strong leadership is essential for the continued success of any organisation and with the support of a capable and expert board and CEO, ACRRM's future looks bright and assured.