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AMA Elects Past ASAM President to the AMA Council of Science and Public Health

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Chevy Chase, MD – June 16, 2014 - During the American Medical Association's (AMA) House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, June 7-11, Dr. Michael M. Miller, past president of ASAM, was elected to the AMA Council of Science and Public Health. Dr. Miller is the Medical Director of Herrington Recovery Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Dr. Miller joins the current President of ASAM, Dr. Stuart Gitlow, who also serves as the Chair of the AMA Council on Science and Public Health. "I am quite proud of ASAM's growing presence within the AMA," Dr. Gitlow said. "We now have three ASAM leaders on the Council, including another ASAM Board member, Dr. Ilse Levin of Maryland. "ASAM is also proud of ASAM member Dr. Laura Halpin's service to the AMA Council on Science and Public Health, as she completed her one-year term as the medical student member of the Council at the AMA's annual meeting."

Incorporating his experience as the Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Wisconsin Medical Society and Director of the American Board of Addiction Medicine and The ABAM Foundation in his prepared remarks, Dr. Miller spoke of his goals to promote science, quality and the integration of behavioral health care into all of health care. "I am so appreciative to have this opportunity to serve, as I have been well prepared for this Council by being on the front lines with others addressing one of our nation's most pressing Public Health problems – addiction," he noted in his speech.

Dr. Miller was ASAM's second Delegate to the AMA, serving in that capacity from 1996 through 1999, succeeding the late Jess Bromley, MD. He has been a delegate from the Wisconsin Medical Society to AMA HOD since 2006.

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The <u>American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)</u> is a national medical specialty society of over 3,100 physicians and associated health professionals. Its mission is to increase access to and improve the quality of addiction treatment, to educate physicians, and other health care providers and the public, to support research and prevention, to promote the appropriate role of the physician in the care of patients with addictive disorders, and to establish Addiction

Medicine as a specialty recognized by professional organizations, governments, physicians, purchasers and consumers of health care services and the general public. ASAM was founded in 1954, and has had a seat in the American Medical Association House of Delegates since 1988. See <u>www.asam.org</u>.

The American Medical Association (AMA) is the largest association of physicians and <u>medical students</u> in the United States. Since 1847 the American Medical Association has promoted scientific advancement, improved public health, and invested in the doctor and patient relationship. The AMA Council on Science and Public Health (CSAPH) reports on medical, public health, and scientific issues that affect the practice of medicine, the public health system, the quality of patient care, and the translation of scientific research into patient treatment. See www.ama-assn.org