

NEWARK BOARD OF GOVERNORS CANDIDATE BIO

Name: Nicholas M. Ponzio

Degree: Ph.D.

Rank: Professor

School: New Jersey Medical School and Graduate School of
Biomedical Sciences

Department: Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Years of Service: 20+

Experience with AAUP (if applicable): I was a member of the Board and officer of the AAUP Newark Chapter prior to assuming administrative responsibilities at NJMS. I recently stepped away from those positions and renewed my active membership in the AAUP as a member of the Board.

Area(s) of interest (for example: research in____, clinical practice, teaching, etc.) Please be concise: I teach in the medical, dental, and graduate schools, and my research is in areas related to immunology. I believe that service to our university and faculty is also an important responsibility. I am a member of the Rutgers Senate representing NJMS, and a member of the RBHS Faculty Council representing the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Among these positions, my service as a member of the AAUP Board is most important to me. The leadership of the AAUP worked diligently during the recent contract negotiations to educate Rutgers administration about the value of working together with the AAUP to achieve goals that serve both our faculty and university.

Reason(s) for candidacy {what you expect to contribute to the organization (60 words or less): The integration of UMDNJ and Rutgers was an important milestone in the growth, development, and evolution of UMDNJ schools. During the first 2 years of our integration, significant issues arose that affected clinical and basic science faculty members. It is likely that we will face more of such issues. Therefore, our faculty must speak with a strong and unified voice in the shared governance structure of Rutgers University. It is for these reasons that I seek to represent you as an officer of the Newark Chapter of the AAUP – BHSNJ.