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On September 10, 2019, the Society sent out an e-mail to the general membership soliciting applications for the new Forum editor in chief for its next three-year term, May 2020-May 2023. I know what you’re thinking. Has it been three years already? Yes, it has. For me, serving as the Forum’s editor in chief has been a rewarding and energizing experience, one that has allowed me to serve the Society and the field of academic general internal medicine in a meaningful way. Receiving and reading the creative work from our members and preparing them for publication exposes me to the richness of their ideas and thoughts. The deadline for applying for the position is November 18, 2019. The announcement calls for senior and new members alike to consider serving. SGIM is also encouraging pairing of editors where more senior members mentor younger members. The role of editor in chief is made easier for those of us who have been part of the society and academic general internal medicine long enough to be able to tap into a network of potential authors around the country. I can think of no better way to serve the society as well as mentor a young faculty member. E-mail me with any questions if you are interested.

In this month’s Forum, we continue President Karen DeSalvo’s focus on the social determinants of health with an update from the National Academy of Medicine on “Integrating Social Care into the Delivery of Health Care.” We have a conversation about burnout, a report on changes to the USMLE from the education committee, and articles on network medicine and the next LEAHP year. In addition, a bewildering case of bacteremia, a plea to get physicians back to the bedside and away from the dreadful EMR, and developing leadership skills in recognizing implicit and explicit bias, and inequity at the workplace.

If that line up doesn’t make you want to be editor in chief, then I don’t know what will.