

Meet the BUMG Board of Trustees: Alik Farber, MD, MBA and Surgeon-in-Chief



What drew you to serve as a trustee on the BUMG Board?

Having spent nearly 20 years—my entire career with the exception of five years—at Boston Medical Center, I thought my perspective might be beneficial to the board. I was drawn to playing a part in potentially enhancing professional satisfaction while advancing our clinical mission.

What do you enjoy most about serving on the board?

I enjoy participating in discussions on a variety of topics that directly impact all BUMG members and appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the stewardship of this important organization

If there's one thing, as a board member, you'd want to communicate with BUMG clinicians, what would that be?

My goal as a board member is to work toward optimizing the way in which BUMG works. I try to draw upon information and concerns that have been shared with me both over the years as well as more recently from colleagues at various stages in their careers.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing BMC and BUMG?

The biggest challenges—and biggest opportunities—we face are associated with the acquisition of St. Elizabeth's and Good Samaritan hospitals. There is a lot of work taking place to ensure that we as a health system are in a position to take full advantage of potential opportunities for providers and patients alike associated with expanding our footprint.

What is an interesting fact about you that no one would guess?

I love animals. If I was not a vascular surgeon I would probably be a veterinarian

Do you enjoy reading books? If so, what have you read lately that you enjoyed?

Yes, I do. My recent nonfiction book was “Good to Great” by Jim Collins. It was recommended to me and I have since recommended it to many others.

What are you watching on Netflix?

The Last Kingdom series.

Do you have any hobbies?

My favorite pastimes are going on bike rides and playing Rummikub with my family.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the BUMG clinicians?

I came to the United States when I was 10 years old and learned English watching sitcoms on TV