## NATIONAL AAP PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES 2010

## Robert W. Block, MD, FAAP Tulsa, OK



Robert W. Block, MD, FAAP is Professor and Daniel Plunket Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine, Tulsa. Dr. Block received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania and completed three years of pediatric residency at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He became board certified and elected as a Fellow in the AAP in 1974. He served three years in the U.S. Army prior to joining the new faculty of the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa in 1975, where he remains.

During 1990 to 1996 Dr. Block served as Vice-President and President of the AAP Oklahoma chapter. He worked ten years with the AAP COCAN, four as Chair. He represented the AAP on the U.S. Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines for three years, two as Chair. He continues as the AAP liaison to the Family Violence Prevention Fund. Dr. Block was the founding Chair, and remains a member of the newest American Board of Pediatrics Subboard, Child Abuse Pediatrics. During his 37 years of practice Dr. Block has followed his interests in adolescent behavioral medicine, especially drug abuse and teen pregnancies; learning disabilities, ADHD, and behavior issues; and for the last 25 years, child maltreatment. He is an award winning teacher in general pediatrics; and manages an active pediatric clinic, serving as a medical home for 12,000 children. Dr. Block has presented over 2,000 community and professional talks, and has served often as a media spokesperson for children's issues locally and nationally for the AAP.

## Wayne A. Yankus, MD, FAAP Midland Park, NJ



Dr. Yankus is a New Jersey native and practicing community based pediatrician who did his pediatric training at New York University Hospital-Bellevue Medical Center and internship at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He attended medical school at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara in Mexico.

He is chair of the New Jersey Chapter's Committee on School Health and founder of its "Critical Issues in School Health" program which is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year. He is past president of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a current member of its government affairs committee. He served as chair of the Academy's national section on school health and was

awarded the Academy's Milton J. Senn award for contributions to the nation's school health. He was awarded the American Academy of Pediatrics, New Jersey chapter, recognition award, and is an expert panelist for Education.com, a national education website.

He represented District III on the CATCH committee and was vice president of the Chapter Forum Committee (currently ALF).

Dr. Yankus practices pediatrics in Midland Park, NJ and is the medical liaison to the Ridgewood Board of Education. He is an honorary member of the Board of Children's Aid and Family Services, a former trustee of the Greater Bergen County YWCA, and was honored by the YWCA in 2004 with its Community Role Model Award with his wife Pat.

Dr. Yankus is married and the father of three young men.