



**The Thoracic Society**  
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LEADERS IN LUNG HEALTH

## TSANZ announces President-elect and Board election results

Thoracic Society CEO, Vincent So, today announced the appointment of Associate Professor Natasha Smallwood as President-elect of the Society, commencing Presidency in March 2025.

A/Prof Smallwood continues her distinguished career as a Melbourne-based consultant respiratory physician with special interests in COPD, breathlessness, and severe lung diseases.

A/Prof Smallwood expresses her excitement in taking up the appointment saying, I am honoured and excited to serve as the next President-elect of the Thoracic Society. I am committed to advancing respiratory health, fostering collaboration among our members, and promoting excellence in thoracic medicine and research throughout our region.

Joining A/Prof Smallwood are Directors, Prof Shyamali Dharmage, A/Prof Nicole Goh, Prof Hubertus Jersmann, A/Prof Yet Hong Khor, Dr. Tracy Leong, and Dr. Kimberley Wang.

Current President, Professor Anne Holland remains in the role until March 2025. Prof Holland says, I am delighted to welcome our new Directors, and thank them for contributing their expertise, energy, and vision to our TSANZ Board. I look forward to working with them, and with President-elect A/Prof Smallwood, to advance our objective of improving lung health in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr So comments that, it is admirable to see TSANZ's Diversity and Inclusion Guidelines making a difference at the highest levels under the seasoned leadership of President, Prof Holland. It is a bonus that President-elect A/Prof Smallwood's impeccable qualifications are also complemented with the fact that she is proudly of mixed heritage (of Anglo-Indian descent) and a woman. TSANZ's incoming Board will have 75% female representation and 58% non-Caucasian or mixed ancestry. In addition, 57% of TSANZ's Branch Presidents are women and from non-Caucasian ethnicity.

A/Prof Smallwood's appointment as President of the Thoracic Society is for two years. The other Directors who remain on the Board, and who will serve with the newly elected Board members are Dr Paul Dawkins, Prof Vanessa McDonald, A/Prof Cecilia Prêle, and Prof Ross Vlahos.

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