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Dr. Schultz’s extensive and illustrious career has been marked by major contributions to graduate medical education (GME) and leadership roles at both a local (Mayo) and national level, including leadership of the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM), Organization of Program Director Associations (OPDA), ACGME Review Committee for Internal Medicine, National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), and the ACGME Board of Directors, including on the Executive Committee and serving as Treasurer for five years. In each of these important organizations that shape the education of the next generation of physicians, Dr. Schultz distinguished himself as a leader among leaders. He was President of APDIM, Founding President of OPDA, Chair of the Review Committee for Internal Medicine, Chair of the NRMP, Master of the American College of Physicians, and Treasurer of the ACGME Board of Directors.

Dr. Schultz’s career at Mayo Clinic demonstrates his leadership in both internal medicine education as program director for two decades, and his ongoing leadership at an institutional level in assuring excellence in GME across Mayo. He is the recipient of numerous teaching awards, evidence of his servant leadership style “on the ground” with residents. Those who have worked with Dr. Schultz note that he does not look to lead, but to serve. His work with the ACGME exemplifies this exceptional quality. As Review Committee Chair, he wrote program requirements, and gained their approval by the ACGME Board, that made the Education Innovations Project for internal medicine possible. Later, he chose to serve the ACGME not as its leader, mentoring younger Board members and serving on the more challenging, less glamorous committees, including Requirements, Finance, and Policies and Procedures.

Throughout his career, Dr. Schultz has manifested the highest degree of professionalism, altruism, honesty, and integrity. He has committed his entire career to GME, serving his residents at Mayo, and all residents across the country through his leadership in national organizations shaping and guiding the field.