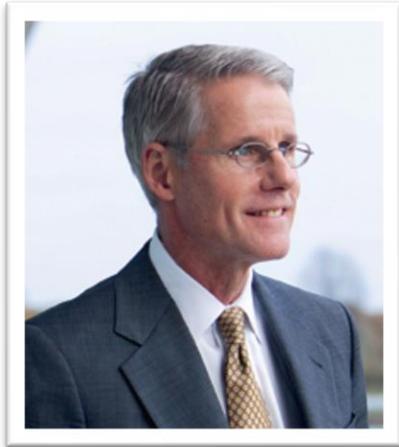




## **2019 SRS Board of Directors Candidate**

**David P. White, MD**



I believe the Sleep Research Society (SRS) is at a very important time in its evolution. With the acquisition of the Journal SLEEP and the initiation of our own scientific meeting, the Society is becoming an increasingly important organization in the sleep field. However, the Journal needs to continuously improve in terms of the articles it attracts and our scientific meeting needs to grow into a major research event. We also face a static or slightly declining membership. Thus, despite our recent success, we have challenges ahead.

I believe that I have considerable relevant experience related to the issues described above. I was previously the president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) a professional organization substantially larger than the SRS. I have also been Editor in Chief of the journal SLEEP and chair of the APSS Program Committee. In addition I have also been of the Board of Directors of the SRS for the last 4 years and have participated in the last two strategic planning events. Thus I have a good understanding of the needs and processes of the organization and the people involved in these processes. As a result, I believe I have the requisite skills and experience to lead the organization.

I will finally add that I am currently the Chief Scientific Officer of Philips Respironics in addition to being a Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School. I do not believe that my position in industry represents a conflict of interest for the SRS presidency. During my four years on the SRS Board of Directors, I never once had to leave the room due to a conflict of interest secondary to my Philips employment. I also believe that my experience in industry is actually an advantage as I have learned a great deal about the science being conducted by industry and the evolution of products relevant to the sleep field. Thus I have a broad perspective regarding the issues important to the SRS.

I thus look forward to the potential opportunity to guide the SRS in the years ahead and believe I would be a very credible president of the organization.