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I thrive on taking action, which is one reason I became an emergency physician. My desire to take action also ignited my interest in health policy.

In 2005, I became the first Permanent physician in history elected to serve as CMA president. This was a great personal honor, but also a triumph for my colleagues who, decades ago, would have been banned from CMA membership. Now we were leading the largest state medical society in the nation. This is a true testament to the quality of our physicians and our program.

I'm proud of the many bold initiatives California Medical Association pursued during my tenure, especially our efforts to ensure physician leadership in expanding access, improving quality, and achieving affordable health care for all Californians.

With others, I started the much needed San Rafael Paramedic Program. In addition, I saw the tragedy created by domestic violence and established the Marin Medical Society Community Based Project to end domestic violence.

I thoroughly enjoy getting out there to make things happen and to make a difference for our patients, our profession, and the lives of our physicians.



**"WE MUST BE LEADERS IN TACKLING SOCIETY'S HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS."**

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## 2007 Cecil Cutting, MD LEADERSHIP AWARD

TPMG has an outstanding ambassador in Michael Sexton, MD. His tireless work has helped solidify the organization's reputation as a community leader and a major voice in health care policy.

In 2005, after serving in numerous leadership capacities, Dr. Sexton became the first TPMG physician to be elected President of the California Medical Association. It was a particular triumph for TPMG, whose physicians had been banned from many medical societies in the 1950s and 1960s.

In addition to his work with CMA, Dr. Sexton served as the Medical Director of the San Rafael Fire Department Early Defibrillation Program, and was the Director of the San Rafael Paramedic Program, which has been replicated by many communities in the Bay Area.

