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### **PARKINSON'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA APPOINT NEW 2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS**

**NAPLES, FLORIDA – (August 15, 2022)** – The Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida (PASWFL) appointed two members to its board of directors. Newly appointed members include Karim Mawji and Russell B. Jones as treasurer. Mawji and Jones join the existing all-volunteer board that includes Board Chair Bill Morgan, Vice Chair John Botsko, Secretary Joanne Hobin, and members Anthony Maglione, Beth Poorman, and Larry Sternberg, MD.

"Russell Jones and Karim Mawji bring valuable experience and expertise to our board," said Bill Morgan, PASWFL Board Chair. "Our dedicated board members provide strategic and financial support to our organization and guide the association to its vision to create a healthier Parkinson community in Southwest Florida."

**Russell B. Jones** is a former Sr. Vice President and CFO of a private label food company following over ten years working for an international accounting firm in San Francisco, California, and Portland, Oregon. Mr. Jones and his wife moved to Naples in 2017. "I believe having a place to turn for support and information when a loved one is diagnosed with a brain disease is critical," said Jones. "I was able to find such a place when my spouse was diagnosed with dementia a few years ago. It was very beneficial for my family. I see PASWF as that place for people dealing with PD."

**Karim Mawji** is the Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Eagle Talon Partners LLC, an investment manager that employs fundamental and systematic event-focused strategies. Prior to forming Eagle Talon, Mr. Mawji founded Paragon Intel, a fintech alternative data analytics company, and Dentonia Park, a special situations hedge fund. Previously, he worked at Morgan Stanley, Deloitte & Touche, and various hedge funds as a principal investor, equity analyst, and M&A/Restructuring banker. Mr. Mawji and his wife Betty relocated from New York City to Naples, Florida in 2021. “Witnessing firsthand the debilitating effects of Lewy Body on my mother as a patient and on my father as her caregiver has made me a strong believer in the Parkinson’s Association of SWFL’s mission to maximize the quality of life for all people affected by this disease, including those unsung heroes who selflessly care for loved ones,” said Mawji.

### **About the Parkinson’s Association of Southwest Florida**

For over twenty-five years, PASWFL has provided front-line evidence-based, effective programs and services that improve the quality of life, educate, enrich, and empower our community members affected by PD and related neurological diseases. Each week the PAWSFL offers more than 20 programs and support groups for members with PD and their Care Partners in addition to the greater SWFL community. There are no fees associated with becoming a member; the membership application is available online at [www.parkinsonassociationswfl.org](http://www.parkinsonassociationswfl.org). Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), or by calling 239-417-3465. PASWFL is located at 2575 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, Building 300, Suite 301, Naples, FL 34119.

### **About Parkinson’s Disease**

Parkinson’s disease is a neurodegenerative disorder that the CDC ranks as the 14th-leading cause of death in the U.S., and the second-most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer’s. There is currently no cure for this disease.

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