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**Director, SDMS Foundation Board of Directors**

Bob is the owner of Bob DeJong, LLC Ultrasound Educational Services in Rosedale, Maryland. In addition to his current service on the SDMS & SDMS Foundation Board of Directors, he also served on the SDMS Conference Management Committee for many years and was awarded the SDMS Joan P. Baker Pioneer Award in 1996 and was made an SDMS

Fellow in 2009. Bob has published two textbooks, *Craig's Essentials of Sonography and Patient Care* and *Sonography Scanning Principles and Protocols*, and authored chapters in other ultrasound textbooks.

When asked why he chose sonography as a career, Bob stated, "I feel like sonography chose me." Bob began his ultrasound journey in 1976 while in his senior year at The Johns Hopkins School of Radiologic Technology. During his ultrasound rotation, he immediately knew this was what he wanted to do but wasn't sure how to make it happen. As Bob pointed out "Remember this was 1976 and there was no internet or cell phones, just word of mouth." In 1976 after graduation, a local hospital offered Bob a position because he expressed interest in learning ultrasound with the caveat that he would still have to do x-ray. After attending The Johns Hopkins Hospital Ultrasound evening course, Bob was offered a position at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1977. In 1978 Bob began teaching physics to ultrasound students fulfilling his lifelong desire to teach. Bob's favorite studies are renal arteries, the liver and liver Doppler, the prostate, TCD exams on sickle cell children, and any type of abdominal biopsy, the trickier the better, such as nodes between the aorta and IVC.

Bob married his high school sweetheart Linda, who is extremely supportive of his career. Bob considers his sons, Alex and Daniel, his two biggest achievements. An avid Disney fan, Bob's favorite characters are Chip and Dale, and his favorite rides are Haunted Mansion and Tower of Terror. He also enjoys attending both local and professional theater, especially musicals. His favorite shows are *The Play That Goes Wrong*, *Pippin*, *Godspell*, and *Six*.