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Dr. Balch has over twenty years of executive leadership in the non-profit sector with an emphasis on consensus-building and collaboration. He has led numerous federal advocacy efforts on a range of issues both at the legislative and regulatory level. He became the CEO of both NPAF and PAF in 2013. From 2006 - 2013, he served as the Vice President of the Preventive Health Partnership -- a national health promotion collaboration between the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, and American Heart Association. Prior to 2006 Dr. Balch was the Executive Director of Friends of Cancer Research.

Dr. Balch has served on the Executive Board of the Patient Advocate Foundation and National Patient Advocate Foundation since 2007. He also serves on numerous advisory boards and committees.

He earned his PhD in environmental studies with a concentration in political economy in 2003 from the University of California, Santa Cruz; master's degree in environmental sciences in 1997 from the University of Texas in San Antonio; his bachelor's degree (cum laude) in biology in 1994 from Trinity University in San Antonio.