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Governor's Corner

This will be my last newsletter as your Governor as I am completing my 5 year term effective April 2009. It has been my pleasure to represent you at the College and be involved with annual chapter meeting planning for the last 10 years. As I had mentioned in our last newsletter, **COL Lisa Zacher**, Chief of Medicine at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, will be taking over as our next Governor and I know that she will do a spectacular job. Please continue to provide her the same level of support that you have to me over the years. The leadership of the Army chapter is in excellent hands and our future is strong!

COMBINED ARMY/AIR FORCE CHAPTER MEETING

Utilizing a new venue in downtown Bethesda, MD, the 3rd annual Army/Air Force Chapter Meeting was held in November 2008. This was a successful move from Northern Virginia and provided the "coziness" that was missing from the Alamodome last year! We will continue to utilize this venue when the meeting is in Washington. Despite all of the challenges that the services face, attendance was again at/near record levels and the quality of the presentations given during the plenary sessions and the research and clinical vignette presentations during the competitions and breakouts was extraordinary. The meeting also provided an opportunity to recognize the "best and brightest" from our Army Chapter with awards that I will detail later.

There are a number of people that I would like to thank for their support of this and previous meetings that I have been involved in planning: meeting planners **LTC Chris Frey** and **Maj Rechell Rodriguez** in San Antonio and **Maj(s) Jeff Larochelle** in DC for their tireless efforts in making this "additional duty as assigned" such a success; Army Governors **COL(ret) Charlie Bolan** and **COL(ret) Nathan Erteschik** for their support and guidance in putting the meeting together and for new **Air Force Governor Col Vince Carr** for his active involvement in the planning of this year's meeting; Internal Medicine Consultants **COL(ret) Erteschik** and **COL Bernie Roth** for managing the "central funding" of the meeting and for being mentors and staunch advocates for Army Internists; our partners at the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, **Bryce Redington, John Rosenquist, Kristee Killpack, Natalie Fielman, and Alison Combs**, who have been crucial to the "behind the scenes" management of the annual meeting and our chapter finances; "priceless" administrative support from **Carmen Waggoner** and

Melissa Borsic; senior Army Internal Medicine leaders that have provided organization and structure to our Chapter Awards process, often as they prepared for deployment, **COL Skip Mondragon, COL Roth, COL Joe Pina, COL Steve Salerno, LTC Steve Silvey**, and **MAJ Kent Dezee**; our Chief Residents who have always prepared a high quality Medical Jeopardy Competition that has become a model for the ACP National Doctors Dilemma Competition; the meeting breakout coordinators who have consistently brought in high-quality and relevant plenary speakers and masterfully managed their central funding budgets and breakout sessions; and the Internal Medicine Residency Program Directors for serving tirelessly as mentors and teachers for our trainees- we see the fruit of your labor each year at this and other meetings! Thank you to all!!

ARMY CHAPTER AWARDS

The following individuals were recognized for outstanding achievement during the 2008 Army/Air Force Chapter Meeting:

ARMY REGION LAUREATE AWARD

COL(ret) David P. Dooley

MG(ret) Kenneth D. Herbst

COL(ret) Allan R. Glass

COL(ret) Louis N. Pangaro

MASTER TEACHER AWARD

LTC Cecily K. Peterson

COL WILLIAM CROSBY SUPERIORITY IN RESEARCH AWARD

LTC Stephen Harrison

COL ROBERT H. MOSER AWARD: OUTSTANDING ARMY INTERNIST

MAJ Ramey L. Wilson

EXCELLENCE IN OPERATIONAL MEDICINE AWARD

MAJ Jeremy G. Perkins

ASSOCIATES COMPETITIONS

The following Internal Medicine Residents were recognized for excellence in the Research and Clinical Vignette podium and poster competitions and the Medical Jeopardy competition; those noted with an * will represent the Army Chapter at the 2009 National Associate Competitions in Philadelphia:

RESEARCH PODIUM COMPETITION

- *1. **CPT Christopher M. Cowan, WBAMC**, "*Are we an online nation?*"
2. **CPT Jenny Ryan, MAMC**, "*Sleep deprivation in redeployed soldiers; correlations with co-morbid illnesses and health-risk behavior*"
3. **CPT Joseph Sclafani, BAMC**, "*Over-utilization of resources in the evaluation of syncope in a military treatment facility*"

CLINICAL VIGNETTE POSTER COMPETITION

- *1 **CPT Brian Haney, BAMC**, "*Coronary thrombosis detected by cardiac CT angiography prior to cardiac catheterization*"
2. **CPT Charles Magee, WRAMC**, "*NO XPLODE: A case of supplement-induced ischemic colitis*"
3. **CPT Ian Rivera, BAMC**, "*A case of cicatricial pemphigoid with tracheal stenosis*"

RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION

1. **CPT Brian O'Reilly, MAMC**, "CPAP treatment for OSA: Identifying patient predictors of non-compliance"
2. **CPT Kate Kinnaird, BAMC**, "Comparison of 1,5 anhydroglucitol assay to oral glucose tolerance test for diagnosis of cystic-fibrosis-related diabetes"
3. **CPT Grace Kang, WRAMC**, "Mortality of acinetobacter baumannii bacteremia at a tertiary medical center"

JEOPARDY COMPETITION-*WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

CPT Rosco Gore

CPT Matthew Lacquer

CPT Angelo Paredes

Congratulations to all of these outstanding trainees and their mentors!!

FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

Congratulations to the following members of our Chapter who were selected to receive the designation as "*Fellow of the American College of Physicians*" over the last 6 months:

Elected October 2008

John Bride

Julia Lim

Dennis Malloy

Tomas Ferguson

Kristie Lowry

Jennifer Wink

Elected January 2009

Jay Bucci

Patricia Short

This is a great honor for these individuals and a testament to all that they have accomplished over the years! **COL Zacher** will also be replacing me on the Credentials Subcommittee of the College and this subcommittee makes the final recommendations on advancement. If you have any advancement-related questions, please contact me at gregory.argyros@us.army.mil or check out information on advancement at <http://www.acponline.org/membership/>

ACP Awards and Mastership

Nominations for the 2009-2010 cycle for National ACP Awards and nominations for advancement to Mastership in the College are now being accepted for awards that will be presented at Internal Medicine 2010 in Toronto, Canada. Information about this process can be found at the following url: http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/awards_masterships/call_for_nom.htm

We have many worthy current and former members of the Army chapter that may be candidates for these awards or for consideration for advancement to Mastership. Please contact me if you have any recommendations.

2009 Army/Air Force Chapter Meeting

The 2009 Army/Air Force Chapter Meeting will be held in the Convention Center in San Antonio 18-22 November 2009. Please mark your calendars and watch for meeting announcements throughout the year.