

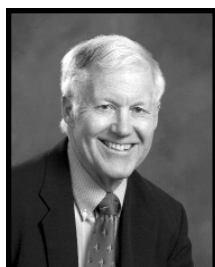
Colorado Chapter GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS



Hello to ACP Colorado Chapter members and friends! Hope this finds you all well, and already making plans for the Broadmoor meeting. The Fall Board of Governor's Meeting was October 5-7 at Lake Tahoe.

This meeting was devoted to Chapter Development and Support. **Bob Gibbons** and I participated in a workshop on Chapter Finance. The discussions were productive and animated. I snuck in a mountain bike ride on the Flume Trail with **Paul Howard**, ACP Governor from Arizona, and Gay and I enjoyed coming home on route 50, the "*Loneliest Road in America*".

2007 COLORADO CHAPTER SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Don't miss the 2007 Colorado Chapter Scientific Meeting February 1-3 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. This year's speakers will cover a wide variety of topics, including sleep disturbances, antibiotic overuse, diabetes management, CT coronary screening, and fibromyalgia. There will be special interest groups for hospitalists, medical students, young physicians, and fellowship candidates. This meeting is open to both ACP members and nonmembers. Please invite any colleagues who would find this meeting beneficial. This is a great opportunity to learn about the latest advancements in internal medicine and hear about local and national issues that can affect the practice and teaching of internal medicine—all while networking with colleagues in your area. As an added benefit, you can earn 11 CME

credits for attending. Don't forget to reserve your room! You may call the hotel directly at 866-837-9520. Try to stay at the Broadmoor if you come to the meeting as the more rooms we book the more space we receive for our meeting and break out rooms.

For program and registration information, visit the Chapter Web site at www.acponline.org/chapters/co. If you have additional questions, please contact **Amy Budeau** directly via e-mail at cochapteracp@msn.com or telephone at 970-241-7204. This meeting promises to be one of the best yet!

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHAPTER TREASURER

After three years of dedicated service, **Kevin Lutz** will be stepping down as Chapter Treasurer as of February 2007. **Larry Feinberg** is heading up a committee to find a replacement for this important position. Please forward names of potential candidates to Dr. Feinberg at Larry.Feinberg@UCHSC.edu (303) 372-3121. Self nomination is encouraged.

LEADERSHIP DAY

We received \$3,825 from the ACP Chapter Development Fund to send five Chapter members to ACP Leadership day in Washington D.C. May 15-16, 2007. Leadership Day is ACP members' time to meet with Congressman and Senators in Washington to share with them concerns and

problems facing our profession. The funds will send the Chair of our Health and Public Policy Committee, at least one student, one associate, and two other members. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. We should be able to cover airfare, hotel, meals, etc.

YOUNG PHYSICIAN BANQUET

ACP now has a Council of Young Physicians (defined as a physician member of ACP who is within sixteen (16) years from graduating medical school and who is not a Medical Student or Associate member of ACP). In order to build some interest and hopefully develop a cadre of enthusiastic young Colorado docs for this program we are planning a "*Young Physician Kick-off Banquet*" in the Spring. ACP has given us \$3,500 for this activity. I will be e-mailing younger members to get their input regarding the venue and style for the event. Hopefully we can have a regional representative of the Council of Young Physicians join us and eventually form a Council of Young Physicians within our chapter.

RECRUITING PILOT PROJECT

We have been asked to pilot a new recruiting campaign which will give the chapter a \$100 bonus for each new member, plus \$25 per year for the first two years said member renews, plus one free registration to Internal Medicine 2008 for the chapter per every 10 new members recruited. This money is in addition to the Recruit a Colleague \$100 dues credit already in place for the recruiting physician. This program will be a win-win for our Chapter and will run from December 1 until March 1. This program is an opportunity to improve chapter finances while getting the word out about the value of ACP membership, including advocacy, education, and improving patient care.

So, take a few minutes to invite your colleagues to join ACP, whether they are general internists, hospitalists, or sub specialists. If they fill out the membership application from the ACP Web site, be sure they write "*RACCP*" and your name or

membership ID number at the top of the form so both you and the Chapter will be credited. You can also request pre-printed applications and brochures highlighting the benefits of membership by e-mailing **Amy Budeau** or by calling her at (970) 241-7204.

IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN PRACTICE

IPIP (a joint effort with CCGC and others) is looking for more practices to participate. IPIP staff recently had a conference call with Dr **Michael Barr** from ACP's Center for Practice Innovation and found a lot of common ground. Physicians interested in participating in IPIP may apply on line or obtain more information on the CCGC Web site at <http://www.coloradoguidelines.org> or contact **Allyson Gottsman** at 720-297-1681 or agottsman@coloradoguidelines.org.

ASSOCIATES

Associate members number 123 this year. The Council of Associates this year is headed by Molly Colque and Michael Reed. As usual, four Associates will do oral presentations at the Chapter Scientific Meeting; and new this year, four additional Associates will present posters during the Friday evening reception.

Colorado Associate members have recently submitted a total of 20 abstracts to the national Associates Abstract Competition, 8 from St. Joe's and 12 from CU. Winners will go to Internal Medicine 2007 in San Diego in April.

STUDENTS

Student membership in the ACP-sponsored Internal Medicine Interest Group exceeded 25% of the student body this year, qualifying the club for additional funds from ACP. The current officers for 2006-7 are **Andrea Wismann** and **Kyle Inman**.

The group, in conjunction with the Department of Medicine, is hosting a Career/Elective Fair on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 from 5:30-7:30 in the Skaff Conference Room (third floor, School of Pharmacy).

GOVERNOR NEEDS YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

Of our 1,373 members, we lack 405 e-mail addresses. E-mail is the quickest way for me to inform you of ACP news, be it advocacy requests, meeting announcements, or Chapter programs and opportunities. If you have not been receiving e-mails about Chapter activities (and would like to) please e-mail **Amy Budeau** at the chapter office: cochapteracp@msn.com.

INTERNAL MEDICINE 2008 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Interested in participating as faculty for Internal Medicine 2008? The Clinical Skills and the Medical Informatics Subcommittees invite you to submit proposals describing interactive clinical skills and medical informatics workshops for Internal Medicine 2008.

Visit www.acponline.org/clinicalskills/im08.htm for more details.

CALLING ALL AUTHORS

Dear Masters, Fellows, Members, and Associates:

I write to ask your help with two book projects to be developed and published by the American College of Physicians. Together with **Tom Hartman**, Editor of the College's Books program, I propose to collect in two volumes prose and poetry that deals with medicine and topics germane to the physicians' work: patients and doc-

tors, healing, illness, aging, and death. We see this as an opportunity to create two unique anthologies of wide appeal both to physicians and their patients.

We shall be assisted by a committee of advisors in this project as well as by the College's Publications staff.

A book of poetry will contain perhaps 100-150 poems over approximately 150 pages in a single volume. The prose will be comprised of short pieces of fiction and essays in a book of about 250 pages. Our goal will be to collect not only "classic works, but also contemporary poems and stories from both established and emerging writers.

Here is where we need your help:

Please send me your favorite choices of either poems or short fiction, or both, pieces however tangentially related to medicine. E-mail them to me at the e-mail address below. Title and author is fine; source is even better.

For poetry, we are looking for poems of 75 lines or less, and for prose, 5000 words or less.

Thank you very much in advance for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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ATTEND INTERNAL MEDICINE 2007!

As you know, Internal Medicine 2007 (formerly Annual Session) is taking place April 19-21, 2007 in San Diego, CA. Offering a wide variety of educational workshops and case-based sessions, as well as plenty of social and networking opportunities, Internal Medicine 2007 is discounted to ACP members. Register today at www.acponline.org/cme/as/2007/index.html.

Also at Internal Medicine 2007, a 10x10 course about Health Information Technology will be offered. To learn more about this course or to register for it, visit www.acponline.org/cme/10x10_course.htm.

