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Governor's Message

This will be one of several updates. I think back to how complicated things appeared before the presidential election and decided I would see how the election turned out with all its excitement and newness. Little did we anticipate the economic crash that now faces all of us. In advance of the inauguration there is still a feeling of hopefulness and excitement for a new approach for the economy, the country and healthcare. Let's look forward and see how we can contribute.

First, try to be active in the process. Make your voices count. To become and remain visible, I encourage you to join and be part of the advocacy represented by ACP. We need committee members and for some areas, new directors. I would like to see our young doctors group activated and led by someone out there. Please contact me for any way you want to serve. (legutmd@aol.com). Come to Leadership Day in May. Bring an associate or medical student with you (please let me know who might be coming). ACP is not a closed group: we need and welcome you all.

Take advantage of your opportunities to teach, lead and influence young physicians. Support our education meetings and be involved in encouraging young students to be visible too. You can help by mentoring, editing posters, being involved in our chapter meetings, judging and being on the planning committees. I am particularly concerned about the disappearing visibility i.e. declining attendance of many of our academic faculty members at some of our events. How might we encourage your participation if you are not already involved? Let us know what kind of programs and events would interest you.

Chapter activities:

Honors: Note that our chapter, under the skilled leadership of **Lawrence Klein, MD** has received both a Chapter Excellence Award and the Evergreen Award. The latter award recognizes chapter programs that enhance membership, management, communication, involvement, diversity and foster interest in Internal Medicine careers . The award recognized the major impact of the recently started "*Steps to Success*" program sponsored for medical students to learn about internal medicine. It featured panel discussions with a variety of internists, a key topic address, and medical demonstrations, followed by a pizza party and

social hour. This year's Associates' meeting in the spring, led by the efforts of **Capt. Jeff LaRochelle, USAF**, at NNMC, will be open to students from four states and the District.

National Honors: The chapter nominated **Dr. Elizabeth Nabel** who will receive the ACP national Award for Outstanding Work in Science as Related to Medicine. Also sponsored by our chapter, the Kennedy Institute will receive The Edward R. Loveland Memorial Award for Distinguished Contribution in the Health Field.

New Masters received national recognition. **Gary Simon, MD, Kenneth Becker, MD, and Henry Masur, MD** will be installed in April in Philadelphia. Congratulations !

Our local chapter honored several at its annual meeting. **Dr. Alan G. Wasserman** received the chapter's Laureate Award. The Community Service and Volunteerism Award was given to **Amy Kossoff MD**. The Leadership award was given to **Alice L. Fuisz, MD**. The community based teaching award winner was **Dr. Stuart I. Henochowicz**. The two winners of the Sol Katz Teaching Award were **Drs. Jehan El-Bayoumi and Deborah Topol**.

The annual scientific meeting was held on Nov. 7 and 8 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The college representative was **Frederick E. Turton, MD, MBA, FACP** who is the Chair-elect of the Board of Regents. **Richard L. Trachtman** who is the ACP Director of Legislative Affairs, presented the Legislative update. A variety of clinically relevant lectures were given in the clinical sessions that followed.

Additionally an Associates Poster and Podium Program was an important component of the meeting. Nearly 50 posters were shown. The winner of the research podium presentation was the paper, "*The Requirement for Emergent Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery Following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in the Stent Era*" presented by **Nicholas Hanna, MD** for many co-authors from Georgetown University Hospital.

The Doctors Dilemma Jeopardy style competition was won by the National Naval Medical Center's team of **Lts. Greg Fuhrer, Aaron Flanders and Evan May**. Our chapter will sponsor this winning team in the national competition in April in Philadelphia.

Resolutions: Your resolutions achieved considerable interest at the Board of Governors and Regents Meeting. The DC chapter seems particularly vocal and visible for its voices that rise from the Health and Public Policy Committee (about to meet in Jan.) Two of the recent resolutions are forwarded to higher committees for action. One dealing with the testing and recognition of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree is being drafted into a policy statement from the ACP. The other resolution discusses the expansion of federal health care facilities in underserved communities. So if you have burning issues, please contact me (legutmd@aol.com) or a member of the committee.

Activities in Progress: We are currently preparing a Steps for Success program for medical students drawing from 4 states and the District programs.

May 9 - Associates' second Poster and Podium meeting at USUHS.

The Women's Committee is very active and continues to meet.

I look forward to working with you to create a young physicians group and perhaps we can get involved in some local projects that represent the organization's interest in DC health issues.

I hope to see you in Philadelphia in April.

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Visit the chapter website at
www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/dc

College Targets Emerging Leaders at IM 2009

If you are planning to attend IM 2009 in Philadelphia this year, consider going early so you can attend one of the new leadership development pre-courses offered on Wednesday, April 22. "*Essential Competencies for the Emerging Leader*" was offered for the first time last year, and was very successful. It combined plenary presentations with small group discussions to help develop competencies in self-assessment, effective communication, team building, and negotiation. To find out more, or to register, go to https://www.acponline.org/atpro/timssnet/meetings/tnt_meetings.cfm?action=long&primary_id=PRE904.

An advanced course is also available: "*Leadership Competencies: Beyond the Basics*." Again using plenary presentations and small group interaction, the faculty will focus on skills needed to create a shared vision, think strategically, empower others, and manage change. More information and registration are available at https://www.acponline.org/atpro/timssnet/meetings/tnt_meetings.cfm?action=long&primary_id=PRE905.

You can also register by phone at 1 800 523 1546, ext. 2600.

Member cost is \$209 before 2/13/09 and \$289 after that.

Other leadership topics covered during IM Week include:

Leadership and Career Advancement for International Medical Graduates; Teaching Residents and Fellows to Teach; New Ideas for Reforming the US Health Care System; Communicating between Generations; Effective Negotiation Skills; Resolving Competing Imperatives; Presentation Skills for Physicians; Teaching, Learning, and Assessing Medical Professionalism; How to Run a Meeting, Manage Time, and Develop Consensus.

All of these courses count towards earning a LEAD (Leadership Enhancement and Development) Certificate. For more information on this award go to:

https://www.acponline.org/education_recertification/resources/leadership_development/certificate/.

To find out how you can get more involved in our own chapter's leadership, go to <http://www.acponline.org/lead>, and click on ACP Chapter Activities or contact me at (michael.s.gold@medstar.net).

Electronic Health Records, Second Edition

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