

Upcoming Events

2008 Kansas Annual Chapter Meeting

September 5-6

Doubletree Hotel

Overland Park, KS

Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

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Governor's Corner



A fantastic week in Washington, D.C. documented that advocacy is alive and well. Five hundred ACP members visited their legislators. The Kansas contingent was able to meet with **Senator Pat Roberts**. He is worried, as we are, about primary care reimbursement and having adequate primary care physicians in the future. He also is aware of the dysfunctional pay system and is in favor of a change from the present payment system under Medicare. He is in favor of a change in method of payment and/or a SGR fix.

Representative Nancy Boyda's health legislative aide wanted to know more about the Lessons Learned paper that we provided. All of the legislative offices are aware of our difficulties and the plight of primary care.

The ACP leadership is committed to the Patient Centered Medical Home and has asked the policy committees in the college to address the objectives of care in the PCMH in order to help direct the college in its goal of strengthening primary care.

This year was the first year for the Leadership Enhancement and Development (LEAD) program. This is a program to develop leaders within the college for both college and community leadership. **Matt Floresch, MD** attended this pre-course session before IM 08. It is our hope that every new Chapter Advisory council member will be able to attend LEAD in the future. The pre-course prior to the "IM" meeting is to be followed by a mentoring process.

The Kansas chapter was again well represented at the IM 08 meeting with poster presentations from **Jeremy Schue MD, Oksana Anand MD, Rashmi Tadiparthi MD, Yi Zhuang MD, Douglas McGregor MD, Emily Horn MD, and Simon Khagi MD**. **Roger Maalouf, MD** and **Hazem El-Osta, MD** were two Associates from Kansas among a total of 20 Associates nationwide who presented their clinical vignettes or research papers verbally. **Seth Sheldon** a medical student at KU School of Medicine was a Clinical Vignette finalist. In addition Kansas has two new fellows: **Leighton J. Sweet MD, FACP** and **Maurice V. Strickland MD, FACP**.

The College is strong and the chapters are continuing to do well. The College has changed its insurance broker and is now aligned with Marsh. New products are available to members improving the packets of products complimenting the continued vital College mission to bring value to the members by enhancing the effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in medicine.

I am looking forward to serving as your new Governor. I hope you have received your mailing about the Kansas Chapter meeting in Overland Park, Kansas in September. It will be an exciting program for education and for advocacy. I hope to see you there.

Don Hatton, who has just completed his four years as Governor of Kansas, will continue to serve the chapter and the College as Chair of the Board of Governors. As chair, he also will serve on the Board of Regents and as an officer in the College.

I encourage you to contact me if you have questions about the Chapter. I also encourage you to increase your involvement in the Kansas Chapter of ACP and ACP in general. I am eager to hear from you how the ACP can improve your care of your patients.

Garold Minns MD FACP
Governor, Kansas Chapter of the ACP
June 3, 2008

Associates' and Medical Students' Activities

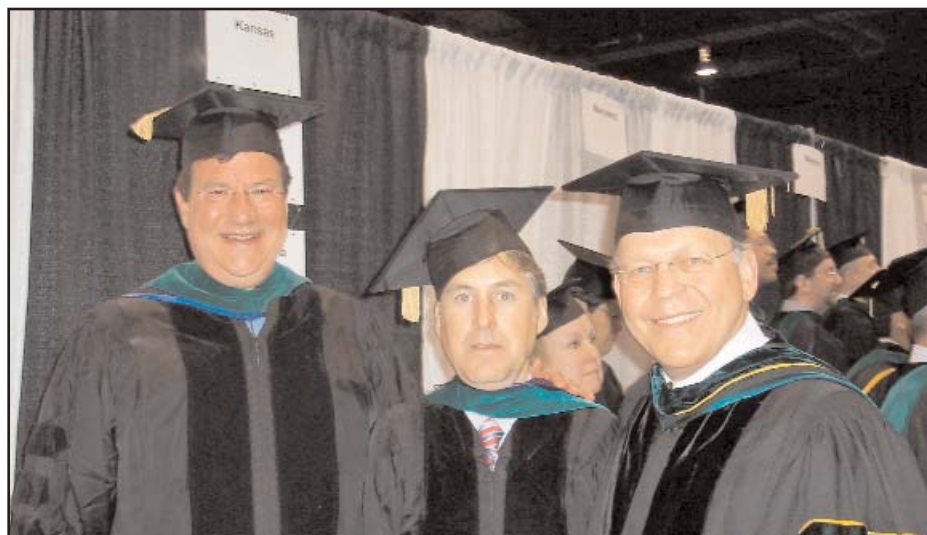
Posters and research papers prepared by Associates and Medical Students will be presented at the 2008 Kansas Chapter Annual Meeting. Winners will receive cash awards and be eligible for entrance into the national competition held during Internal Medicine 2009. Contact **Marilane Carr** at 316 293 2650 or mcarr@kumc.edu (Wichita) or **Marcia Pressly** at 913 588 6051 or mpressly@kumc.edu (Kansas City) for information about entering the Associates' or Medical Students' Competition.

WASHINGTON RALLY



The recent past Governors, Kyner, Sweet, Kerby and Hatton

Dr. Hatton, previous Governor, with the two new Fellows from Kansas, Maurice V. Strickland MD, FACP and Leighton J. Sweet MD, FACP.



Kansas participants at Leadership Day on Capitol Hill."