

# LOUISIANA CHAPTER GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2002

The Louisiana Chapter  
of the ACP-ASIM

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## GOVERNOR'S CORNER

*Greetings!* I recently returned from the Board of Governors Meeting and National Meeting at the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine in Philadelphia. It was a very profitable week, both from an educational and administrative standpoint. The Scientific Meetings were, as usual, quite interesting and educational with a broad spectrum of topics. I was particularly interested in the new sessions that were offered with regard to the history of medicine, and dealing with the pressures of medical practice. Administratively, the Board of Governors dealt with several issues. We have recommended to the Board of Regents that the name of the College be returned to the American College of Physicians. This passed unanimously without alteration other than an amendment that the Board of Governors can change the name over time, in view of the expense engendered. We also spent a great deal of time dealing with recertification. The Board of Governors passed several resolutions with regard to this and hopefully over time, the recertification process will be improved. Several other topics were also discussed, including the fact that over the next three to four years there will be a significant reduction in Medicare payments, which will amount to approximately 28% when adjusted for inflation, as well as the geometric reduction that is forecast. The College is attempting to deal with this and understands the impact on American medicine in general. In his Annual Session 2002 Convocation Address, William Hall, MD, FACP, compared ACP-ASIM Fellowship to Tolkien's *Lord* (read: *Fellowship*) *of the Rings*. Both are a group of trusted comrades with varied strengths and weaknesses that have to represent the ideals of a community while carrying on its hard work. I thought he expressed clearly why you might want to consider becoming a fellow of the college. I have included the pathways and requirements in this issue.

***I encourage all members to attend our Annual Louisiana Chapter Meeting March 13-15, 2003, at the Wyndham Hotel in New Orleans that will be held in conjunction with the Mississippi chapter. I believe this year's meeting, featuring prominent experts and timely topics, will be most enjoyable and instructive. There is no other meeting that offers such an economical, convenient source of continuing education for a busy internist. I know Drs. Fred Lopez of LSU and Jeff Wiese of Tulane, Co-Directors of the 2003 Meeting, have been working diligently with their Planning Committee on giving you the best possible learning experience and environment. We are planning a few surprises for you this year too!***

As your Governor, I sometimes have the privilege of serving on various national committees. Currently, I am on the ACP-ASIM Membership Committee as well as the 2004 ACP-ASIM Annual Scientific Session Committee to be held in New Orleans. The 2003 Meeting will be in San Diego. On a personal note, I continue to enjoy the work of Governor as I begin my fourth and last year serving you and the LA Chapter. I also appreciate more and more the value of this organization, which encompasses all internists. There are many things to divide us in this turbulent period in medicine and the unifying force of the College and the esteem with which it is held both within the profession and our community at large is very satisfying. Please encourage your friends and colleagues to join us. We welcome them and hope that you take advantage of all the benefits of our great organization. I want to assure you that I will make every effort to help you in the process of participating in our College.

### SOME IDEAS ON YOUR MIND?

Please share them with us by submitting articles for our next publication to

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**NOTE: Although it's not a prerequisite to be a Fellow in our Chapter to receive the Laureate Award, we are providing you a list of people who have contributed substantially to our Chapter over the years.**

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**Fellows Greater than 10 Years within LA Chapter: Candidates for  
Laureate Award**

***We need your input !***

***This is your Chapter!***

***Deadline for all***

***nominations is in***

***October 31,2002***

**2003 LA-MS Chapters' ACP-ASIM Meeting**

***We only would offer you the very best. . .***

**2003 LA-MS ACP-ASIM Meeting:**

***"What the Clinician Wants and Needs to Know"***

**Thursday, March 13, 2003, 5-7 PM, Registration**

**Friday, March 14, 2003**

7:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast
7:15	Louisiana Council Meeting and Mississippi Council Meeting
8:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks Charles V. Sanders, MD, FACP, ACP-ASIM Governor, Louisiana Chapter
8:05	Joseph Dalovisio, MD, Chief of Infectious Diseases, Ochsner Medical Foundation Update on Antimicrobial Resistance and New Antimicrobials
8:40	Questions and Answers
8:50	Jeanette Magnus, MD, PhD, Executive Director of the Tulane/Xavier Women's Center Update on Women's Health Issues
9:25	Questions and Answers
9:35	Luis Balart, MD, Chief of Gastroenterology, LSUHSC Update on Hepatitis C
10:10	Questions and Answers
10:20	Break
10:35	Vivian Fonseca, MD, Chief of Endocrinology, Tulane University Health Sciences Center Update on Evaluation and Management of Obesity
11:10	Questions and Answers
11:20	Charles V. Sanders, MD Edgar Hull Professor and Chair of Medicine, LSUHSC

	Update on Bioterrorism
11:55	Questions and Answers
12:05	Lunch
1:05	Chapter Business Meetings: Louisiana Chapter and Mississippi Chapter
2:00	Update on College Activities Munsey Wheby, MD,
2:30	Town Meeting
3:00	Break: Visit Exhibits and College Display
3:15	Clinical Vignette Presentations by Louisiana and Mississippi Associates (4 from LA; 3 from MS)
4:45	Posters/ Break: Visit Exhibits and College Display
5:00	Jeopardy Competition
6:30	Cocktails
7:00	Laureate Awards and Dinner

### **Saturday, March 15, 2003**

8:00 AM	"Mentoring" Breakfast
9:00	Muncy Wheby, MD: Approach to Anemia
9:50	Questions and Answers
10:00	"Unknown Cases" Forum: Presentation of the Cases and Discussion
10:50	Break and Visit Exhibits and College Display
11:00	"Unknown" Cases: Answers and Update of the Literature
12:00	Adjourn

## **PROMOTION TO FELLOWSHIP**

**REMINDER: Next deadline is December 1, 2002**

**It is important to remember that there are 4 established Pathways:**

**Pathway 1:** Members must have demonstrated skill in written medical communication.

**Pathway 2:** Members must have significant and continuing certification activities and/or teaching (both institutional and community-based), and/or community activities that indicate professional achievement and scholarship; they must have undergone recertification, or they must have participated in the Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program (MKSAP) with a passing score. In addition, subspecialty certification or certificates of special competence in adolescent medicine, critical care medicine, clinical cardiac electrophysiology, geriatrics, or sports medicine can qualify a candidate for this pathway, but are not adequate by themselves.

**Pathway 3:** Members must have been active members in ACP or ASIM for at least 10 years, with substantial participation in programs and activities, as well as demonstration of other professional accomplishments. **\*\*Note:** Outstanding candidates who have been active Members for fewer than 10 years may qualify by combining Pathways 1 and/or 2 with Pathway 3.

**Pathway 4:** Members must have distinguished professional activity in teaching, patient care or professional service over many years.

### **Requirements:**

- Be certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine

- Have been a member in good standing for at least two years in either ACP or ASIM and have held a position in practice or in academia for at least two years since completion of training
- Have an active medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice)
- Have confined professional activity to internal medicine or a subspecialty of internal medicine
- Be proposed and seconded with detailed letters of support from two current Masters or Fellows with reference to character, ethics and medical activities, and outlining professional contributions and accomplishments
- Be endorsed by the appropriate ACP-ASIM Governor
- Have shown continuing scholarship and professional accomplishments
- Document continuing professional activities, including teaching (both institutional and community-based); hospital committee work; public service and community activities; and participation in continuing medical education activities as both student and teacher.

For additional information contact LA Chapter Governor's Office (504) 568-3793 or ACP-ASIM Customer Service (1-800-523-1546 ext. 2600) or visit the College website.

## **LEADERSHIP DAY 2002**

**By Cathy Lazarus, MD, FACP**

On May 21 and 22, 2002, Dr. Cathy Lazarus and Fred Lopez represented the Louisiana Chapter of the ACP-ASIM at Leadership Day on Capitol Hill. We had a very informative and productive two days. We received excellent training and information from the ACP-ASIM staff on the first day. The issues the college has highlighted for this year include Medicare fee schedule reform, prescription drug benefits under Medicare, Medicare regulatory reform, access to care for all Americans, funding for bio-terrorism prevention, response and education, funding for medical education, and tort reform.

On May 22, 2002, we met with staff from Senators Breaux and Landrieu's offices, and from Representative McCrary. Congressman Vitter himself took time to meet with us. They were all supportive of the issues we raised, and appreciated hearing the Louisiana perspective.

We also enjoyed meeting leaders from Chapters all over the country. We have been invited by the delegation from Florida to attend their state Chapter and council meeting to see how they have organized themselves to recruit and retain membership and to lobby effectively at both the state and national level.

***Please let us hear from you, and consider getting involved in some way to advance the interests of internists and our patients.***

Events such as Leadership Day must be viewed not as an isolated annual event, but as part of an ongoing dialogue in relationship that we as a professional society must maintain with our political representatives. Our chapter needs more interested physicians to join the ACP-ASIM Key Contact Program, which offers you the opportunity of receiving a periodic newsletter, *The Capitol Key*, which updates members on legislation affecting internists and their patients. Furthermore, through the Key Contact Program, you learn how to contact your representatives in Congress and become a more effective advocate for legislation affecting our practice and our patients. All

members of our Chapter should really become key contacts. The process for enrolling involves a simple application process, which you can access on our Chapter website.