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Governor's Message



Hello
 Everyone:

It has been a busy and interesting summer and fall. In this edition of your newsletter we will review the recently held Governor's Council Meeting, the annual MN Chapter Meeting, and review some of the membership statistics for our Chapter.

**Governor's Council Meeting,
 November 1, 2007**

The semi-annual Governor's Council Meeting was held in Minneapolis the evening before our annual Chapter meeting. All but two members were able to attend. We heard excellent updates from our medical student representatives who lead Internal Medicine Interest Groups (IMIG): University of Minnesota School of Medicine, **Katie Pastorius**, **Sarah McAvoy**, and **Jackie Gerhart** from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Both groups are active planning numerous events attracting up to 125 students interested in pursuing careers in Internal Medicine. Our Chapter will continue to support the IMIG activities in the state. The Council was impressed with the organization and level of interest in the IMIGs at both campuses.

Sally Berryman, MD FACP provided an update on women's activities in the Chapter. As in past years, a Women's Breakfast was planned for

the opening of the annual chapter meeting. A spring retreat is also being planned.

Christina Baker, MD is an ID fellow at the University of Minnesota and serves as our young physician representative. She outlined several initiatives supported by the College to attract young physicians and to retain their interest in ACP activities. There was good discussion and many suggestions from the Council for potential young physician programs. We will include a dedicated session coordinated with next year's chapter meeting devoted to issues important to physicians who have recently completed Internal Medicine training.

John Bundrick, MD FACP is serving as Program Chair for this year's meeting and he along with **Charlie Reznikoff**, MD, who coordinates the poster session, provided an overview of the meeting planned for the next day. As those of you who were able to attend will agree, **John** and **Charlie** both did a terrific job and we owe them a huge thank you.

Peter Smyth, MD FACP is our new membership representative and reviewed some of the demographics of Internal Medicine in Minnesota and in our Chapter. **Peter** will be focusing on involving existing ACP Members and Fellows in recruiting new members from their practices. See "Recruit a Member" later in this newsletter.

Gary Schwartz, MD FACP, our chapter treasurer reviewed our cur-

rent financial status. Despite our decision to forgo support from pharmaceutical companies for our annual meeting and the optional nature of our chapter dues, we hope to break even after the expenses of our annual meeting are settled. The national ACP has set aside \$1.75 million to offset lost revenue from chapter dues, the optional nature of which was more prominently noted on dues statements this year. This resulted in a shortfall of chapter dues revenue for all chapters including ours. The Board of Regents is actively addressing the optional nature of chapter dues.

Finally, I reviewed several initiatives the Chapter is pursuing including a Chief Resident Exchange between the four training programs in the state, and our chapter's Evergreen Award Application. This is an award for innovation at the chapter level, and we are highlighting the changes in the poster judging at our annual meeting, which is now known as Poster Rounds.

We also discussed increasing advocacy activities at the state level for our Chapter. **David Hilden**, MD FACP, serves as our political affairs representative for the state and also represents us at the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA). There was support from the Council to expand advocacy activities working with the MMA as they have a well-developed infrastructure in place. **Dave Hilden** and I will initiate contact with MMA.

2007 Minnesota ACP Chapter Meeting 11/2/07, Minneapolis Convention Center

By all measures, this year's edition of our annual meeting was a success. We had 215 attendees, a nice increase over past years. **John Bundrick**, MD FACP, our program chair, organized, with input from the planning committee, an outstanding program. The biggest problems we faced during the meeting were the need to order more food, and an unplanned expansion of a meeting room to accommodate those who could not find a seat. A quick look at evaluations indicates those attending felt the day was worth their time and meaningful. We also attracted 130 posters from residents and students in Minnesota. The Poster Rounds judging process organized by **Charlie Reznikoff**, MD was again a success and will continue to be refined. **Brad Benson**, MD FACP helped organize and presided over the Med-Peds section of the program. His efforts helped us include an important segment of internists in the state, and the Chapter is grateful for his work.

Our College representative for the meeting was **David Bronson**, MD FACP, who currently serves as Chair of the Board of Governors for the College. **David** is a former governor from Ohio and his presence and remarks at our

Council meeting as well as the chapter meeting added greatly. **David** spoke on the future of Internal Medicine and participated with me in the open forum Town Meeting. He also presented the MN Chapter with a Chapter Excellence Award recognizing the management of the Chapter during the past year.

Many thanks to our speakers, each of whom spent hours preparing their talks and away from their practices; our gratitude and appreciation is their only compensation.

Faculty for the 2007 MN ACP Chapter Meeting:

Brad Benson, MD FACP
David Bronson, MD FACP
William Browne, MD FACP
John Bundrick, MD FACP
Kimberly Cochran MD FACP
Charles Crutchfield III, MD
Robert Cuddihy, MD, ACP Member
Paul Daniels, MD, ACP Member
Ele Gertner, MD FACP
Richard Hilger, MD
Val Ulstad, MD, ACP Member
Steven Hillson, MD
Bryan Hoff, MD, ACP Member
Frank Lederle, MD
Karen Mauck, MD FACP
Peter Melchert, MD, ACP Member
Daniel Mulrooney, MD, ACP Member
John Poterucha, MD, ACP Member
Lee Pyles, MD
Raymond Tervo, MD

Poster Session Finalists-Clinical, 2007 MN ACP Chapter Meeting

Michael Rhodes, MD-U of M
Matthew Wiisanen, MD-Mayo
Jose Vega-Peralta, MD-HCMC
Jason Szostek, MD-Mayo
Darlene Duncan, MD-Mayo

Poster Session Oral Presenters, 2007 MN ACP Chapter Meeting

Hind Abdul-Jauwad, MD- ANW
Chadi Dib, MD-Mayo
Darlene Duncan, MD-Mayo
Sarah Nakib, MD- U of M
Jason Szostek, MD-Mayo

Poster Session Award Winners, 2007 MN ACP Chapter Meeting

Michael Rhodes, MD-U of M, Clinical Vignette Winner

Laura Tilton, MD-ANW, Research Poster Winner

Minnesota ACP Chapter Laureate Award, 2007

David N. Williams, MB, ChB, FACP

The MN ACP is very proud to honor **David N. Williams**, MB ChB FACP, as the recipient of the chapter Laureate Award this year. **Dr. Williams** served as the governor of the Chapter from 2003-2007, a time the chapter grew in numbers and stability. He is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota and is Vice Chair of Medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. David has been generous with his time and talents serving on numerous advisory boards for the Minnesota Department of Health dealing with infectious disease public health questions.

Dr. Williams is best known as a scholarly clinician. He has always maintained a busy clinical practice while authoring nearly seventy peer-reviewed articles and helping to manage the department of medicine at HCMC. He is a sought after speaker, delivering his message concisely with a gentle Welsh brogue. He has been a mentor for countless residents and students all of whom can relate a story of David's kind and gentle interactions with patients as well as learners.

The MN ACP recognizes **Dr. Williams** as an internist who exemplifies all of the characteristics for which the Laureate is awarded. He is an outstanding teacher who willingly gives of himself to his students, colleagues, and patients. Congratulations David!

Membership

The strength of our Chapter lies within the membership. We are the only voice for internists in Minnesota. The broader our membership, the stronger our voice will be. Each of you works daily with internists who are not members of the College, and members who are candidates for Fellowship, but who have not applied. The chapter totals over 2,000 members in all categories. This represents about half of the internists in the state, and 57 percent of the general internists. This ranks us 13th among all chapters for overall membership, and 4th for general internal medicine. Following is the "Recruit a Member" program sponsored by the College. Please talk to your colleagues about the ACP and the advantages of membership and participation.



Help strengthen the voice of internal medicine - recommend ACP Membership to your colleagues!

The need for a strong voice to speak on behalf of medicine

and, in particular, internal medicine has never been greater than it is today. It is critically important that we unify to address the specific needs of our medical specialty. There are advocacy efforts to champion, practice management issues to simplify, and a time-honored profession to foster. We must work together.

To thank you for your time and effort, we have established the following recruitment program:

--If you recruit one of your colleagues between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008, you will receive a \$100 credit toward your 2008-09 national annual dues.

--If you recruit two of your colleagues between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008, you will receive an additional \$100 credit toward your 2008-09 national annual dues.

--If you recruit three of your colleagues between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008, your 2008-09 national annual dues will be paid in full*. But wait, there's more. For every Member recruited within the promotional period, you will receive an entry into a grand prize drawing for a trip to Internal Medicine 2009 in Philadelphia, PA that includes registration, airfare (up to \$500), and four days of hotel accommodations. So, the more Members you recruit, the greater your chances are at winning the grand prize.

To be considered a "recruited" Member, your colleague must:

-Be a nonmember who is eligible for the "full" ACP Member category and pay \$99 or more in dues.

--Submit a Membership application, along with his or her national annual dues payment, between March 2, 2007 and March 1, 2008.

-Write your name in the recruiter box on the top of the Membership application**.

Send a recruitment e-mail to a colleague today, or download and print a Membership application to personally deliver. You may also request a Membership Inquiry Kit from Customer Service at 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, (M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET).

It is the collective effort that makes a difference. Call on the support of your colleagues today.

This program is only valid for ACP members whose dues are paid for the current fiscal year.

* Please note that total dues credits earned in one yearly period can not be greater than the amount of any recruiter's national annual dues. For example, if an Associate recruits one "full" Member, national annual dues are paid in full (\$99), and no additional dues credits can be earned.

** You can also receive credit for recruiting former Members. If a former Member calls Customer Service for reinstatement, be sure to ask that you are mentioned as a recruiter.

2007 Minnesota Chapter Scientific Meeting Photo Gallery



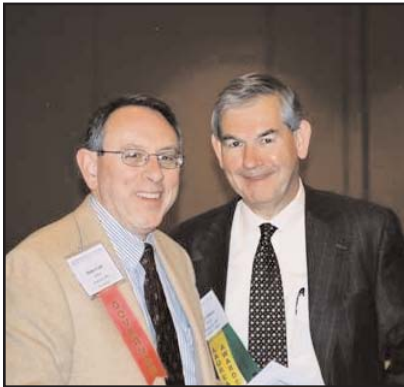
College Representative, Dr. David Bronson, with 2007 Laureat recipient, Dr. David Williams and Governor Dr. Robert Lohr



At the podium, Dr. John Bundrick, 2007 Scientific Chair



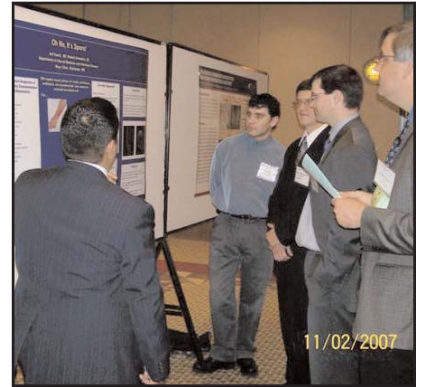
Dr. Charles Reznikoff overseeing the final poster judging round



Meeting of the Governors, current Governor Dr. Lohr with former Governor Dr. Williams



Cathy Liberty and her team of administrative assistants (left to right), Vickie Ronnenberg, Sandy Main, Cathy and Michelle Herbers



Dr. Bradley Benson (far right) judging one of the poster rounds



Dr. Furman McDonald, Program Director, Mayo IM Residency observing the poster competition

Michael Roodes, University of Minnesota, winner, best resident vignette





Laura Tilton, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, winner, best research project



Dr. Hind Abdul-Jawad, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, during the oral presentation segment as part of the poster competition



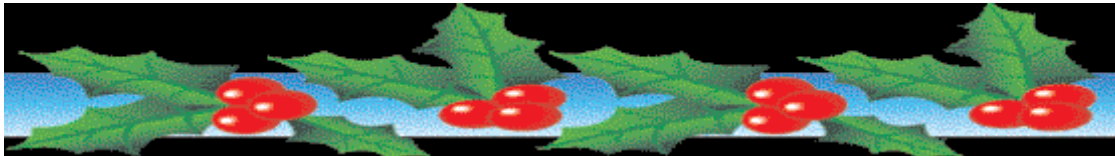
2006 best resident vignette winner, Dr. Vinayak Manohar, Mayo Clinic



Dr. John Bundrick with Brian Yablon, University of Minnesota



Who says Mayo residents are buttoned down?



Best Wishes for the upcoming Holidays and for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Bob