



Governor's Report

Thanks again to all for your membership and for your contributions to Ohio ACP. This is a particularly important time to speak with one voice for our patients and for our profession. The economy has challenged patients and Internal Medicine physicians. Yet these conditions create a better opportunity for healthcare reform than we've had in many years.

I'd like to celebrate the accomplishments of Ohio ACP Members at IM 2009 and at Leadership Day. The Ohio Chapter led all ACP Chapters in New Member recruitment this year – 57 non-Members became Members from 6/08-4/09, 30 of these were recruited by Chapter Members. **Dr. Michael Tan** from Akron was the only Chapter Membership Chair invited to present at the Chapter Leader Network meeting at IM 2009.

We also had a record year in Fellowship Advancement. A photo of our new Fellows who marched at this year's Convocation will follow. Many more of you advanced this year (see past Newsletters listing all).

Dr. Susan Williams of Xenia was one of the 16 physicians given an inaugural Leadership Development (LEAD) certificate at IM 2009.

Dr. Brian Mandell from Cleveland was on the Scientific Program Committee for IM 2009, and will be Chair of the committee for IM 2010. Several Ohio Chapter Members gave talks at IM 2009: **Drs. Applegate, Falciglia, Langford, Mandell, Roth, Warm, and Wexler.**

We just returned from our Leadership Day on Capitol Hill, where 9 of us advocated for our patients and for Internal Medicine. Two reports from Leadership Day follow. Check out our photo gallery on the Web Site for photos at IM 2009 and at Leadership Day 2009.

Let me remind you about our October Ohio ACP Chapter Meeting – see the story on this later in this Newsletter.

Mark Mayer, MD, FACP

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2009 ACP Leadership Day Report

Over 400 members from across the country participated in Leadership Day on May 19th and 20th in our nation's capital. The timing was outstanding, as our lawmakers are actively considering major healthcare reform. The ACP was advocating strongly for patients and our Members. Thanks to the efforts of many, our legislators now know that "*Internal Medicine is the best prescription for lower costs and better health!*"

The Ohio Chapter of ACP was well represented by nine members including one Medical Student, one Associate, and three Young Physicians. We were an energetic delegation with five first-time participants. Our delegation included **Drs. Carlos Aguilar** (Member, ACP Ohio Health and Public Policy Committee, Associate from Cincinnati), **Moises Auron-Gomez** (Chair, ACP Ohio Young Physicians, from Beachwood), **David Bronson** (Regent, and Immediate Past Chair, ACP Board of Governors, from Moreland Hills), **Robert Crook**



Drs. Crook, Fedorchak, Dunbar, Representative Driehaus, Dr. Aguilar

(Chair, ACP Ohio Health and Public Policy Committee, from Findlay, and one of our “Young Physicians”), **David Dunbar** (Member, Ohio ACP Health and Public Policy Committee, from Lancaster), **Arlene Fedorchak** (Member, Ohio ACP Health and Public Policy Committee, from Columbus), Mark Mayer (ACP Ohio Governor, from University Heights), **Jonathan Roylance** (Young Physician from Marietta), and Medical Student (a Doctor as of 5/17/09!) **Sam Edwards** (from Cleveland Heights).

The preparatory meeting May 19 included discussion of advocacy skills for first-time attendees, an update on the Washington landscape by ACP Public Policy VP **Bob Doherty**, and briefings on health issues by congressional staffers. Several awards were given at dinner, including the Top Ten Key Contacts of the Year - one of these was given to **Dr. Mark Mayer**, who has visited with our delegation for 13 of the last 15 years.

ACP’s priority issues this year include ensuring universal access to affordable health care; improving Medicare fee for service system payments to make primary care competitive; piloting new Medicare payment models that re-align incentives to support effective, efficient, patient centered, coordinated care; as well as establishing a national workforce policy to ensure sufficient numbers of primary care and other physicians.

On May 20, our delegation visited **Representatives Austria, Driehaus, Fudge, Jordan, Kaptur, Kilroy, Kucinich, LaTourette, and Wilson, and Senators Brown and Voinovich.**

HR 2350, the Preserving Patient Access to Primary Care Act, was introduced by **Representative Schwartz** of PA a week before our meeting. Over 100 co-sponsors have signed on (6 from Ohio), several after our meetings with them on Capitol Hill. We are working with **Senator Cantwell** of Washington to help garner co-sponsors for a companion Senate act she plans to introduce soon. ACP is closely tracking and giving input into major health reform bills being drafted in Senate and House committees, and will be asking for calls, emails, and letters to your representatives and senators soon.

As our organization forges stronger relationships with our legislators they look to us for our leadership in healthcare. The ACP is a well respected organization on Capitol Hill and it is always an honor to represent the College’s legislative agenda.

It was a fantastic meeting and the Members of the Ohio Chapter advocated well for Internists and our patients.

Robert E. Crook, M.D.

Chair, Ohio ACP Health and Public Policy Committee

ACP Leadership Day – A Young Physician’s Perspective

The ACP Leadership Day had a tremendous impact on my perspective of physicians’ active role in advocating for improvement of our patients’ healthcare as well as for the physician workforce.

I learned significantly and overcame fear in approaching policies, bills and lawmaking. On the first day, we had an outstanding and intense meeting in preparation for the Capitol Hill visits. This included discussion of advocacy skills and an update on the current Washington landscape by ACP Public Policy VP **Bob Doherty**, as well as briefings on health issues by congressional staff.



Representative Kucinich with Sam Edwards, MD and Moises Auron, MD

advocacy activity will have a dramatic impact in the overall health care system over the next 15-20 years. I sincerely believe that Young Physicians should have an active role in promoting the lawmaking that will positively enhance their practice and improve the health care system.

The ACP has excellent resources covering its Policy on key Health Care Issues at <http://www.acponline.org/advocacy> (click on "Where We Stand"). I invite you to review this material.

Even by just being aware of the policies being proposed and writing letters to your representatives supporting these policies, you can help forge a substantial change for the good in the Health Care system in the United States.

Moises Auron, MD

Membership Update

New Members of Ohio ACP since 3/16/09

We would like to welcome the following physicians who were previously non-Members, who joined ACP since March 16, 2009: **Imbaz Ahmed, MBBS, Susan Alcasid, MD, Ronald Bacik, MD, Rajesh Bagai, MD, Juan Barbestefano, MD, Neal Chadwick, MD, Robert Gerber, MD, Michaeli Iovi, MD, Stacey Jolly, MD, Sayed Khatami, MD, Paula La Franconi, MD, Charles Mbafeno, MD, Seema Misbah, MD, Rosa Robles, MD, Linas Vaitkus, MD, Homa Varghai, MD**

Once again, we'd like to recognize Ohio ACP Members who've recruited new Members since 6/08: **Tosaddaq Ahmed, MBBS, FACP, Phil Cusumano, MD, FACP, James Gutierrez, MD, FACP, Brian Harte, MD, FACP, Mark Mayer, MD, FACP, Derek Raghavan, MD, PhD, FACP, Michael Tan, MD, FACP, and Stephanie Tan, MD, FACP.**

Help us recruit new Members. Direct prospective new Members to the online Membership Application, at www.acponline.org/racc

Ask them to note that you recruited them.

Michael Tan, MD, FACP, Chair of Ohio Chapter Membership Committee

Mark Mayer, MD, FACP, Ohio ACP Governor

On the day of the Capitol Hill visit, I admired the confidence, respect and assertiveness with which our delegates presented to our representatives and senators,

with an outstanding representation of our community of physicians and patients, proposing active solutions to current healthcare problems. The congress members showed a significant awareness of the ACP policies and activities, and were receptive to the ideas conveyed.

It was an extremely fruitful experience as I witnessed firsthand the impressive amount of time and work that ACP put in. I think that being part of the solution and not of the problem should be more common.

I think that most of the lawmaking resulting from this advocacy activity will have a dramatic impact in the overall health care system over the next 15-20 years. I sincerely believe that Young Physicians should have an active role in promoting the lawmaking that will positively enhance their practice and improve the health care system.

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Moises Auron, MD



*New Ohio ACP Fellows getting ready to march at the 2009 Convocation Ceremony:
Drs. Bratton, Delamerced, Goyal, Joseph, Kafity, Lagman, Mofflin, Najeed, Patel, Rice, Sabota, Senft,
Taylor, Teng, Williams and Wilson*

Advancement to ACP Fellowship

Consider applying for advancement to Fellowship, or inviting a colleague to apply.
www.acponline.org/college/membership/join_fellow

View the Photo Gallery on our Web Site to see more photos of the new Fellows who marched in Convocation in Philadelphia on 4/23/09.

Dues for 2009-2010

As noted in the last Newsletter, Chapter Dues have remained at the same level for the past 4 years, \$60. We work hard to enhance the value of your Membership. Values of the Ohio Chapter include: Collegiality and Networking, Recognition, Communications, Education, Advocacy, and Involvement in Chapter Activities.

In the dues statement that came out in April/May, there is an opportunity to give an additional voluntary contribution of \$30 (which is tax deductible); this will be directed to support Chapter Awards, and programs for Medical Students, Associates, and Young Physicians. We have used Chapter Development Funds from the national organization for some of these programs in the past, but have not been able to sustain some of the better ones, as these funds are typically one-time awards.

Visit the Chapter website at

www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/oh

Save the Date (October 8-9, 2009) for the Ohio ACP Annual Meeting

Greater Columbus Convention Center (Brochure coming soon!)

Thursday, October 8, 2009

ABIM Faculty Development Precourse: Observation and Assessment of Learners

Chapter Quiz Bowl

Friday, October 9, 2009

Ohio ACP Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting

Theme: "Update, Innovate, Celebrate"

- Young Physicians Networking Breakfast
- Updates:
 - Updates in Ambulatory, Inpatient & Perioperative Medicine
 - Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind
- 3rd Annual Practice Innovations (PI) – this year with Oral & Poster sessions
- Breakout Sessions
 - Advancement to Fellowship
 - Dermatology Pearls
 - LEAD (Leadership Development)
 - Management of Chronic Non-malignant Pain
- Abstract Competition (Students, Associates)
- Meet the Professor - Thieves' Market
- College Representative: Chair-Elect of the Board of Regents, Robert Luke, MD
 - Advocacy and Membership will be highlights of his talk
- Town Hall
- Celebrate our Members: Abstracts, Chapter Awards, New Members & New Fellows!

Recognize Outstanding Members, Nominate Them for Chapter Awards

Do you know an Ohio ACP member deserving of additional recognition? The Ohio ACP Awards Committee would like your help identifying members for Chapter awards. These include The Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP Master Teacher Award; The James S. Tan, MD, MACP Laureate Award; and The Volunteerism And Community Service Award. Award criteria are listed on our web site: http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/oh/ under What's New? Please send your suggestions to **Dr. Joe Myers** at Myersj@summa-health.org by July 1.

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