



Greetings From the Past Governor

Robert Gluckman, MD, FACP

This will be my last newsletter as your ACP governor. My 4 year term is ending and **Linda Humphrey** started her term this April. During my term, I focused on increasing the Chapter's advocacy activities. Serving on the College's Health and Public Policy Committee, I was able to provide important input for College policy. As a member of ACP Services Political Action Committee, I frequently met with Oregon Congressional Leaders to discuss ACP policy. As I look back, I can see the College's increased efforts to reform our dysfunctional healthcare system.

In 2006, the College published its seminal paper on the "Impending Collapse of Primary Care." This paper raised awareness about the dramatic decline in medical student and resident interest in primary care careers. Subsequently, the College published a paper on the Advanced Medical Home. This paper was instrumental in developing interest in medical home models to transform the delivery of healthcare services. Last year, the College published its paper detailing how the shortage of primary care physicians affects the cost and quality of medical care in the United States. The College is currently drafting bold policy papers on methods to control health care costs, develop the work force necessary to care for an aging population, and reform physician payment to provide incentives for current practitioners to maintain primary care practice and students to choose primary care careers. The College has aggressively advocated for your practices and your patients.

This is a critical time for healthcare reform. Through my experiences over the last 4 years, I am convinced that the ACP is the physician organization best able to represent the interests of patients as well as physicians. In addition to addressing the reimbursement changes necessary to maintaining a viable primary care infrastructure, the ACP must also take the lead in addressing other issues important to all internists. Specialists and generalists must discuss how we interact to best meet patient needs. Our hospitalists and primary care physicians must engage in dialogue to improve systems around transitions of care. No other organization is as well positioned to address these issues. All internists need to maintain membership in the ACP. Internal medicine is stronger when we speak with one voice. I urge you to encourage your colleagues to maintain or initiate ACP membership at this critical time.

Many of you know that I was recently elected Regent for the College. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Chapter the last 4 years and am honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve you in the College.

Thanks,

Bob

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What's New In Medicine? Internal Medicine-Infectious Diseases Continuing Medical Education Workshop. September 18-18, 2009. Sponsored by Foundation for Care Management and What's New In Medicine. Kennewick, WA.

ANNUAL OREGON CHAPTER SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Chapter Scientific Meeting – November 5-7, 2009. We will again be at the Eugene Hilton & Conference Center, Eugene, Oregon. The Planning Committee led by Sima Desai, MD has once again planned an exceptional meeting. In addition to the Associate and Student presentations, we will hear on topics about H1N1 Influenza in Mexico, Geriatric Management, Gout, Obesity, Healthcare Reform, Ophthalmology, Anorectal Problems, Psychiatry, CHF, Stroke, Radiology, Diabetes and Hospital Medicine Update and Outpatient Medicine Update. Brochures will be mailed soon with all the details for registering. Questions: contact **Mary Olhausen**, Executive Director at omary52@comcast.net or 360-892-1814. We look forward to seeing many of you at this annual conference.

RECRUIT-A-COLLEAGUE PROGRAM

The American College of Physicians and the Oregon Chapter encourages its members to help strengthen the voice of internal medicine by recommending ACP Membership to colleagues. By becoming ACP Members, your colleagues will enrich their clinical knowledge and skills and have access to the wide variety of professional assistance that you enjoy as part of your membership.

To thank you for your dedication to our organization, ACP offers dues incentives to members that recruit new members through the Recruit-a-Colleague program. In addition, successful recruiters have the chance to win a trip to the annual Internal Medicine meeting that includes registration, airfare (up to \$500), and hotel accommodations.

To learn more about the Recruit-a-Colleague program, please visit this web site.

KUDOS

Laureate Award 2008

Master 2008

HP Lewis Distinguished Teaching Award 2008:

HP Lewis Distinguished Service Award 2008:

Regent for College:

Chair, Council of Young Physicians (National Level):

Thomas Cooney, MD, FACP

Don Girard, MD, MACP

Sharon Anderson, MD

Bob Gibson, MD

Robert Gluckman, MD, FACP

Sima Desai, MD, FACP

ASSOCIATES' and STUDENT 2008 COMPETITION @ OR CHAPTER MEETING:

Kathryn Artis, MD

Wendy Hack, DO

Amanda Wonnacott, MD

Sarah Schultz, MD

David Scott, MD

Noel Ivey, MD

Christy Morris, MD

Talia Pindyck, MD

Margaret Cook, MD

Shivali Agnani, Medical Student

Steven Mansoor, Medical Student

1st Place Oral Competition

2nd Place Oral Competition

3rd Place Oral Competition

1st Place Research Poster

2nd Place Research Poster

1st Place Clinical Vignette

2nd Place Clinical Vignette

3rd Place Clinical Vignette

3rd Place Clinical Vignette

1st Place Research Poster

1st Place Clinical Vignette

ASSOCIATES' and STUDENT 2009 COMPETITION @ NATIONAL ACP MEETING – PHILADELPHIA, PA:

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| Katie Artis, MD | OHSU |
| Nicholas Barber, MD | Providence St. Vincent Medical Center |
| Mark Cahill, MD | Providence Portland Medical Center |
| Jaspreet Khansagra, MD | OHSU |
| Wendy Haack, DO | Legacy Health System |
| Jason Hughes, DO | Providence St. Vincent Medical Center |
| Talia Pindyck, MD | OHSU |
| Adrienne Soucy, MD | Providence St. Vincent Medical Center |
| Shivali Agnani | OHSU |
| Steven Mansoor | OHSU |

MEDICAL STUDENTS

The Internal Medicine Interest Group once again had a great year and helped sparked the interest of Internal Medicine for many a student. The group was led this past year by medical student, Aaron Kilber. They held their monthly lunch sessions with several guest speakers on Internal Medicine topics. The mentorship program was again very successful – so many students hooking up with faculty to guide them in many aspects of student careers. The Chapter was very pleased that Aaron and his committee promoted ACP membership through the year and by December 31, 2008 we had 27% of OHSU student population signed up for student membership in ACP. ACP wishes to thank the many faculty, both from OHSU and community sites who continue to mentor students and promote student membership in ACP.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN PHYSICIANS

Jenny Silberger, MD and **Linda Lester, MD** have taken the lead for this group - holding very successful meetings. Last October was the kickoff dinner meeting where some 30 women physicians came together for social networking and to formulate subsequent meetings for women internists. In January the meeting had a guest speaker, **Gordon Moore, MD**, presenting Recreating The US Health Care System as One Founded in Excellence In Primary Care – What Will It Take And How We Could Get There. In April **Robert Gluckman, MD** and **Meena Mital, MD** spoke about policy initiatives and public affairs issues – Chapter and College level. The next scheduled dinner meeting is mid-July where we'll have a panel of women internists sharing thoughts and reflections about their various chosen careers. In between dinner meetings the group manages to have email discussions on various topics. If you are interested in attending any of the Council of Women Physicians for Oregon Chapter, please contact **Jenny Silberger, MD** at jennysilberger@aol.com. She and Linda welcome all women to the group and look forward to growing the participation to meet the many needs of our women internists.

UPCOMING DATES

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| September 18-19, 2009 | What's New In Medicine? – Kennewick, WA |
| November 5, 2009 | Infectious Diseases Society of Oregon Meeting - Eugene, OR |
| November 5-7, 2009 | Oregon Chapter Scientific Meeting - Eugene, OR |
| April 22-24, 2010 | ACP Internal Medicine 2010 - Toronto, CANADA |
| November 11, 2010 | Infectious Diseases Society of Oregon Meeting – Eugene, OR |
| November 11-13, 2010 | Oregon Chapter Scientific Meeting - Eugene, OR |
| April 7-9, 2011 | ACP Internal Medicine 2011 – San Diego, CA |

Photo Gallery



Linda Humphrey, MD & Sharon Anderson, MD. Sharon is receiving the 2008 HP Lewis Teaching Award



Student Presenters from 2008 Chapter Meeting: Steven Mansoor, Kristin VanDomelen, Shivali Agnani, & Matthew Ashley



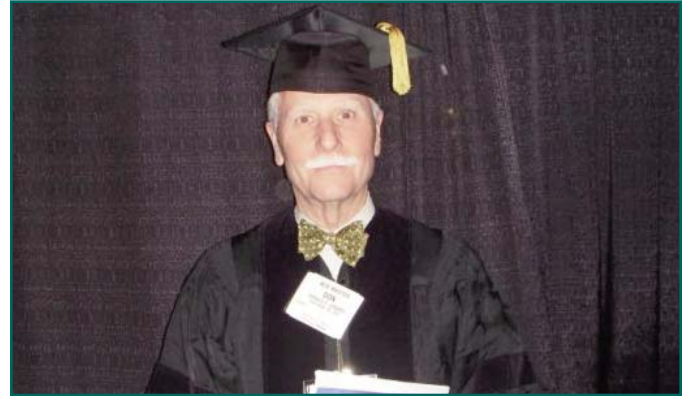
Three Masters: James Reuler, MD, Don Girard, MD, & Lynn Loriaux, MD



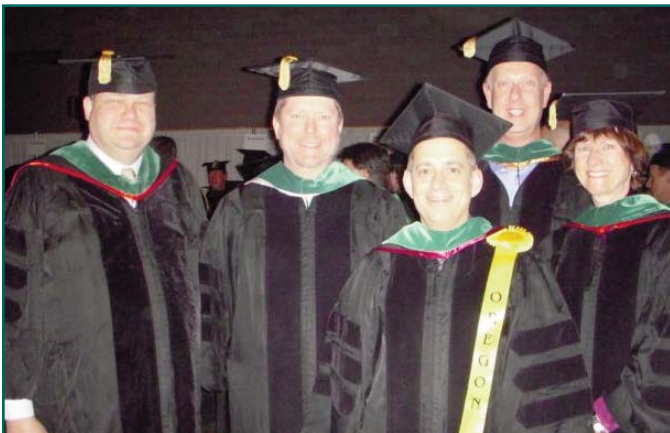
Associate Winners from 2008 Chapter Meeting



Governor-elect Linda Humphrey, MD, Governor Robert Gluckman, MD, Gollege Rep. for 2008 Chapter Meeting, Fred Ralston, MD (Note: Linda Humphrey is now Governor).



New Master, Oregon Chapter: Don Girard, MD



New Fellows-Convocation 2009: Randy Sussmane-Stubbs, Kevin Andrews, Robert Gluckman (Gov), Ron Sinclair, Mary-Lenore Fines.



Internal Medicine 2009: Washington and Oregon Chapter Executive Directors: Jan Larsen and mary Olhausen

Laureate Award

The Laureate Award honors Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians.

The recipient of this award shall bear the title Laureate of the Oregon Chapter.

This award shall be presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The awardee should accept the recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardee is to be nominated by a process that may originate from the Awards Committee or from any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee.

The awardee should be a senior physician and Fellow or Master of long-standing, with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardee should have served the Chapter with distinction.

It is with distinct pleasure that this year, the Oregon Chapter presents the Laureate Award to **Thomas G. Cooney, MD, FACP**. Dr. Cooney is a long-standing and loyal supporter of the College, has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter, and has upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the College is known.

We salute and honor him on this occasion, and we wish him and his family well in the future.

Robert A. Gluckman, MD, FACP
Governor, Oregon Chapter



Thomas G. Cooney, MD FACP, Laureate Award, October 2008

"No person was ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been the reward for what he gave." -Calvin Coolidge

Dr. Thomas G. Cooney grew up in Connecticut and attended the College of William and Mary and the Georgetown University School of Medicine. Upon completing Internal Medicine Residency and Chief Residency at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California, Dr. Cooney joined the faculty in the Division of General Medicine at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), a base from which he has made numerous contributions locally, regionally, and nationally to Internal Medicine.

Tom is the consummate clinician-educator role model, possessing a deep knowledge base, an extremely engaging teaching style, and an empathetic bedside manner which epitomizes the definition of the caring physician. Tom practices and teaches general internal medicine in the clinic and on the wards, conducts resident Morning Report, and is widely published on topics ranging from HIV to headache to evaluation of residents. In recognition of his teaching effectiveness, he has received numerous faculty teaching awards from the residents at OHSU, was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society by the students, and received the Howard P. Lewis Distinguished Teacher Award from the ACP Oregon Chapter.

Dr. Cooney was appointed Residency Program Director in 1984 and Vice-Chair for Education in 1996. For the past quarter century, Tom has trained and mentored a generation of Oregon internists while developing a nationally ranked and innovative training program which draws applicants from all across the country. Tom's interest in, and devotion to, the personal as well as the professional development of each learner exemplifies his grasp of emotional intelligence and leadership characteristics. In recognition of Dr. Cooney's commitment to, and mentorship for, students, residents, fellows and junior faculty, he received the Mentor Award from the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon in 2001.

Dr. Cooney has made numerous and substantive leadership contributions to internal medicine organizations nationally. Within ACP, Tom served as President and Chair of the Program Planning Committee for the Oregon Chapter, coordinated the Associates' Competition and presented at numerous Chapter meetings. Tom also served on the Writing Committee for MKSAP 12. Within the Society of General Internal Medicine, Dr. Cooney has served as the regional Program Chair and as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of General Internal Medicine. Most notable are Tom's contributions to the Association Program Directors in Internal Medicine (APDIM), where his twenty-year commitment has included numerous national meeting presentations and service as Chair of the Program Planning and Public Policy Committees and as President of the organization. For Tom's extraordinary contributions, he was the recipient of APDIM's highest award, the Dema C. Daley Founder's Award, in 2002.

Dr. Cooney served as the Chair of the Federated Council of Internal Medicine, which developed the national curriculum for internal medicine residencies, and as the Chair of the National Study of Graduate Education in Internal Medicine. Tom played a major leadership role in the creation of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine, bringing together national organizations related to education and research. Most recently, Tom has served as Vice-chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's (ACGME) Residency Review Committee- Internal Medicine.

Tom Cooney is a dynamic, charismatic, inspirational, superbly knowledgeable, innovative and visionary clinician, educator, mentor and leader who devoted his distinguished career to improving medical education, clinical care and public policy. The Oregon Chapter of ACP is honored to recognize him with the 2008 Laureate Award for his devotion to, and modeling of, the highest ideals of our profession.

Help Recruit Medical Students and Residents for ACP Membership!

ACP is currently in the midst of two major recruitment programs, one for medical students and one for Associates. The Internal Medicine Interest Group Sponsorship Program (IMIG) and the Recruit-a-Resident Program reward medical schools and residency programs that recruit their students and residents to become ACP members.

Medical schools that participate in the IMIG Sponsorship Program will receive funding from ACP to use toward their club activities. Participating schools will receive \$300 in funding in September, and have the opportunity to earn additional funding based on their ACP membership numbers as of December 31. At the close of the program, schools with less than 30% ACP student member participation receive an additional \$1 per student member. Schools with 30% or greater participation will receive \$2 per student member. Total sponsorship for an individual IMIG cannot exceed \$1,000 (including the \$300 initial funding.) To participate in the program, eligible schools must complete the online application located at <http://www.acponline.org/imig>, by August 1, 2009.

The Recruit-a-Resident (RaR) Program rewards residency programs that recruit 90% or more of their categorical residents for Associate membership. All of the Associates must be members in good standing. Residency programs that reach the 90% goal by December 31, 2009 will receive free educational products from the College. This year's rewards include, 2009 MKSAP® Update for Residents, an interactive product featuring more than 100 multiple-choice questions from MKSAP 14 Self-Assessment Updates. The program will test your knowledge of recent changes and best practices in internal medicine. In addition, each resident will receive handouts from Internal Medicine 2009, which include content from the meeting sessions. For details about the Recruit-a-Resident program, please visit http://www.acponline.org/residents_fellows/resources/recruit_a_resident/.

We would sincerely appreciate your help in encouraging the schools and programs in your chapter to participate in these programs.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact **Katie Buell**, Coordinator, Membership Programs and Services at kbuell@acponline.org or by calling 800-523-1546 ext. 2611.

Tracking Progress on BOG Resolutions

Participating in the BOG Resolutions Process gives ACP members a voice and allows them to shape College policy that impacts the practice of internal medicine. Have you ever drafted a chapter-sponsored resolution or provided input on one and wondered about its status? The Electronic Resolutions System (ERS) is a resource available to you as an ACP member -- visit the ERS from the "Advocacy" section of your chapter's website. Proposed resolutions as well as previously submitted resolutions are all tracked with follow-up stored in the ERS for retrieval. View "How to Conduct a Search on the ERS" for simple steps that walk you through the search process.

Did you know ACP also permits members to monitor College committees'/councils' discussion about a resolution as it evolves? The ACP "Committees, Boards, and Councils" webpage provides information about the charge/mission of each group and stores meeting agendas and minutes for your access, too (from ACP's homepage, choose "About ACP" and "Committee & Councils" from the left navigation bar). Catch the recap of critical goings-on at committee meetings where ACP prepares to formalize its policy positions and debates the status of resolutions, too. Visit the ERS or the Committees, Boards, and Councils webpage and find the answer to your burning questions.

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