

# South Carolina Chapter GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

It's time again to make your plans to attend the annual S.C. ACP **Annual Chapter Meeting, October 21-24, 2004**, on Hilton Head Island at the beautiful **Crowne Plaza Resort**. Please, mark your schedules now and plan to be there

and support your chapter! Without an excellent attendance we may not be able to continue the weekend format, as we are likely to lose sponsors. Without their support, we would only be able to afford a one day format. Let's don't let that happen and plan now to attend! The hotel rate is very good with 16.5 hours of CME for ONLY \$90. The registration form is attached to the back of the newsletter, so go ahead and send it in! The deadline for the hotel conference rate is September 21, 2004, so don't delay.

The program will not disappoint you, no matter what your specialty. On Thursday, we will welcome the associate members with a dinner at the Red Fish restaurant.

On Friday October 22, we will kickoff the program with the Associate's Presentations and competition to see who will be the one sent to the national ACP meeting in San Francisco in April 2005. These presentations, in my opinion, are one of the highlights of the meeting, so be there and see what I mean. On Friday afternoon, our former national president **Dr. Sandra Fryhofer, MACP** will open the general sessions with an intriguing lecture on Obesity and the New Diets. To follow, will be **Dr. Rehman, FACP** updating Hypertension and **Dr. John Dubose** will educate us about ACP initiatives on Patient Safety. We will wrap up the afternoon with **Dr. Charles Holladay** discussing Hypercoagulable States. Be sure not to miss the 7:00 pm Annual Reception and Awards Program, as we will be honoring the late **Dr. James McFarland** as well as our annual Laureate Award winner and Associates winner.

On Saturday morning October 23, we will have a very timely lecture by former SC ACP governor, **Dr. David Potts MD, FACP**, on HIV: What to Do Until I.D. Specialist Arrives. This will be followed by the popular, **Dr. Robert Albanese** with Psychiatric Emergencies and Computers in Medicine by Rhode Island ACP governor, **Dr. Yul Ejnes, FACP**, who is always entertaining! Our Town Hall Business Luncheon and Political Forum will conclude the day. We hope to have a member of our Congressional delegation to discuss medical issues in Washington.

On Sunday morning October 24, we plan timely updates on COPD by **Dr. Thomas Chandler** and Diabetic Kidney Disease by **Dr. Blake Weathersby**. A highlight, I'm sure you won't want to miss is the Update in Atrial Fibrillation by renowned cardiologist **Dr. Peter C. Gazes, MACP**! To close the program, we will have a Clinical Skills Module on Joint Injections by rheumatologist **Dr. Alan Brown, FACP** to sharpen our technique.

Due to medical reasons, **Dr. Charles K. Francis, FACP** our current national ACP president will be unable to attend, but will be ably replaced by **Dr. David Dale, FACP** the editor of the new ACP MEDICINE. As the ACP representative to our meeting, he will give the ACP Update on Saturday.

Finally, in closing, the SC Nominating committee has confirmed two exceptional candidates in the upcoming Governor's election, **Dr. Dawn Clancy, FACP** and **Dr. Michael Hawkins, FACP**. Please, read their attached vision statements that follow and get to know them at the meeting so that you can make an informed decision in the fall when the ballots are mailed to all members. We also will be entertaining open nominations at our Saturday Town Hall and Business meeting for 2 ACP council members.

Respectfully yours,  
**William N. Boulware MD, FACP**

## GOVERNOR'S ELECTION

The Governor- Elect Election will take place this fall. The two candidates are **Dawn E. Clancy**, and **Michael M. Hawkins**. Included below are their Vision Statements:

### Vision Statement

#### **Dawn E. Clancy, MD, FACP**

Over the last 20 years physicians have had to become experts in regulatory requirements, insurance contract negotiation, malpractice avoidance, and the care of patients. While the latter is the most important, the former three occupy much of our time.

State and federal legislators are starting to recognize these problems as affecting patients' overall access to care. Strong patient advocacy on physicians' part have led to this recognition . . . but more is needed.

The ACP facilitates contacting legislators via e-mails, faxes, or letters through the Key Contact Program. While the collective voice of the ACP gets the attention of the legislators, the stories of individual patients, provided by their physicians, impress them the most and lead to change. My vision for the SC ACP is to increase the number of patient advocates through the Key Contact Program, thus making it easier to communicate patients' stories and facilitate meaningful change.

### Vision Statement

#### **Michael M. Hawkins, MD, FACP**

I have had the pleasure of serving on two Governor's Councils for our state chapter. My vision is simple: to continue the great work and enthusiasm initiated by the past Governor David Potts, MD and current Governor, Bill Boulware, MD. Under their guidance, the ship is on the right course and my job will be to take the helm and continue our course. We have emerged as a proactive organization to serve as our patients' and physicians' advocates before our legislators, and this needs to continue. My main concern is that we presently have a large number of physicians who pay their dues each year, but are not actively involved. I would like to see an initiative to not only increase membership, but to increase active involvement of our members.

## NATIONAL HEALTH LAW PROGRAM REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The National Health Law Program is seeking to identify "promising practices" for providing language services in small health care settings, such as solo or small group practices and clinics. We will be writing a report for The Commonwealth Fund for publication early in 2005.

We are requesting your help in identifying promising practices that demonstrate ways to effectively provide language services to the increasingly diverse patient population. We'd love to know what you or your colleagues are doing and highlight their efforts! We will be conducting site visits this summer.

As an example of what we're looking for, one "promising practice" highlighted in our earlier report, *Providing Language Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings: Examples from the Field*, profiled a doctor practicing in a small clinic in Waukegan, IL. This physician developed a home-study medical interpretation curriculum for Spanish speaking members of the community. At the end of the curriculum and after passing a practical test, the clinic uses these trained interpreters to provide interpretation to their LEP patients.

If you have any questions, contact **Mara Youdelman**, NHeLP, [202-289-7661](tel:202-289-7661) or [youdelman@healthlaw.org](mailto:youdelman@healthlaw.org). Thanks for your help!

# Registration Form

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**American College of Physicians  
South Carolina Chapter Scientific Meeting  
October 21-24, 2004**

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## Registration:

Check one category that best applies. Registration fee includes continental breakfasts, lunch, reception, all scientific sessions and materials, and a CME certificate.

### ACP Categories

- Master \$90  
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 Associate (Resident Members) No Fee  
 Medical Student Member No Fee

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- Nonmember Physician \$90  
 Allied Health Professional \$90  
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800-327-1021 (in state), ext. 223.**

- We encourage participation by all individuals. Check here if you are disabled and require assistance. Advance notification is essential in order for us to serve you better. Please notify the South Carolina Chapter in writing at the above address at least 30 days before the meeting. We'll be glad to help.

