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FROM THE GOVERNOR

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The South Dakota Chapter is alive and well thanks to the enduring legacy of our past leaders and the on-going commitment of our current members. Cathy Gerrish, MD, FACP, our chapter's Executive Committee Chairperson and SDACP representative to the newly restructured South Dakota State Medical Association's Council, has already attended the first SDSMA meeting. Look for her report in this newsletter.

Our Finance, Health & Public Policy and Program Committees, chaired respectively by Drs. Ashok Kumar, FACP, Rob Allison, FACP and Cindi Pochop, FACP have been meeting. Look for Rob Allison's Health & Public Policy report also.

Last year's annual meeting in September 2004 in Spearfish, SD and co-sponsored by the Wyoming ACP Chapter, was fantastic! The highpoints were too numerous to completely list, but I will select a few:

- The Washington Update by Elizabeth Prewitt.
- The report from the National ACP, and Review of the Management of GERD, by Regent Jamie Barkin, MD, FACP.
- The "Have I Got a Case For You?" group discussion, moderated by Dr. Phil Hoffsten, FACP, with case presentations by Philip Meyer, MD, FACP (Pierre), Matt Bien, MD, FACP (Brookings) and Wael Eid, MD, Associate (Internal Medicine Resident, USDSM).
- The annual Banquet included presentations of a chapter Humanism Award to Dr. Jerome Freeman, FACP, a chapter Volunteerism Award to Dr. Rick Holm, FACP and a chapter Best Artistic Philanthropic Endeavor Award to Dr. Tom Braithwaite, FACP, for his rendition of Handel's arias at the Children's Hospital Benefit Concert. His performance, recorded on CD, was played at the banquet and brought tears to many eyes - and I mean that as a compliment! Don Humphreys, MD, MACP won the ancillary award for guessing who was singing!
- Dr. Ashok Kumar, FACP, gave a timely, informative and emotionally riveting overview of "Combat Medicine: Lessons from Iraq". He had just returned from a tour-of-duty there as part of the South Dakota National Guard Medical Corps.
- Especially memorable was the presentation of the Laureate Award to Dr. Ben Henderson, FACP, by his son Dr. Travis Henderson, a new South Dakota ACP member who has joined his dad's practice in Mobridge.

Plans are well underway for the 2005 Annual Meeting in Brookings, September 15-17, 2005. Drs. Rick Holm and Matt Bien are local coordinators. The scientific program will be of broad interest. The opportunities for fun and fellowship will include an informal meal at Rick's house Thursday evening, followed by a wine-tasting and musical entertainment at the South Dakota Museum of Art. On Friday spouses/friends will be able to tour the McCrory Gardens and some historic homes. Everyone will convene at a reception at the Fishback Mansion Friday afternoon, followed by our annual Banquet at The Firehouse. For those who overindulge and want to burn off calories, a Fun Run/Walk will be organized for Saturday morning. If this sounds like too much fun to miss - it is! Reserve the dates now. It is the best, most convenient and cost effective CME event available - period!

This newsletter issues contains two new features you will really appreciate. Dr. Reuben Bareis, FACP, has agreed to edit a column with "Personal Updates" from our members. If you have an item to share through a subsequent issue of this letter, please forward it to Reuben at 213 N. Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702-1860 or you may e-mail it to Kris Rahm at krisrahm@sio.midco.net.

Also, Dr. Jack Barker, FACP, Chapter Historian, who has done a great deal of work in collecting and organizing our chapter archives, has agreed to at least intermittently submit a "Historian's Corner" newsletter column as well. Jack is continuing as Chapter Historian in the footsteps of Dr. Reuben Bareis, who initiated the office. Jack's display of updated Chapter photo albums was another highlight of the Spearfish meeting!

Finally, let me list three very important initiatives each South Dakota ACP member must adopt for our Chapter to succeed:

- 1) Encourage new associates to join ACP! Members who recruit new members can get a rebate on next year's dues. Check this newsletter for details.
- 2) For membership prospects who need more "encouragement", we will offer a limited number of free registration tickets to next year's annual chapter meeting (first come, first serve). Ask prospective members to register early! Once they have attended a meeting, we know they will want to join our Chapter!
- 3) Please encourage every pharmaceutical representative you see to consider sponsoring a display booth at our next annual meeting. These funds are essential to the on-going operations of our chapter. A sample letter containing the key information for sponsors is enclosed in this newsletter. Please photocopy it and hand it to as many reps as possible!

I've tried to be succinct, but there were a lot of items to review. Thanks for reading this, and for your continued commitment to the ACP!

Oops! I almost forgot to plug the National ACP Annual Meeting to be held in San Francisco April 14 - 16, 2005. It should be a stimulating event in a delightful locale. Look for your program announcement, which has already been mailed. If you lost yours, it is on the web page: <http://www.acponline.org/cme/as/2005/index.html>

Recruit-a-Colleague Program

In an effort to further encourage peer recruitment; we are expanding our Peer-to-Peer initiative to include ALL members as potential recruiters. The program will now offer financial incentives and be entitled, Recruit -a-Colleague (RaC). Initially the program is designed to recruit only full Members, not Associates.

Incentives will be in the form of dues credits, and will be based on the number of new Members recruited in a year. (The introductory period is expected to run from October 1, 2004 to March 1, 2005. Future years will run from March 1.)

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 October 1, 2004 and March 1, 2005, you will receive a \$100 credit toward your 2005-06 national annual dues.
- If you recruit two of your colleagues between October 1, 2004 and March 1, 2005, you will receive an additional \$100 credit toward your 2005-06 national annual dues.
- If you recruit three of your colleagues between October 1, 2004 and March 1, 2005, your 2005-06 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 an expense-paid trip to Annual Session 2006 that includes registration, airfare, 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.
- Submit a Membership application, along with his or her national annual dues payment, between October 1, 2004 and March 1, 2005.
- 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 an application to personally deliver. You may also request a Membership Inquiry Kit from Customer Service at 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, (9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET). It is the collective effort that makes a difference-call on the support of your colleagues today.

*Please note that dues credits earned cannot 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 accrued.

** You can also receive credit for recruiting former Members. If a former Member calls Customer Service for reinstatement, be sure to ask that you be mentioned as a recruiter. We are excited about this new initiative, and have confidence that once the word gets out, our members will be happy to recommend the College to their peers. So watch for notices on ACP Online, and in your e-mail, and please pass the information on to your chapters and colleagues.

PERSONAL UPDATES - Reuben Bareis, MD, FACP

Charley Gutch, MD, FACP, of Sioux Falls, continues to make progress since experiencing a life-threatening bout with osteomyelitis of the distal spine in March 2003. He is now able to move about with the aid of his walker and the care giving ministrations of his wife, Betty. Both are now comfortably entrenched in the Dow-Rummel Retirement Village. One of their goals is to attend the SD ACP meeting when it comes to Sioux Falls.

Ted Sattler (Governor, 1964-70) and his wife, Isabel, and Bob Thompson (Governor, 1971-76) and his wife, Mary Ellen continue to "wave the ACP flag" from their private residences in Yankton. Blessed with reasonably good health - Ted has visual problems - they continue to be active in church and community affairs. They send greetings to their many friends around the state.

Reuben Bareis (Governor, 1980-84) and his wife Marloe, of Rapid City, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a small-boat cruise along the shores of Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras. A highlight was to visit friends of Reuben's aunt and uncle who were missionaries to Honduras in the 1930's and 40's. They anticipate moving to Westhills Village as soon as Marloe can tear herself away from the deer, turkeys, squirrels and rabbits!

Warren Jones, MD, FACP passed away September 1, 2004. The South Dakota Chapter of the ACP gave a memorial in his name to the USD-Talley Scholarship fund.

Warren L. Jones, MD was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and completed his undergraduate studies and first two years of medical school at the University of South Dakota in 1943. In 1945 he graduated from Temple University School of Medicine. Dr. Jones served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1945 and 1946-1948, as well as completing an internship at Mercy Hospital in Chicago from 1945-1946. He then received his post-graduate training in internal medicine at the Veterans Hospital in Denver, CO, from 1948-51.

Dr. Jones has been practicing internal medicine and teaching at the University of South Dakota School of Medicine since 1951. Professional appointments with the School include Clinical Associate Professor with both the Department of

Physiology and the Department of Internal Medicine from 1951-1974, Clinical Professor from 1975-1990, and most recently, Professor with the Department of Internal Medicine from 1990 to present.

Dr. Jones was instrumental in organizing and supervising the School of Medicine's Physical Diagnosis course, as well as the Preceptorship Program throughout the State of South Dakota. Apart from his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Jones served as Chief of Staff at Sioux Valley Hospital from 1958-1960 and again from 1962-1964. He has received numerous awards throughout his career including the first Distinguished Professor Award, Department of Internal Medicine; Golden Apple Award, Student AMA; Distinguished Service Award, State Medical Association; Internist of the Year, South Dakota Society of Internal Medicine; Distinguished Alumnus Award, USDSM Alumni Association; the Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians, South Dakota Chapter; and Clinical Career Award, Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Jones was also inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame "Professionals" category in 1993.

HEALTH & PUBLIC POLICY - Robert Allison, MD, FACP

The South Dakota ACP Committee on Health and Public Policy met by telephone to discuss the medical legislative agenda for the 2005 Legislative Session in November of 2004. Several topics were reviewed including the legislative agenda of the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA). These topics will be reviewed in the following paragraphs.

For those of you who don't know, there is no lobbyist working for our chapter. We utilize the lobbyists of the SDAMA for their expertise and the fact that our medical agendas are often similar. We encourage members of the ACP to participate in the Doctor of the Day Program and also recommend that members consider spending a week in Pierre taking their own turn at lobbying. Please give me a call or email me if you are interested.

The Health and Public Policy committee plans to send several members to Washington D.C. again this year for the annual ACP Leadership Conference in May 2005. With the recent elections, the face of our states national legislators has changed significantly. It will be interesting to see how different our states role in national politics will change with the recent elections. I encourage everyone to go to Washington DC at least once in their life to voice their opinions to their legislators.

Now for the topics covered in Pierre in November 2004:

Specialty hospitals were discussed from a physician investment standpoint. There are two large studies currently ongoing at the time of this report from the Hospital Association and Federal government on the effect of specialty hospitals and the economic impact these hospitals have on community hospitals and medical communities. The SDSMA decided to remain neutral on this subject and await the upcoming reports.

Tort reform also will be a hot topic this year around the country, but probably not an issue in South Dakota. Current South Dakota caps are seen as reasonable and there has been a long standing policy of not challenging the state wide cap until needed. It is thought that our current cap could erode if an unsuccessful bid to lower the caps was made. President Bush has made tort reform a major campaign point and we plan to see how this plays out in Washington DC and in our surrounding states.

Three groups are expected to ask for extending their scope of practice this year in Pierre. These include massage therapy, surgical technicians, and x-ray technicians. The SDSMA plans to lobby against this legislation if it arises.

Once again the Tobacco Free Kids will be asking for our support as they make proposals for an increase tobacco tax (an additional 75 cents), ask for reduced exposure to secondhand smoke in public places, and ask for the right to preemption (i.e. giving back power to the community) to control tobacco issues.

EMT's will be working with Sen. Eric Bogue on a first responder legislative bill. A recent lawsuit regarding a DNR patient has revived concerns about Good Samaritan laws.

The State of South Dakota is inquiring into mandatory cancer screening reporting. Currently South Dakota is one of a few states that currently don't participate in this program. The State of South Dakota would be eligible for federal funds by participating. Unfortunately this may add another layer of paperwork for physicians.

The board of medical examiners is being restructured. And additional 2 physicians have been added, as has an additional layperson.

Finally, a bill is being considered for physician medical liens for services provided. Currently lawsuits are settled financially with the lawyer receiving payment first and then whatever is left over is given out as payment for services to the physician and the plaintiff. Hospitals currently have this ability as well. This bill is being monitored closely due to its social overtones and may be applied to award cases selectively.

These are just a few of the hot topics for the upcoming session in Pierre. We appreciate any input you have and would appreciate your support in Pierre.

COUNCIL NEWS - Catherine Gerrish, MD, FACP

I have attended two SDSMA Council Meetings as the ACP representative. The first meeting was held in Watertown in September, and the second in Pierre on November 19. Dr. Rob Allison has attended the Committee on Legislation as a member from his district and will submit his report to the ACP as well, so I will not include the Legislative Committee Report here. In this report, I will try to cover items of interest to Internal Medicine and of general interest to the members (I hope).

One of the hot issues being discussed at the SDSMA at both sessions was the Specialty Hospital Issue. The SDAH0 has been considering bringing forward legislation at the 2005 session regarding specialty hospitals in SD. No decision was finalized, but since the meetings all SDSMA members should have received a letter from Drs. James Engelbrecht/Mary Carpenter referencing this issue. which can be reviewed at www.sdsma.org entitled AMA Directors Study Specialty Hospitals and Impact on Health Care. The full report can also be requested from SDSMA office. The AMA Interim Meeting held in Atlanta also established new policies on covering health care costs for the uninsured, drug abuse, expert witness standards and long-term care.

SDSMA has established a new committee on communications, chaired by Dr. Mike Pekas and is working with a marketing firm to conduct a marketing campaign to raise public awareness of physicians and the public about the role of SDSMA as an advocate for improved healthcare in the state. They are also working on improvement of the SD Journal of Medicine, SDSMA website improvements and improvement of general communications to the members.

The Committee on Medical Practice, chaired by Dr. Maria Bell reported that Dakotacare requested SDSMA to endorse its Medicare demonstration project for disease Management. Dakotacare has been awarded a three year demonstration project by CMS to manage cardiovascular disease in Medicare patients. This was not endorsed as yet as the committee wanted more time to review the information submitted. The South Dakota Cancer Registry Program was reviewed. Legislation may be brought forward to require Mandatory Cancer Reporting in South Dakota (which is the only state that does not currently require mandatory cancer reporting).

Dr. Herb Saloum, President reported that the SDSMA is working with SDFMC, DOH and SDAH0 to initiate a state council on patient safety.

Dr. Rod Parry provided updates on the medical school search process for a replacement for the Dean of the medical school. The Executive Committee requested a seat on the Search Committee and suggested that the Medical School Dean or designee should have a seat on the SDSMA Council. This would require a bylaw change, and is supported by the Council due to the close ties between USDSM and SDSMA. Dr. Parry also reported that the Medical School Building

Fund experienced a \$4 million dollar shortfall in the budget and that the Board of Regents decided to fund this by assessing Medical Students an extra \$1000 per year in addition to tuition, which was not well received by the students.

Dr. Mary Carpenter updated the Council on the State Risk Pool. There are currently only 513 enrollees (500 less than anticipated) Governor Rounds does not plan to expand the program. The State Medicaid program has increased funding which should be seen by Sept 2004. Also, a 20 to 25% increase in malpractice premium fees may be anticipated. Currently, South Dakota's premiums are among the lowest in the nation. No change is recommended in the current \$500,000 cap.

SDSMA/Dakotacare/SDFMC are currently exploring options to purchase land and build new offices on a new site in Sioux Falls and proceeding ahead with these plans. The SDBOME currently is housed with SDSMA but will likely not continue to do so based on Governor Rounds' desire to separate the SDBOME from SDSMA.

Dr. Koob reported that the Committee on Ethic and Judicial Affairs (formerly Grievance Committee) reviewed malpractice information. They recommended no legislative action related to malpractice be taken in 2005. They asked that information offered by Dr. Rick Holm on behalf of internal medicine be provided to the Council and Committee on Legislation for information.

Dr. Engelbrecht discussed work that has been done to establish a P and T Formulare for Medicaid recipients and asked for support for this concept in order to save money on pharmaceutical costs for the state Medicaid program.

The State Medical Association Annual Meeting in June often conflicts with the AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting in June and there have been discussions about changing the SDSMA Annual Meeting to September and have more continuing education meetings and asking specialty societies to hold their annual meetings in conjunction with the State Meetings. Since ACP has traditionally held our annual meeting in September, this should be a topic of discussion at our next annual meeting.

SOUTH DAKOTA ACP CHAPTER ARCHIVES - John Barker, Jr., MD, FACP

Now that the historical records of our first fifty years as a chapter in the American College of Physicians are reasonably well preserved, organized and, in some instances, on CD-ROM, I would invite all members to look through your files to see if you have something that should be preserved in the archives of our ACP chapter. If so, send it to me or to Kris Rahm and I will make sure it gets appropriately preserved and filed in the proper year.

If any members have any ideas on how the two loose-leaf notebooks of data can be easily and cheaply all put into an electronic form, I would appreciate your input.

Letters and personal correspondence all revolving around the ACP and interesting newspaper articles about our members all should be preserved somehow in our archive. So look through your files and send me any information and data you think needs preserving.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

South Dakota received the Chapter Excellence Award for 2004. Kudos to immediate past Governor David Sandvik, MD, FACP, who's hard work and skillful leadership helped propel the Chapter to this level.

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<http://www.acponline.org/chapters/sd/>



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SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

January, 2005

Dear Pharmaceutical Representative:

I am writing on behalf of the South Dakota Chapter of the American College of Physicians to ask for your support by sponsoring a display booth, for \$1,000, at our next annual meeting in Brookings, South Dakota on September 16-17, 2005. Our chapter members, all specialists in internal medicine or medical subspecialties, really appreciate the opportunity to interact with pharmaceutical representatives and learn "what's new"! We will acknowledge your company in print and with verbal introductions, and we encourage our attendees to visit every display. Ample break time is scheduled to allow for this. We also hope you and your associates or spouse can participate in our social events.

Next year's events are being organized by Drs. Rick Holm and Matt Bien and promise to be exceptional. There will be a wine tasting and choral performance at the South Dakota Museum of Art Thursday evening and opportunities for the spouses to tour the McCrory Gardens and several historic homes, followed by a joint reception at the Fishback Mansion Friday afternoon. You are, of course, also invited to our annual banquet at The Firehouse, where the food, entertainment and camaraderie will be memorable!

The scientific program will be of interest of all our members, and I anticipate a larger than usual turnout, hopefully more than 50 physicians. Dr. Edward Zawada will give an "Update on Nephrology" and a review of the "Care of Patients After Renal Transplant". Dr. Veronica Sanchez will present an "AIDS Update". Dr. Phil Hoffsten will again moderate a very popular "Have I Got A Case For Your" audience participation session. We plan for additional presentations by a USD School of Medicine Student and an Internal Medicine Resident, as well as an "Update in Rheumatology" and an "Update in Pulmonary Medicine".

I firmly believe this meeting offers you the best possible venue for productive interaction with physician participants and lots of fun and fellowship! I would encourage you to commit early, as spaces for displays are numerically limited.

Our Tax ID number is 46-0385734. The check should be made out to:

SD Chapter ACP
ATTN: Kris Rahm
4904 S. Sweetbriar Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

We are requesting that all display fees be paid prior to August 30, 2005.

For additional information, **or to reserve your display space**, please contact Kris Rahm, our Executive Director, at (605) 339-9804 or krisrahm@sio.midco.net. Thanks so much for your support!

Sincerely,

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