

**Upcoming Events**

**ACP Internal Medicine 2008**  
 Washington, DC  
 hosts this year's premier scientific meeting for internal medicine on May 15-17, 2008.

Meet internists from around the globe and around the corner, take advantage of special networking and social events, experience the culture of America's Capital, and leave with a new sense of excitement about internal medicine.

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**Governor's Corner**



**G**reetings. We have enjoyed another beautiful fall season

and for most of us as the holiday season approaches, our thoughts turn to home and family. Home is a wonderful word.

Our college is working hard to establish the concept of the patient centered medical home (PCMH) and the payment systems to support it. When successful, improved patient care and appropriate compensation should follow.

There is another home I want you to consider . . . a professional home. Perhaps you have never thought of it just this way, but the ACP is, or can be, our professional home. Just think about it.

For students and residents it is their introduction to the medical professional society beyond the borders of a medical school. It provides an opportunity to present posters and oral presentations highlighting their work as serious medical students and residents and encourages networking with their peers across the state and beyond. Professional journals, newsletters and educational material written and on-line support their growth as professionals.

For the physician, whether beginning their practice or a bit gray in the temples, whatever their role in our profession, the college provides wonderful educational support, collegial venues for learning and friendship,

and opportunities to combine our voices and influence the social and political changes that inevitably impact our practice of medicine.

We have concluded a successful West Virginia ACP Chapter meeting in Charleston. Fifty-five posters and ten oral presentations by students and residents and 10.75 hours of CME credit with excellent presentations by faculty were enjoyed by all. Of course, we had good food and fellowship and the opportunity to renew friendships.

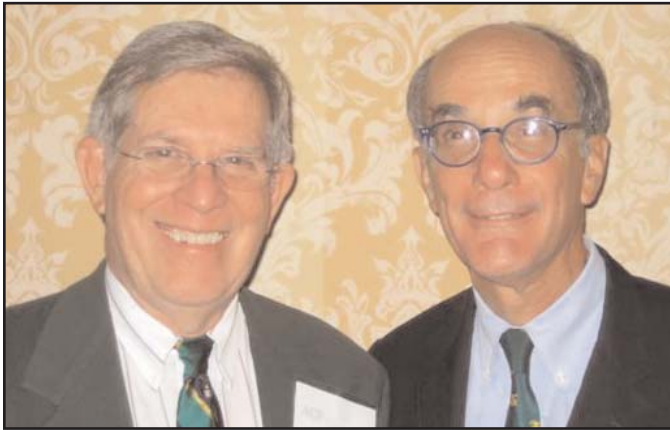
Next year our Chapter meeting will be in Morgantown during the month of October. Tentative dates of October 16, 17 and 18 (we want to be in Morgantown on a non-football weekend so the dates may shift). We will know definitely by February of 2008.

Let's all grow our Chapter; encourage a colleague to join the ACP. See the ACP home page on the Internet for much more information about the advantage to you and to our Chapter when you bring a new member to the college.

The college is our professional home. We can be proud of the leadership it provides, the standards of professionalism it supports and our personal association with the American College of Physicians. Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

**Charles E. Turner, MD, FACP**



ACP WV Chapter Governor Dr. Charles Turner and ACP National President Elect Dr. Jeffrey Harris



Past and Present Governors (from left, Dr. Greg Rosencrance, current Dr. Charles Turner, Dr. Derrick Latos and Dr. Rashida Khakoo)



During the Friday night Governor's reception physicians were encouraged to display artistic talents for the "Gallery in the Mountains" presentation. Pictured above is Dr. Charin Hanlon with a quilt presented to her by Dr. Christy Treadway for the birth of Dr. Hanlon's daughter.

## Associates at their Best

We had a fantastic turnout for our Associates Competition this year. We want to thank everyone that participated whether they were a presenter or a judge. We take pride in our Chapter and are glad to see that our Associate members do as well. Below are the winners of this year's competition. We look forward to the first place winners representation of our Chapter at the national meeting in Washington DC, May 2007. Congratulations to all!



### Oral presentations:

1st place (tie) **Andrew Schartzman** ( 4th yr medical student member from West Virginia University Morgantown)

1st place (tie) **Melissa Lester DO** (Associate Member from Marshall University Huntington)

2nd Place **Khalid Minhas, MD** (Associate member, West Virginia University Morgantown)

3rd place **Terence Rhodes, MD** (Associate member, West Virginia University Charleston)

### Poster Presentations:

1st place: **Eva Patton-Tacket, MD**(Associate Member, Marshall University Huntington)

2nd Place: **Barry Mitchell, MD**(Associate Member, West Virginia University Charleston)

3rd Place (3 way tie) **Jennifer Wheaton, MD**(Associate Member, Marshall University Huntington)

3rd Place (3 way tie) **Shamsuddin Virani, MD** (Associate member, West Virginia University Morgantown)

3rd Place (3 way tie) **Joshua Dower, MD**: (Associate member, West Virginia University Morgantown)

## **Jeopardy Team:**

### **WVU Charleston Division**

Coach: **Charin Hanlon, MD**

Team:

**Nicholas Young**

**Faisal Hayat, MD**

**Barry Mitchell, MD**

**Matthew Neal, MD**

## **Supporting Your Chapter through Chapter Dues**

You may have noticed that your dues statement from ACP looks a little different this year. Don't forget to include payment of your chapter dues along with your ACP dues -- it is only through your direct financial support that we can deliver valuable programs and services to members of our chapter.

Your support allows us to offer local meetings with prominent experts focusing on timely clinical issues. National ACP leaders attend these meetings and report on the future of internal medicine and how ACP is representing your best interest. Your contribution also enables us to offer mentoring programs for medical students and local Associates' research competitions. Additionally, your dues support our advocacy efforts with state legislators on local issues and enables our chapter leaders to participate in Leadership Day on Capitol Hill so that your voice is heard in Washington. Many of these activities are coordinated by unpaid volunteer leaders in our chapter. However, local staff support is critical to help manage the day-to-day operation of the chapter, special activities, and chapter meetings. Your chapter dues help support the cost of local staff, as well as funding for new and existing chapter initiatives.

When you receive your dues notice, please support your chapter by sending your chapter dues along with your national dues. You will be contributing to both the national and local success of ACP.

## **ACP Policies on Access to Care**

The College continues to build on its policy positions on achieving universal coverage for the under- and uninsured, and is well positioned to take a lead role in informing the national debate. The College's policy, "State Experimentation with Reforms to Expand Access to Health Care: A Summary of State Efforts to Reform Health Care and Recommendations from the American

College of Physicians on Key Elements That Should Be Included In Any Reform," was released on September 14.

A related policy paper, "Achieving a High Performance Health Care System with Universal Access: What the USA can Learn From Other Countries," on well functioning health care systems of other countries, is coming to this Board meeting for review and approval. Upon approval by the Board, the policy will be released to legislators and the Presidential candidates to contribute to the national debate. Also, the ACP Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) is updating the 2002 position paper Achieving Affordable Insurance Coverage for All Within Seven Years: A Proposal from America's Internists.

## **Regents Take Action on Fall 2007 BOG Resolutions**

At the October 27-28, 2007 Board of Regents Meeting, **Dr. David L. Bronson**, Chair, Board of Governors, presented for discussion and vote nineteen (19) Fall 2007 Resolutions from the Board of Governors, along with recommendations for their referral and implementation. Please visit the following web address for a summary of the BOR's actions.

[http://www.acponline.org/governors/announcements/reg\\_all07res.htm](http://www.acponline.org/governors/announcements/reg_all07res.htm)

If you need additional information regarding the Fall 2007 Resolutions, please contact **Mary Giampietro**, Administrator, Board of Governors Activities at (800) 523-1546, ext. 2716, or [mggiampietro@acponline.org](mailto:mggiampietro@acponline.org).

## **Call for Spring 2008 BOG Resolutions**

Friday, January 11th is the deadline for members to submit resolutions to **Dr. Charles Turner**, for consideration at the Spring 2008 BOG meeting. This deadline will appear in the ACP Observer and on the ACP Online homepage.

Following the January 11th deadline for ACP members, Governors will have two months to share resolutions with their councils. Chapter approved resolutions must be submitted to headquarters by Thursday, March 13, 2008. More information will follow as this deadline nears.

If you should have any questions about the resolutions process, please don't hesitate to contact **Mary Giampietro**, Administrator, Board of Governors Activities, at [mggiampietro@acponline.org](mailto:mggiampietro@acponline.org) or at (800) 523-1546, ext. 2716.

## **Survey on Patient-Centered Medical Home Demonstration Project Readiness**

The Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model offers the benefits of a personal physician with a whole person orientation who accepts overall responsibility for the care of the patient and leads a team that provides enhanced access to care, improved coordination and integration of care, and increased efforts to ensure safety and quality. However, the current reimbursement system does not provide the financial support for practices and physicians to adopt, implement, and maintain the infrastructure and processes necessary for this model of care. Therefore, the College has begun to collaborate with key payers, employers, business groups, medical societies, and others to develop and implement pilots and demonstration projects of the PCMH model in several states and localities.

Through this survey, we are seeking your input in order to gauge the potential readiness of physicians and key organizations in your state to test the concept of a PCMH. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and we are seeking your responses by Friday, November 16, 2007. We appreciate you taking the time to provide us with this valuable information. Your responses will be kept confidential and used only to guide the College staff in determining future areas to target for PCMH demonstration projects. Please contact **Shari Erickson**, [serickson@acponline.org](mailto:serickson@acponline.org), 202-261-4551, if you have any questions.