

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Business Meeting  
September 24, 2005  
Providence, Rhode Island**

**I. Call to Order**

The Board of Governors convened for its Business Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, September 24, 2005, in the Narragansett A & B of The Westin Providence in Providence, Rhode Island. J. Fred Ralston, Jr., MD, FACP, Chair of the Board of Governors, and Yul D. Ejnes, MD, FACP, Chair-elect, Board of Governors, presided. Stephen J. Peterson, MD, FACP, served as Parliamentarian.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the April 13, 2005 Business Meeting held in San Francisco, California.

**III. Approval of Reference Committee A Report**

David E. Bybee, MD, FACP, Chair of Reference Committee A, presented the following consent calendar to the Board of Governors:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Recommended for Adoption:**

- 3-F05. Supporting Tax Deductibility of Travel Expenses and Lost Wages for Living Organ Donors
- 5-F05. Creating ACP Policy to Address Ethical Questions Regarding Pharmaceutical Development and Marketing of Drugs
- 8-F05. Ensuring that Audits of Physician Claims Seek and Report Underpayments
- 9-F05. Developing ACP Policy that Assists Internists in Achieving Appropriate Reimbursement for Complex Ongoing Medical Care

**Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:**

- 1-F05. Educating Senior Citizens about the Sustainable Growth Rate Concept
- 6-F05. Supporting Legislation that Limits Pharmaceutical Companies' Direct-to-Consumer Advertising Expenditures
- 7-F05. Exploring a Retainer Payment Model for Comprehensive Primary Care Services
- 10-F05. Conducting an ACP-SHM Joint Review of Published, Evidenced-Based Studies on the Impact of Hospitalists on Continuity of and Quality of Patient Care

**Recommended for Non-Adoption:**

- 2-F05. Appointing a Special Committee to Make the Practice Management Center an Even More Effective Resource of the ACP
- 4-F05. Facilitating a Transition from Physical Prescription Samples to Vouchers for Prescription Samples

## 11-F05. Inviting Legislators to the Governor's Council Meeting

### **Summary:**

The Board of Governors approved the disposition of resolutions on the Consent Calendar as recommended by Reference Committee A with the exception of the following, which were extracted:

- 1-F05. Educating Senior Citizens about the Sustainable Growth Rate Concept
- 2-F05. Appointing a Special Committee to Make the Practice Management Center an Even More Effective Resource of the ACP
- 6-F05. Supporting Legislation that Limits Pharmaceutical Companies' Direct-to-Consumer Advertising Expenditures
- 7-F05. Exploring a Retainer Payment Model for Comprehensive Primary Care Services
- 10-F05. Conducting an ACP-SHM Joint Review of Published, Evidenced-Based Studies on the Impact of Hospitalists on Continuity of and Quality of Patient Care

1-F05, Educating Senior Citizens about the Sustainable Growth Rate Concept, was not approved.

2-F05, Appointing a Special Committee to Make the Practice Management Center an Even More Effective Resource of the ACP, was not approved.

6-F05, Supporting Legislation that Limits Pharmaceutical Companies' Direct-to-Consumer Advertising Expenditures, was amended and approved. The final resolved clause reads as follows:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents support strengthening the FDA regulation and enforcement capacity of direct-to-consumer advertising by pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers.**

The title and resolved clause for Resolution 7-F05, Exploring a Retainer Payment Model for Comprehensive Primary Care Services, were amended and approved as follows:

**Resolution 7-F05, Exploring Alternative Models of Payment for Comprehensive Primary Care Services**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents explore a retainer model as well as alternative financing models of payment for comprehensive primary care services to be paid for by insurers.**

10-F05, Conducting an ACP-SHM Joint Review of Published, Evidenced-Based Studies on the Impact of Hospitalists on Continuity of and Quality of Patient Care, was not approved.

## **IV. Approval of Reference Committee B Report**

Paul E. Epstein, MD, FACP, Chair of Reference Committee B, presented the following consent calendar to the Board of Governors:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Recommended for Adoption:**

- 15-F05. Adding an ACP Annual Session Abstract Competition that Features Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Projects in Poster Format
- 19-F05. Encouraging Chapters to Include Student Activities at Scientific Meetings
- 20-F05. Encouraging Chapters to Develop Distinct Medical Student Member Categories at Abstract Competitions
- 22-F05. Encouraging ACP Chapters to Schedule Regional Chief Resident Meetings
- 23-F05. Eliminating Automatic Dues Reduction at Age 65
- 24-F05. Approving Mandatory Chapter Dues

**Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:**

- 12-F05. Encouraging Medical Schools to Increase Tenured Positions for Clinical Teaching Faculty
- 14-F05. Including an ACP Sponsored Update Series at Subspecialty Meetings
- 21-F05. Granting Subsidies for Chapter Activities that Support and Engage Medical Student and Associate Members
- 25-F05. Exploring Mechanisms to Assist ACP Members in Volunteering
- 26-F05. Waiving Dues for ACP Members Affected by a National Disaster

**Recommended for Non-Adoption:**

- 13-F05. Assessing the Educational Needs of General and Subspecialty Internists
- 16-F05. Expanding the ACP Website to Include Educational Material on Practice-Based Learning and Systems-Based Practice
- 17-F05. Changing the Tag Line on the ACP Logo
- 18-F05. Providing Associates and Medical Students with Free Access to the PDA Version of PIER
- 27-F05. Developing Plans and Protocols for Medical Response to Disasters

**Summary:**

The Board of Governors approved the disposition of resolutions on the Consent Calendar as recommended by Reference Committee B with the exception of the following, which were extracted:

- 12-F05. Encouraging Medical Schools to Increase Tenured Positions for Clinical Teaching Faculty
- 21-F05. Granting Subsidies for Chapter Activities that Support and Engage Medical Student and Associate Members

The title and resolved clause for Resolution 12-F05, Encouraging Medical Schools to Increase Tenured Positions for Clinical Teaching Faculty, were amended and approved as follows:

**Resolution 12-F05, Encouraging Medical Schools to Increase Clinical Teaching Faculty**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents encourage medical schools to support an increase in the number of clinician educator faculty through academic advancement for dedicated clinical teaching activities in hospital and community teaching**

**environments and, if salaried, protected time for educational activities such as program development, lectures, or other clinical training activities.**

21-F05, Granting Subsidies for Chapter Activities that Support and Engage Medical Student and Associate Members, was amended and approved. The final resolved clause reads as follows:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents consider granting an increase per capita subsidy to ACP Chapters for chapter activities that support and engage medical student and Associate members.**

**V. New Business/Adjournment**

With no further business being presented, Dr. Ralston adjourned the meeting.