

**Approved  
May 17, 2008**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Business Meeting  
September 8, 2007  
Loews Annapolis Hotel  
Annapolis, Maryland**

**I. Call to Order**

The Board of Governors convened for its Business Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, September 8, 2007, in the Grand Ballroom of the Loews Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland. David L. Bronson, MD, FACP, Chair of the Board of Governors, and Donald W. Hatton, 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 18, 2007, Business Meeting held in San Diego, California.

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

Robert A. Gluckman, MD, FACP, Reference Committee A Chair, presented the following consent calendar to the Board of Governors:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Recommended for Adoption:**

- 3-F07. Devising a Formal Mechanism to Provide Input from Practicing Internists to the Practice Management Center (PMC)
- 6-F07. Urging the CMS to Proactively Assure that Medicare Carriers Meet Application Processing Standards

**Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:**

- 2-F07. Investigating Public-Private Partnerships to Reduce Student Debt for New Physicians Entering Primary Care
- 4-F07. Analyzing the Impact of the Requirements to Achieve Patient Centered Medical Home Certification
- 5-F07. Working with the AMA to Establish Efficiency Benchmarks for Health Insurance Companies

**Referred for Study:**

- 1-F07. Monitoring for a Possible Conflict of Interest in Minute Clinics

**Recommended for Reaffirmation:**

- 7-F07. Urging Medicare and Private Insurers to Develop an Equitable Reimbursement Schedule for Telephone and E-mail Consultations
- 8-F07. Developing Policy on the Composition of the Relative Value Update Committee (RUC)

**Summary:**

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

- 2-F07. Investigating Public-Private Partnerships to Reduce Student Debt for New Physicians Entering Primary Care
- 4-F07. Analyzing the Impact of the Requirements to Achieve Patient Centered Medical Home Certification
- 8-F07. Developing Policy on the Composition of the Relative Value Update Committee (RUC)

The resolved clauses for Resolution 2-F07, Investigating Public-Private Partnerships to Reduce Student Debt for New Physicians Entering Primary Care, were amended and approved as follows:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents investigate private-public partnerships and other non-governmental sources of funding for alleviating the student debt burden for new physicians entering primary care practice, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocate for publicly funded service-connected medical education scholarship and debt relief such as revitalization of the National Health Service Corps.**

The resolved clauses for Resolution 4-F07, Analyzing the Impact of the Requirements to Achieve Patient Centered Medical Home Certification, were amended and approved as follows:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents instruct the business consultants retained to evaluate the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) to analyze the impact of the time and expense necessary for both large and small practices to achieve and maintain recognition as a "certified patient centered medical home." This evaluation would include assessing the time and expense to complete CME-type courses the PCMH requires, to document fulfillment of the various PCMH elements, and to fulfill similar extra work to be PCMH certified and reimbursed; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents utilize data on the cost of achieving and maintaining PCMH recognition to advocate for adequate reimbursement for providing the enhanced level of patient care required.**

A motion to change the disposition of Resolution 8-F07, Developing Policy on the Composition of the Relative Value Update Committee (RUC), passed. The BOG voted to recommend that Resolution 8-F07 be referred for study with amendments as follows.

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develop policy that states the membership of the Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) should better reflect concerns of**

**those physicians who primarily provide cognitive services and, that if the RUC cannot be reconstructed to better reflect these concerns then consideration should be given to replacing the RUC with an alternative body which can provide input to the CMS on Relative Value Units determination.**

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

Sandra Abadie Kemmerly, MD, FACP, Reference Committee B Chair, presented the following consent calendar to the Board of Governors:

##### **Recommended for Adoption:**

- 9-F07. Developing and Expanding Programs, Products, and Services Directed at Procedural Education for Trainees and Internists
- 20-F07. Posting the Treasurer's Report on the ACP Web Site

##### **Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:**

- 10-F07. Working with the ACGME to Address Preventive Health Care for Trainees

##### **Recommended for Non-Adoption:**

- 12-F07. Establishing an ACP Hospitalist Award

##### **Referred for Study:**

- 11-F07. Expanding Affiliate Membership to Include Nurse Practitioners who are Sponsored and Supervised by an ACP Master, Fellow or Member
- 13-F07. Adopting Policy that ACP Discuss with Governors Future Issues Regarding Collection of Chapter Dues
- 14-F07. Providing Additional Financial Support for Lost Chapter Dues Income
- 15-F07. Making Legal Counsel's Opinions, Memoranda, and Advice Relating to the Dues Statement Changes Available to ACP Chapters
- 16-F07. Compliance with Legal Standards for Chapter Fee Structuring
- 17-F07. Changing the ACP Bylaws to Require Dues-paying Membership at the Chapter Level
- 19-F07. Approving and Initiating Per Member Payments as a Recruitment Incentive and for Financial Support

##### **Recommended for Reaffirmation:**

- 18-F07. Recognizing Chapter-Initiated Membership Recruitment

##### **Summary:**

The Board of Governors approved the disposition of resolutions on the Consent Calendar as Reference Committee B recommended with the exception of Resolution 11-F07, Expanding Affiliate Membership to Include Nurse Practitioners who are Sponsored and Supervised by an ACP Master, Fellow or Member, which was extracted.

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 11-F07 were amended and approved as follows:

**Resolution 11-F07. Expanding Affiliate Membership to Include Nurse Practitioners who Work Alongside ACP Masters, Fellows or Members**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents approve the expansion of the Affiliate membership class to include nurse practitioners who work alongside ACP Masters, Fellows or Members caring for a common panel of patients .**

**V. New Business/Adjournment**

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