

**Approved
April 13, 2005**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Business Meeting
October 2, 2004
Tucson, Arizona**

I. Call to Order

The Board of Governors convened for its Business Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, October 2, 2004, in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin La Paloma in Tucson, Arizona. Frederick E. Turton, MD, FACP, Chair of the Board of Governors, presided. J. Fred Ralston, Jr., MD, FACP, served as Parliamentarian.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the April 21, 2004 Business Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

III. Approval of Recommendations from the BOG Task Force on Communications

Yul Ejnes, MD, FACP, Chair of the BOG Task Force on Communications, presented the final recommendations, including minor changes made as the result of Friday's presentation, as a consent calendar for approval. The Board of Governors approved the task force recommendations.

IV. Approval of Recommendation to Add a Seat to the Board of Governors for the Council of Subspecialties

The Board of Governors approved the Executive Committee, Board of Governors recommendation to add a seat on the Board of Governors for the Council of Subspecialties Societies (CSS).

V. Approval of Reference Committee A Report

Edward Harris, MD, FACP, Chair of Reference Committee A, presented the following consent calendar to the Board of Governors:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:

- 4-F04. Proposal to Change Fellowship Start Date
- 8-F04. Governor, Officer, and Regent Participation in Annual Session Booths
- 11-F04. Implementing Electronic Abstract Submissions to the National Associates and National Medical Student Abstract Competitions
- 24-F04. Refining Residency Working Hours
- 25-F04. Making Maintenance of Certification a High Value Process

Recommended for Non-Adoption:

- 1-F04. Opposing New Examination by the Federation of State Medical Boards
- 2-F04. Opposing Medical Licensure Examination `Step Two` Testing Requirements
- 5-F04. Forgiving Membership Dues for Fellows in Training
- 6-F04. Developing a Membership Recruitment CD-ROM
- 7-F04. Posting Agendas on College Website
- 9-F04. Providing Key Contact Enrollment Option on Fellowship and Membership Applications
- 10-F04. Distributing "The Care of the Patient" by Francis Weld Peabody
- 23-F04. Evidence-Based Clinical Guidelines for Late-Life Care

Recommended for Reaffirmation:

- 3-F04. Revising Student Financial Aid Budgets to Include United States Medical Licensure Exam (USMLE) Step II Clinical Skills Exam and/or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensure Exam (COMLEX) Part II Clinical Skills Exam

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:

- 24-F04. Refining Residency Working Hours
- 25-F04. Making Maintenance of Certification a High Value Process
 - 1-F04. Opposing New Examination by the Federation of State Medical Boards
 - 5-F04. Forgiving Membership Dues for Fellows in Training
 - 6-F04. Developing a Membership Recruitment CD-ROM
 - 7-F04. Posting Agendas on College Website
 - 9-F04. Providing Key Contact Enrollment Option on Fellowship and Membership Applications

After discussion, Resolution 24-F04, Refining Residency Working Hours, was amended and approved. The final resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED that the Board of Regents work with the ACGME and RRC-IM to accommodate the goals of promoting the highest clinical standards while allowing the internal medicine programs flexibility to meet defined work hours restrictions.

25-F04, Making Maintenance of Certification a High Value Process, was amended and approved. The final resolved clauses read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors supports continued high level discussions between ACP leadership and ABIM leadership on how maintenance of certification (MOC) for internal medicine and its subspecialties can best evolve into a high value process that is durable throughout the professional lifetime of diplomates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ACP leadership continue working to develop effective pathways for the Governors and their constituents to receive timely information about MOC discourse with ABIM, and to provide feedback to leadership that merits serious consideration in these deliberations.

1-F04. Opposing New Examination by the Federation of State Medical Boards was amended and approved. The final resolved clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents oppose a new examination by the FSMB as a way to measure ongoing competence.

5-F04, Forgiving Membership Dues for Fellows in Training, was approved for study. The final resolved clauses read as follows:

RESOLVED, that ACP consider forgiveness of membership dues for residents who have been Associates for two or more years for the two to four year period of their approved subspecialty training while preserving their rights and privileges as Associates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that their ACP dues resume at the normal rate following completion of subspecialty training.

6-F04, originally entitled "Developing a Membership Recruitment CD-ROM," was amended and approved as "Developing Electronic Membership Recruitment Materials." The final resolved clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents direct the appropriate committees to consider development of electronic based membership promotional material.

7-F04, Posting Agendas on College Website, was amended and approved. The final resolved clauses read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents post on its general membership website the agendas for the Board of Regents' meetings, the Board of Governors' meetings, and all committee meetings absent any confidential items; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the American College of Physicians (ACP) request that any interested College member can communicate with their Chapter Governor and provide comment or opinion on items of concern to be forwarded to the committee Vice Chair prior to the scheduled meeting date.

9-F04, Providing Key Contact Enrollment Option on Fellowship and Membership Applications, was amended and approved. The final resolved clause reads as follows

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents provide a brief description of the Key Contact Program along with an enrollment "check off" box to be added to all classes of ACP membership and fellowship applications.

IV. Approval of Reference Committee B Report

Kelly O'Brien, MD, FACP, Chair of Reference Committee B, presented the following consent calendar to the Board of Governors:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Recommended for Adoption:

- 15-F04. Supporting Care Management Fees for Medicare Patients
- 21-F04. Exploring and Defining ACP-AMA Interaction

Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:

- 13-F04. Assuring Member Awareness of Proposed Changes in Payment for Services
- 16-F04. Unbundling of Preventive and Problem Related Office Visits
- 17-F04. Establishing Strategy that Uses Anti-trust Laws to Prevent Insurance Market Domination by One or Few Carriers
- 20-F04. Supporting Associate and Student Representation at Leadership Day

Recommended for Non-Adoption:

- 14-F04. Supporting Patients' Rights to Sue Health Insurers
- 19-F04. Creating a Panel of Medical Experts
- 22-F04. A Standard of Measure of Practice Overhead

Recommended as Reaffirmation:

- 12-F04. Creating a Healthcare Information Technology Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for the Implementation of Electronic Medical Records (EMR)
- 18-F04. Establishing Strategy to Allow Physicians to Collectively Negotiate with Insurers

Summary:

The Board of Governors approved the disposition of resolutions on the Consent Calendar as recommended by Reference Committee B with the exception of Resolution 19-F04, Creating a Panel of Medical Experts, which was extracted.

Resolution 19-F04, Creating a Panel of Medical Experts, was amended and approved. The final resolved clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents examine the feasibility of creating a panel of medical experts that would be available to objectively assess the validity of any professional liability claims and lawsuits brought against our members.

V. New Business/Adjournment

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