

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Business Meeting  
April 5, 2006  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**I. Call to Order**

The Board of Governors convened for its Business Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2006, in Room 113AB of the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 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 September 24, 2005 Business Meeting held in Providence, Rhode Island.

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

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Recommended for Adoption:**

- 6-S06. Working with SGIM Leadership to Identify Mechanisms that Allow ACP and SGIM to Coordinate Activities and to Achieve a Closer Alliance

**Recommended for Adoption with Amendments:**

- 1-S06. Creating ACP Policy that Promotes the Teaching and Evaluation of Professionalism in Medical Schools and Residencies
- 4-S06. Initiating an Annual Session Abstract Competition for Young Physicians

**Recommended for Non-Adoption:**

- 2-S06. Endorsing the Routine Reporting of Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rates
- 3-S06. Supporting Members with the Selection of and Negotiating Purchase Discounts for EMRs/EHCRs
- 5-S06. Scheduling Future ACP Annual Session and Chapter Meetings in Smoke Free Cities
- 7-S06. Adding an Eighth Goal to the ACP Mission, Goals, and Core Values Statement
- 8-S06. Adding a Core Value to the ACP Mission, Goals, and Core Values Statement

**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-S06. Creating ACP Policy that Promotes the Teaching and Evaluation of Professionalism in Medical Schools and Residencies
- 3-S06. Supporting Members with the Selection of and Negotiating Purchase Discounts for EMRs/EHCRs
- 5-S06. Scheduling Future ACP Annual Session and Chapter Meetings in Smoke Free Cities

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 1-S06, Creating ACP Policy that Promotes the Teaching and Evaluation of Professionalism in Medical Schools and Residencies, were amended and approved as follows:

**Resolution 1-S06, Teaching and Evaluation of Professionalism in Medical Schools and Residencies**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents continue to promote the teaching, monitoring, and evaluation of professionalism at the undergraduate medical, graduate medical, and continuing medical education levels; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents states as a matter of policy that evaluation of professional behavior is best performed by medical schools and residency programs and should not be a subject of separate or additional examination for licensure by the National Board of Medical Examiners or State Medical Boards of graduates of LCME-accredited medical schools or participants in Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency programs.**

3-S06, Supporting Members with the Selection of and Negotiating Purchase Discounts for EMRs/EHCRs, was amended and referred for study. The final resolved clauses read as follows:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, using in part the various resources already available in its Practice Management Center, select a group of Electronic Medical Records (EMRs)/Electronic Health Computerized Records (EHCRs) which are particularly well suited for use by its practicing internists and then negotiate discounts for its members in purchasing such systems; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents then provide information to its members through the Practice Management Center which could aid its members in the installation and utilization of these EMRs/EHCRs systems.**

5-S06, Scheduling Future ACP Annual Session and Chapter Meetings in Smoke Free Cities, was not approved.

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

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

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### **Recommended for Adoption:**

- 14-S06. Seeking Federal Regulation and/or Legislation to Mandate a Prescription Refill Requirement for Pharmacy Benefit Plan Managers

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

- 10-S06. Developing a Pay for Performance Appeals System
- 11-S06. Evaluating Quality and Safety Deficiencies of “Minute Clinics”
- 12-S06. Developing a Universal Form for Formulary Requests
- 13-S06. Ensuring Uninterrupted Access to Prescription Medication for Seniors and Those Covered under Medicare Part D Drug Benefits
- 15-S06. Developing Policy to Support Funding Cognitive and Case Management Services through Redistribution of Resources
- 18-S06. Emphasizing Relationships with Industry that Maximize the Good of the Patient
- 19-S06. Developing Policy to Support Legislation that Requires CMS/Medicare Independent Contractors be Subject to Federal Freedom of Information Law

### **Amended and Referred for Study:**

- 9-S06. Promoting Legislation that Renders Retired Physicians Immune from Medical Malpractice Litigation when Volunteering Care to the Medically Underserved
- 17-S06. Promoting the Basic (as differentiated from “Advanced”) Medical Home Concept

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

- 16-S06. Considering the Incorporation of Cost-Effectiveness Methodology within Medicare and Health Plan Coverage Policy

### **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:

- 11-S06. Evaluating Quality and Safety Deficiencies of “Minute Clinics”
- 12-S06. Developing a Universal Form for Formulary Requests
- 16-S06. Considering the Incorporation of Cost-Effectiveness Methodology within Medicare and Health Plan Coverage Policy

The title and resolved clauses for Resolution 11-S06, Evaluating Quality and Safety Deficiencies of “Minute Clinics,” were amended and approved as follows:

### **Resolution 11-S06, Evaluating Quality and Safety of “Minute Clinics”**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents evaluate the quality and safety of the growing phenomenon of “minute clinics” or large retailer/chain pharmacy clinics opened to diagnose and treat "common family illnesses” and evaluate their impact on continuity of care; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that based on this evaluation, the Board of Regents provide materials and/or other types of resources to assist individual chapters in ensuring that such clinics meet quality and safety standards.**

12-S06, Developing a Universal Form for Formulary Requests, was amended and approved. The final resolved clauses read as follows:

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents continue to collaborate with any appropriate and interested medical organizations such as AMA and AAFP, in developing, promoting, and/or revising a universal form for requesting drug formulary exceptions/appeals/prior authorizations; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will actively encourage acceptance of a universal form among insurers, including Medicare, as an acceptable alternative to any plan-specific forms that plans may also use.**

16-S06, Considering the Incorporation of Cost-Effectiveness Methodology within Medicare and Health Plan Coverage Policy, was approved.

#### **V. New Business/Adjournment**

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