

The Capitol Key

ACP's Advocacy Newsletter for Key Contacts



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ACP SERVICES, INC. FORMS PAC

ACP Services, Inc. has formed a political action committee to help promote internists' participation in the political process. A PAC is an entity permitted under federal law to make contributions to political candidates running for office at the state and/or federal level. More and more national medical specialty societies are forming political action committees to enhance their government relations activities and increase their political influence.

Because of its tax status as a charitable organization, ACP cannot establish a PAC. However, ACP Services, Inc., a separate and distinct organization from ACP established in 1998 to provide advocacy, practice management, and other services for internist-members, has a different tax status that allows it to establish a PAC. Members of ACP automatically are also members of ACP Services, Inc.

The ACP Services PAC is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors that researches and analyzes the voting records of congressional candidates and determines who should receive contributions from the PAC. Chaired by William Golden, MD, FACP, from Little Rock, Arkansas, the board is composed of internal medicine leaders selected from various areas of the country by the ACP Services Board of Directors. The PAC board considers candidates' record of support on issues important to the profession, membership on key health committees, and leadership positions in the Congress, among other criteria, when deciding who to support.

The PAC will begin making donations to congressional candidates running in the 2006 election cycle, which starts in Jan. 2005.

For more information on the PAC, contact Laura Allendorf, ACP Services PAC Director, at Lauraa@acponline.org.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

The State Health Policy Networking Session will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 2:30pm-4:30pm at the Moscone Convention Center, Room 300.



The State Health Policy Networking Session is an annual policy forum for Governors, Governors-elect and chapter Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) members to learn about key state issues and to discuss common concerns. The workshop provides the opportunity to share ideas on how to improve chapter effectiveness on the issues that come up predominantly at the state and local levels.

In addition, Leadership Day 2005 will be held on May 17-18 at the Wyndham City Center in Washington, DC. Additional information will be distributed in January.

For more information, please contact Shuan Tomlinson at 1-800-338-2746 ext. 4547 or at stomlinson@acponline.org.



GRASSROOTS SPOTLIGHT

MINNESOTA CHAPTER RECRUITS OVER 100 KEY CONTACTS AT ANNUAL MEETING!

The Minnesota Chapter had only recruited 7 Key Contacts between the time that the Executive

Committee of the Board of Governors announced the goal for key contact recruitment (to increase enrollment to 4% of the membership) in December, 2002 and early last month. In fact, the MN chapter needed to recruit 42 Key Contacts in order to reach the target. What might have seemed like a lofty goal was easily attained by the MN Chapter Federal Legislative Coordinator (FLC), Jeevan Paul, MD, FACP. Dr. Paul recruited 123 new Key Contacts by approaching individuals or groups of two or three and explaining the Key Contact Program.

Dr. Paul observed, "I find that physicians are open to participating if they are approached by a peer on a one-to-one basis. No one stopped at the table to sign up! I caught people on breaks during lunch. I signed up many associates during the poster competition." Congratulations to Dr. Paul and the MN Chapter!

KEY CONTACT TOTAL EXCEEDS ECBOG GOAL!

The Washington Office received an overwhelming response to the Dec. 16th blast e-mail to ACP members in all US Chapters. The e-mail was sent by Dr. Francis, ACP President who asked members to enroll as Key Contacts. Consequently, the College has exceeded the ECBOG goal for Key Contact recruitment! As of December 22nd



the total number of Key Contacts is **4,303** and more enrollment forms continue to roll in. A breakdown by chapter is below.

Congratulations to all chapters and thanks for all of your hard work!

Chapter	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2004	Percent Change	Total # of members in Chapter	% of Membership in Key Contact Program
AL	28	60	114%	1,412	4.3%
AK	7	137	1857%	136	100%
AZ	20	54	170%	1,621	3.3%
AR	21	25	19%	596	4.2%
CA	181	333	84%	9,626	3.5%
CO	28	52	86%	1,278	4.1%
CT	44	83	89%	1,947	4.3%
DE	16	43	169%	369	11.7%
DC	14	32	129%	1,799	1.8%
FL	109	224	106%	5,457	4.1%
GA	45	104	131%	2,535	4.1%
HI	3	15	400%	657	2.3%
ID	5	7	40%	199	3.5%
IL	71	157	121%	5,322	3.0%
IN	28	58	107%	1,804	3.2%
IA	22	50	127%	1,002	5.0%
KS	23	34	48%	898	3.8%
KY	16	42	163%	1,208	3.5%
LA	32	88	175%	1,739	5.1%
ME	16	37	131%	494	7.5%
MD	54	123	128%	1,825	6.7%
MA	54	112	107%	3,409	3.3%
MI	42	88	110%	3,730	2.4%
MN	26	172	562%	1,884	9.1%
MS	17	28	65%	717	3.9%
MO	36	65	81%	2,226	2.9%
MT	10	23	130%	244	9.4%
NE	15	29	93%	845	3.4%
NV	10	21	110%	451	4.7%
NH	18	35	94%	432	8.1%
NJ	67	137	104%	4,041	3.4%
NM	19	38	100%	655	5.8%
NY	174	353	103%	10,388	3.4%
NC	43	103	140%	2,891	3.6%
ND	9	22	144%	222	10.0%
OH	55	166	202%	4,048	4.1%
OK	44	65	48%	808	8.0%
OR	32	78	144%	1,171	6.7%
PA	103	169	64%	5,948	2.8%
RI	14	37	164%	602	6.1%
SC	23	70	204%	1,060	6.6%
SD	11	19	73%	247	7.7%
TN	35	62	77%	1,917	3.2%
TX	97	203	109%	5,840	3.5%
UT	20	32	60%	486	6.6%
VT	15	18	20%	358	5.0%
VA	74	196	165%	3,090	6.3%
WA	36	104	189%	1,847	5.6%
WV	15	24	60%	681	3.5%
WI	36	68	89%	1,929	3.5%
WY	4	8	100%	98	8.1%
Total	1,937	4,303	122%	104,189	4.1%

Achieved Target Enrollment ($\geq 4.0\%$)
 3.0% - 3.9% of Chapter Membership Enrolled

2.0% - 2.9% of Chapter Membership Enrolled
 < 2.0% of Chapter Membership Enrolled