

# Fall Newsletter

## Governor's Update



I am not sure about you, but the crispness of the air brings a healthy refreshment along with a humbling reminder that time is moving fast! Many thanks to our Governor's Advisory Council Members and Committee Leaders who have been working to create meaningful activities for our Chapter members. Please see details below -- and be on the lookout as additional activities are added through the fall.

We recently concluded our Fall Board of Governors Meeting. Consistent with the times, we conducted College business virtually. As I become further exposed to the College, I continue to be impressed with the breadth of the College activities and support for clinical, financial, educational, political, and personal needs of ACP members. I encourage you to look at the [ACP member website](#) to take advantage of the tremendous resources. As you find things that are helpful, share with your fellow ACP members and the community.

We are also at an important time for the Chapter, as it is time to vote for our Governor-Elect! Many small chapters are challenged to identify members who would consider serving as ACP Governor, so I am grateful that we have two incredible and well-qualified candidates. Further details are below, I encourage you to vote today! I also urge you to think about your involvement in ACP – there are many committees and opportunities to get involved. As many of us can attest, it is a great way to build your professional community – so start small today!

I am thrilled to announce that Allen Friedland, MD has been granted Mastership in the ACP! This is a tremendous honor for Allen and for our Chapter. As I wrote in my support letter, "Dr. Friedland meets every requirement and aspiration of the position of Mastership in the College. He is a consistent national and local leader with demonstrated excellence in education, mentorship, clinical care, and consistently contributes to the medical literature." Allen has been a steadfast presence and advocate for our ACP chapter and has developed novel national initiatives that have helped early career physicians across the country to progress to Fellowship, which is an important pathway for ongoing College growth. Congratulations Allen!!

As always, I would love to hear any questions and/or suggestions you may have!

Thanks  
Dan

## Vote in Our Chapter Election!

### Election Closes November 5<sup>th</sup>

It's time to vote for our next Chapter Governor. The Governor serves as the official representative of the College for the chapter, providing a link between members at the local level and leadership at the national level. Those eligible to vote include Masters, Fellows, Members, and Resident/Fellow Members with an election date of 9/1/2019 or earlier.

This year we have two superb candidates who are running for Governor-elect, Dr. Melissa Morgan-Gouveia and Dr. Selvam Mascarenhas. I wanted to acknowledge and thank them both for their enthusiastic work on behalf of our Chapter over the years. To learn more about their background and experience, see their biographies and candidate statements available on our [Chapter's Website](#).

The election is taking place between October 1 and November 5. [Members can vote online](#) or by mail-in ballot. The ballot will be mailed to you and includes your ACP Member Number and Election Passcode that are required to cast a vote.

## Committee Spotlight – Awards Committee

The Awards Committee charge is to recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine. The Committee achieves this goal by actively working to identify and/or select candidates for local and national awards. The Committee also works on developing new local award opportunities.

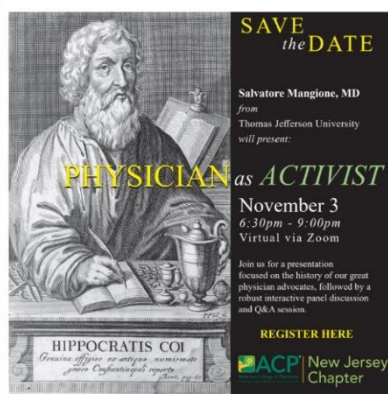
Our Chapter awards include the Hospitalist, Lang, and Laureate awards, as well as a potential new award for the Chapter: Early Career Physician Award. Please see the Chapter website for details and previous winners [HERE](#). The Committee also discussed chapter members who may be candidates for ACP National awards, as there are members in our chapter who we would like to consider for national recognition. In addition, the Awards Committee is interested in helping to identify those members who meet the criteria to become Fellows or Masters of the College.

The Awards Committee is looking for your recommendations for a local or national award! Also, the Committee is looking for up to two new members. If you are interested in participating in this important Chapter committee, please contact Cindy Martin ([cmartin@lutinemanagement.com](mailto:cmartin@lutinemanagement.com)).

Wishing you all a safe and happy fall season!

*Matthew J. Burday, DO, FACP*  
*Chair, ACP Delaware Chapter Awards Committee*

## Upcoming Events



### Physician as Activist Virtual Event – FREE!

**Salvatore Mangione, MD**

November 3, 2021

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join us for a presentation focused on the history of our great physician advocates, followed by a robust interactive panel discussion and Q&A session.

## **"From Our Kitchen" Community Service with Premiere Charities**

Sunday, November 14, 2021

1:45 PM – 3:30 PM

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

This Thanksgiving season, we want to again give back to the Delaware community! On Sunday, November 14th, the Delaware ACP is joining forces with Premiere Charities to help serve the homeless near the train station served by "From our Kitchen". This year, we will be meeting at the location (500 East Front Street) at 1:45pm to prep and serve the food. Don't have time to volunteer? Then please donate needed food items. Click on the sign-up link above for more information about donating and volunteering!



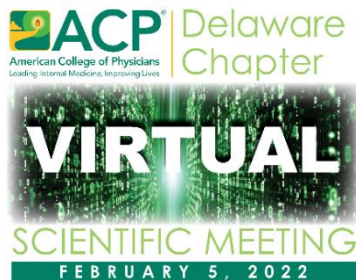
## **Advocacy Town Hall - Virtual**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Please join the ACP Delaware Chapter, the Medical Society of Delaware, and the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians for a virtual Town Hall-style event with Senator Sarah McBride and Representative David Bentz. The discussion will be focused on the primary care bill, the opiate crisis and mental health.



## **2022 Annual Chapter Meeting - VIRTUAL**

Saturday, February 5, 2022

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

## **Conference Highlights:**

- Continuing education sessions on important topics such as:
  - Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)
  - Environmental Injustice/Social Determinants of Health
  - The State of Primary Care/ Independent Practices
  - Literature Update
- Poster Contest and Abstract Winner Oral Presentations
- ACP National Update
- Multiple Small Feedings of the Mind Session
- Chapter Awards

## **News from the Field**

## 21-22 GAC Members

Council Member	Role
Daniel J. Elliott, MD, FACP	Governor
Mary C. Blumenfeld, MS4	Student Representative
Matthew J. Burday, DO, FACP	Nominations/Awards Chair
Sarah Coughlan, MS4	Student Representative
Himani R. Divatia, DO, FACP	Women in Medicine
Joseph M. Deutsch, MD	Downstate Representative
Justin Eldridge, MD, FACP	Early Career Physician Representative
Michael R. Goulet, DO	Resident/Fellow Representative
Stephanie Guarino, MD	Wellness Champion
Maritza Harper, MD	Chief Resident Representative
Nicholas Jennelly, MD	Resident/Fellow Representative
Selvam J. Mascarenhas, MD, FACP	Advocacy/HPPC Chair
Vamsi K. Matta, DO	Resident/Fellow Representative
Michael Maguire, MD, MPH	Global Health Chair
James McNinch, MD	Chief Resident Representative
Melissa D. Morgan-Gouveia, MD, FACP	Annual Meeting Chair
John H. O'Neill, DO, MACP	Treasurer/Membership-Diversity Chair
Gretchen D. Rickards, MD	Scholarly Activities Chair
Abhishek V. Surampudy, MD	Resident/Fellow Representative
Karla Testa, MD, FACP	Volunteerism Champion
Deborah T. Zarek, MD, FACP	Medical Services Representative