



## **Message from the Governor**

**Dear Chapter Membership,**

**It is hard to believe that I am nearly halfway through my term as Governor. I am proud of what we have accomplished in the past two years and am looking forward to building momentum into the second half of my 4 year term. We are accepting self nominations for our next chapter Governor through March 5th. If you are interested in running, please email Dr. Beth Riley at [beth.riley@louisville.edu](mailto:beth.riley@louisville.edu).**

**Thank you to Dr. Barb Casper and Dr. Greg Hood, who represented our chapter at the KMA - Specialty Society Roundtable meeting in November, 2023. Out of that meeting came the op-ed that our chapter co-signed to raise awareness regarding the need for prior authorization reform which was published in several local newspapers. I was proud to represent our chapter during KMA Physicians' Day at the Capitol on February 21st, when we asked representatives to support HB 317, which calls for exemptions for physicians who have demonstrated high rates of successful prior authorizations. I encourage you to reach out to your representatives to ask for their support of this bill that we hope will relieve a little bit of the administrative burden that we face as physicians.**

**We are also soliciting your feedback on the Spring 2024 Board of Governors Resolutions. Your input helps me to best represent our state and its interests to the national ACP. You may find the resolutions posted on [ACP Online](#) for your review and cover an array of topics such as continued coverage for colon cancer screening, vaccine incentives, and state-level prescription drug affordability boards.**

**I am always open to input/feedback at [kyacpgovernor2022@gmail.com](mailto:kyacpgovernor2022@gmail.com).**

**Thanks,**

**Jenny Olges, MD, MPH, FACP  
Governor, KY Chapter of the ACP**

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# Treasurer's Report

Our chapter bank account remains healthy. The following is a brief summary of our financial expenditures for the last fiscal year (July 2022-June 2023).

In all, our expenses totaled ~ \$31,000 and our revenue totaled~ \$39,000. We had a positive balance of ~ \$7,800.

Our major expense was our annual state scientific meeting, on which we spent just shy of \$14,000. This covered CME, rentals, food, and awards.

We spent about \$5,000 to send our student and resident winners to represent Kentucky at the 2023 National ACP Meeting in San Diego. We sent one person to Leadership Day 2023 in Washington, DC, at a cost of about \$1,200.

Salaries for our administrative assistant, accountant, and fees totaled about \$15,000.

Our two sources of revenue are membership dues and vendor payments from our state meeting. These brought in just shy of \$39,000.

Meagan Schaeffner, MD, FACP  
Treasurer, KY Chapter of ACP

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## JOIN US FOR WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS



Our Chapter's Wellness Champions,  
Dr. Meagan Schaeffner and Dr. Angie Webb,  
host a virtual wellness opportunity on the  
last Wednesday of the month at noon.

Please consider joining us on February 28th.

Watch your inbox for a zoom link!

# Kentucky



The American College of Physicians (ACP) is the largest medical specialty organization in the United States, representing internal medicine physicians and medical students. ACP advocates on behalf of internal medicine physicians and their patients for policies that will improve health care and patient outcomes.

Internal medicine is a medical specialty that includes primary care and more than 18 other subspecialties, and applies scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to diagnose and treat adults.

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## In the Commonwealth of Kentucky:



**3,070**

Internal Medicine Physicians<sup>1</sup>



**5**

Internal Medicine Training Programs<sup>2</sup>



**271**

Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas<sup>3</sup>



**5.6% vs. 7.7%**

KY Uninsured Rate vs National Average<sup>4,5</sup>



**952,197**

Medicare Beneficiaries<sup>6</sup>



**1,418,659**

Medicaid Beneficiaries<sup>7</sup>

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