

Fall 2022

E- Newsletter

Governor's Message



Greetings Louisiana Chapter ACP members!

As the weather turns cooler, I use the changing of seasons to reflect on change in our professional lives and change within our ACP organization. Our Louisiana ACP Governor's Council recently met for a Strategic Planning session to help us better focus our chapter efforts in the coming months and years. Responses from our membership survey allowed us have more robust and meaningful discussions on new programming ideas, focusing priorities and setting achievable goals. Thank you to all who responded, and I welcome any additional communications from you, as our members, at any time! Our hope as a council, and my hope as Governor, is to continue to have ACP serve as a true professional home for our practicing physicians, residents and fellows in training, and for our medical students.

ACP is currently involved in a professional identity campaign aimed at recognizing all of the amazing things our members do as Internal Medicine physicians. While our practice environments vary greatly, we share many common joys and challenges in Internal Medicine. I encourage all of you to explore the resources your ACP membership includes and discover new ways that ACP can support you in your work and educational focus. We will continue to work as a chapter to add value to your professional identity, support your wellness and your growth as a physician.

I welcome the new chill in the air as a reminder to stay invigorated and to stay a steady source of warmth and comfort to our patients and our colleagues. I hope you all will continue to see the ACP as a source of support in this journey.

Fall Governor's Advisory Council & Strategic Planning Meeting

The Governor's Council held the Fall Meeting on October 15, 2022 in Baton Rouge. The Council reviewed the Chapter budget and the Finance Committee reports that the Chapter is in good financial standing. There were several Committee Reports, including an update in the Annual Meeting Planning, Advocacy activities, Early Career Physician Activities and the Nominations Committee.

The Council held an additional meeting to continue work on an updated Strategic Plan for the Chapter. The goals of the Chapter for the Strategic Plan address Membership Growth and Engagement, Sustainable Budgeting and Future Chapter Meeting Planning. Thank you to all of the members who responded to the survey earlier this year. The summary of responses from the membership were used by the Task Force to drive the conversations during the meeting to shape how the Chapter will work towards its goals.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. JOHNSON!

in ACP news

Board Of Governors Chair-elect Election Newly Elected Chair-elect Designee

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, we are excited to report that

Angela C. Johnson, MD, FACP

has been elected Board of Governors Chair-elect Designee. Currently, Dr. Johnson is the Louisiana Chapter Governor. She will serve as Chair-elect from April 2023 to April 2024 and take office as Chair in 2024.

2023 Resident and Student Meeting

The Resident and Student Meeting will be **IN-PERSON!**

Saturday, February 4, 2023
Louisiana Cancer Research Center
New Orleans

A Call for Abstracts went out last month and the
deadline for submission is
Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Submit abstracts today!

Medical Student
Resident

Schedule at a Glance

10:00am Student Oral Presentations

11:00am Resident Oral Presentations

12:00pm Mystery Case Presentations

1:00pm Poster Session

2:00pm Jeopardy

2023 Annual Scientific Meeting

LSU Medical Education and Medical Innovation Center Baton Rouge March 3 - 4

Planning is well underway for the in-person 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting! The Planning Committee has lined up a fantastic scientific program which will include updates in numerous specialties, Hospital Medicine, General Medicine and much more. The meeting will be all day on Friday and a half day on Saturday.

Watch your email inbox for a registration link and more details soon.



Call for Nominations

Governor's Advisory Council

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Louisiana Chapter of the ACP?

We will have several open positions on our LA ACP Governor's Advisory Council in March 2023. We are looking for interested members who want to take a more active role in shaping chapter activities, policy and programming. Terms on the Governor's Council are for 3 years and involve attendance at council meetings, working on various sub-committees, and participating in chapter activities in a planning or leadership role.

Council positions opening are those representing the Lake Charles/Lafayette, Shreveport, Northshore and New Orleans areas, in addition to one At-Large position.

If you are interested, please contact us via the LA ACP Chapter email, laacp2015@outlook.com! Send us your name, a brief description of your medical practice environment and experience, as well as a brief paragraph about why you'd like to be involved with the LA ACP Governor's Advisory Council by **December 1st**.

Laureate Award

The Louisiana ACP Laureate Award is to be presented to a Master or Fellow of the Louisiana Chapter for distinguished achievement in the field of medicine in research, medical service, mentoring, teaching, and/or service to the Chapter. If you have a colleague you feel is deserving of this honor, please send the member's name and current CV to the LA ACP Chapter email, laacp2015@outlook.com.

Fall 2022 Resolutions

The Board of Governors discussed the fall slate of Resolutions during the recent September meeting. A summary of Board of Regents (BOR) actions on resolutions debated at the Fall 2022 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting will soon be available.

The member comments added to the Resolutions survey are greatly appreciated. The feedback provided by you, the members, allows the Governor to speak on behalf of the Chapter and reflect the thoughts and opinions of the membership.

If you have an idea you'd like to suggest to ACP, consider submitting a resolution to Angie Johnson or the Louisiana ACP chapter. The ACP has a call for Resolutions twice each year for the Fall and Spring Board of Governors Meetings. The Board of Governors (BOG) Resolutions Process was instituted in 1985 as a means for the ACP membership to have formal input to the Board of Regents (BOR), the policymaking body of the College. A resolution reflects grassroots voice of ACP. A resolution is a proposal that asks the ACP to take a position and/or an action. Any ACP member can submit a resolution to his or her ACP Governor for consideration by the local chapter council. A resolution consists of at least one directive ("Resolved clause") accompanied by supporting statements ("Whereas clauses"). If you have a proposal, please review the Resolutions Guide and bring it to the Governor. The deadlines to submit a Resolution for consideration are typically in May for the Fall BOG meeting and December for the Spring BOG meeting.

Well-Being Champions

What is a Well-Being Champion?

ACP launched the Physician Well-being and Professional Fulfillment initiative in January 2018. Part of that initiative includes training up to 2 Well-being Champions per chapter who will promote the rationale for investing in clinician well-being, share key evidence-based strategies to improve clinician wellbeing and professional fulfillment, and foster the development of chapter-based communities that support well-being and professional fulfillment.

The Louisiana Chapter currently has one trained Champion, Anne Carrere, who would love to have a few more Champions join her! In the fall there will be a call for Well-Being Champions. If you would like to know more, please review the [job description](#). If you are interested in becoming a Louisiana Well-Being Champion, please send your name to Sarah Wardrop at laacp2015@outlook.com.

Governor - Elect

The Chapter is in the Governor Election process. 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.

This year we have two superb candidates who are running for Governor-elect, **Angela M. McLean, MD, FACP** and **James D. Morris, MD, FACP**. Thank you to 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 September 30 and November 4. 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.

To ensure your voting experience is smooth and easy, please note the following: Voting materials are not sent from ACP directly. ACP has partnered with Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) to conduct the election, so you may need to check your spam/junk folder for your ballot. The subject of the ballot email is "ACP 2022 Governor-elect Election Voting Information". We encourage you to add noreply@directvote.net as an approved sender so that your ballot arrives safely in your inbox.

For replacement ballots and election customer service, e-mail support@directvote.net or call 866-909-3549, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Central. For general election information, contact Julie Sinkoff, Coordinator, BOG Relations, via email or telephone at 215-351-2699.

Hot Topics

ACP Receives \$100,000 Diagnostic Excellence Grant Program Award

ACP is the recipient of a \$100,000 Diagnostic Excellence Grant Program award from the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS). CMSS granted awards to 11 specialty societies seeking to improve and promote diagnostic excellence across the field of medicine. The competitive grant program is administered by CMSS and funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation with additional funding from The John A. Hartford Foundation. The grant program will fund a diverse array of projects to support the development and dissemination of resources and programs to improve the timeliness, accuracy, safety efficiency, patient-centeredness, and equity of diagnostic outcomes for patients in the United States.

CMSS is a coalition of 48 specialty societies representing more than 800,000 physicians across healthcare. For more details on this award, visit <https://cmss.org/press-release-promoting-diagnostic-excellence-grant-awards/>

New ACP Case Study on Lab Result Reporting, Ethics, and the 21st Century Cures Act Rule on Information Blocking

A new ethics case study from ACP, "Lab Result Reporting, Ethics, and the 21st Century Cures Act Rule on Information Blocking," is now available for CME credit and MOC points.

The case study dives into the benefits and potential ethical implications for patients and clinicians of the 21st Century Cures Act Rule. The information sharing standards of the 21st Century Cures Act standardize information formats to allow patients direct access to their clinical information. While information technology may give patients an opportunity to become more involved in their care, there are risks. Releasing information alone may harm both the patient who is left to interpret test results without context, and also the patient-physician relationship, which includes developing appropriate further diagnostic and then treatment strategies together.

This ethics case study was developed by ACP's Ethics, Professionalism, and Human Rights Committee and the Center for Ethics and Professionalism. To learn more about ethics and professionalism activities at ACP, visit <https://www.acponline.org/clinical-information/ethics-and-professionalism/ethics-case-studies-education>.

Get Involved

Committees

Looking for ways to get involved? There are many places that your time and talents can be used in the Chapter! The **Membership, Early Career Physician, Advocacy, Awards and Nominations Committees**, to name a few, are looking for new members to join. If you have a particular interest, contact Sarah Wardrop and get plugged into the Chapter!

Upcoming Dates

Resident - Student Meeting

February 4, 2023

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
New Orleans

2023 Annual Scientific Meeting

March 3-4, 2023

LSU Medical Education
& Innovation Center
Baton Rouge

IM2023

April 27-29, 2023
San Diego, CA

ACP Leadership Day

May 23-24, 2023
Washington, DC

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