

Fall 2026

E- Newsletter

Governor's Message



Happy Fall!

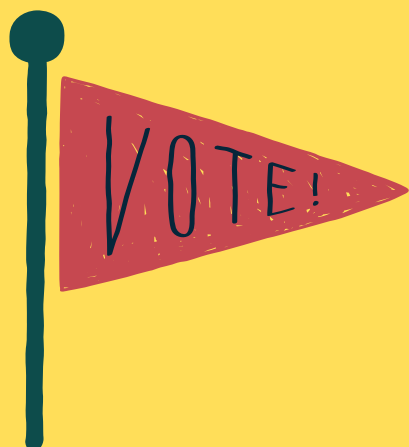
The Fall Board of Governors meeting was held in Chicago and once again our chapter earned the Gold Chapter Excellence Award. I am profoundly grateful for the arduous work of our members, committee chairs and advisory council. While in Chicago, the Governors had an opportunity to meet our new ACP CEO, LeRoi Hicks MD MPH MACP. He is truly an Internal Medicine advocate and is interested in meeting with the ACP membership. As a result, Dr. Hicks, along with Dr. Hamori, Chair of the Board of Regents, as well as the Past Chair of the Board of Governors, our own Angie Johnson, will be attending our January Annual Chapter Meeting. I'm so excited that our chapter will have this opportunity to discuss local challenges, advocacy and educational opportunities.

Also, don't forget to take advantage of ACP's education and financial resources. The Financial Well-being Program on ACP online has everything from group insurance discounts to information on contracts and financial well-being.

I look forward to seeing all of you in January!

We are Internal Medicine Specialists!

Warm Regards,
Angela McLean, MD FACP



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. This year we have two superb candidates running for Governor-elect, **James D. Morris, MD FACP** and **Celeste M. Newby, MD PhD FACP**.

We want to acknowledge and thank them both for their enthusiastic and dedicated work on behalf of our Chapter. The election will take place through November 6, 2026. [Members can vote online.](#) The ballot includes your ACP Member Number and unique Election Passcode that is required to cast a vote. This was emailed to you at the end of September.

Governor - Elect Candidates

James D. Morris, MD FACP

Candidate Statement: I am honored to be a nominee. ACP is a leading voice in the changing field of medicine and should respond to these opportunities and challenges. With my membership since medical school, I have learned the many ways ACP provides mentoring, advocacy, networking, and clinical education and I have gained tremendous knowledge and skills from these ACP activities in my clinical practice. As a member of the LA Governor's Council and Treasurer, I had the opportunity to learn about the issues of members across the state and work to promote engaging activities for the membership on the program planning committee. A role for the Governor is to create channels of communication with members so that their voices, perspectives, and challenges are heard and echoed to the Board of Governors. I look forward to the opportunity to advance our profession and engage with members as the voice of our ACP chapter.

Celeste M. Newby, MD PhD FACP

Candidate Statement: The unofficial motto of ACP is “come for the science, stay for the people”, and this absolutely represents my experience. From local mentors to participating in national committees, I am so grateful for the learning experiences and long-lasting relationships ACP has given me. I want others to experience the same. As an academic hospitalist and APD for internal medicine residents, I spent my days immersed in clinical care and graduate medical education. Practicing medicine in a city and state with many growth opportunities to improve health, I have the privilege of being part of the highs and lows of patient’s journeys through the healthcare system. To me, part of a physician’s professional responsibility is to make health system change to provide optimal health for our communities. I am committed to medical education and postgraduate training, clinical practice, and healthy communities. I am honored to be considered for this position.

Complete bios for each candidate can be found on the [Chapter website](#).

Ballot information:

- Ballot materials were not sent from ACP directly. ACP partnered with Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) to conduct the election.
- The subject of the ballot email is “Vote Now! ACP 2026 Governor-elect Election Voting Information”. Please check your spam/junk/promotions folders.
- For replacement ballots and election customer service, contact SBS at support@directvote.net or call toll-free 1-866-909-3549, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. ET. For other questions, please call Julie Sinkoff at 215-351-2699 or jsinkoff@acponline.org.

2027 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2027

Center for Advanced Learning
and Simulation
New Orleans



7.5 HRS OF CME • 7.5 MOC POINTS

- Financial Literacy
- Billing & Coding
- AI and the EMR
- Menopause and Dyslipidemia
- Dermatology and Dementia & Delirium
- Clinical Pearls in Hematology
- GLP-1s
- ACP Update
- Career Reflections



Join us in-person or virtually for a full day of
clinical learning and professional
development.

Registration & Meeting Hub

Make your plans now to join us in New Orleans on January 22! The Program Planning Committee has developed an outstanding agenda and secured a robust roster of speakers. Dr. LeRoi Hicks, MD MACP, CEO & EVP of ACP will also be in attendance and is anxious to hear from you, the members!

2027 Resident Student Meeting

January 23, 2027

8:30am - 5pm

Center for Advanced Learning &
Simulation
New Orleans

Abstract Competition
Workshops
Jeopardy

Free for resident/fellow and student members
Breakfast and lunch included



Registration

Residents & Students!

In addition to your meeting with abstract competitions, workshops and jeopardy, you are invited to register and attend the Annual Scientific Meeting on Friday - it is free for you!

Call for Nominations – Laureate Awards

Each year the Louisiana Chapter presents at least one Laureate Award. The award is presented at the Annual Meeting each year. We are currently seeking nominations for the 2027 Louisiana Laureate Award.

The Laureate Award is designed to honor those Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated, by their example and conduct, an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, and research, and service to their community, their chapter, and the ACP.

A Laureate nominee is usually a senior physician who has:

- Been a Fellow or Master of the College for at least 15 to 20 years.
- Achieved a long history of excellence and peer approval in the specialty of internal medicine.
- Served the chapter and community with distinction or in some clearly definable manner.

If you have a colleague that you feel should be considered for the 2027 Laureate Award, please submit the name and a current CV to Sarah Wardrop (laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com) by November 2, 2026.

Call for Nominations - Governor's Advisory Council

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

We will have four open positions on our LA ACP Governor's Advisory Council in January 2027. 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 subcommittees, and participating in chapter activities in a planning or leadership role.

The Council positions that are opening are those representing the Alexandria (1), Baton Rouge (1), Shreveport (1), and New Orleans (1) areas.

If you are interested, please contact us via the LA ACP Chapter email, laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com! Send us your name, CV, 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 November 15, 2026.

Call for Abstract Judges

We are currently seeking abstract judges for the next round of poster judging. Due to the large number of poster abstracts, we will be doing a round of judging BEFORE the in-person meeting.

A group of abstracts will be sent to all judges via email with a scoring rubric. You will have about 2 weeks to review, score and return your abstract group via email.

We will have in-person judging live at the meeting for the top abstracts. A call for in-person judges will be sent at a later date.

If you are interested in participating in the next round, please email [Sarah Wardrop](mailto:sarah.wardrop@utoronto.ca).

Call for Jeopardy Teams Attention Program Directors!

The Resident Student Meeting on January 23, 2027 will include the annual Jeopardy Competition! Each program may submit a team of 3, one from each level of training. Start thinking about your team! All Program Directors will receive an email with complete details in the coming weeks.

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your strengths and
stand out.



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scenarios with expert
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and career guidance
from the experts.



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Deliver your pitch
and compete for
cash awards!

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NEXT STEP IN
YOUR CAREER?

SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION TODAY!



CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 30TH, 2026
(11:59 PM CT)



WHO CAN APPLY?

PGY-2 and PGY-3
Internal Medicine
Residents in Louisiana



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the demographic information Google Form
- Submit a Statement of Interest



SPACE IS LIMITED!

Top applicants will be
selected to compete!

WHY PARTICIPATE?



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your interview skills



Receive feedback from
physician leaders and experts



Network with peers and
physician mentors



Stand out in your future
job interviews



Compete for **\$500**
in cash awards!

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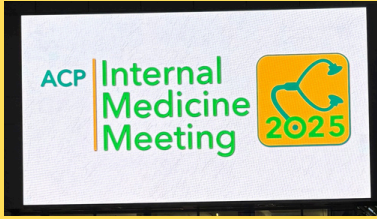
Selected applicants will participate in
a live pitch and interview-style
experience with physician leaders.

This is your chance to showcase
your strengths, gain expert feedback,
and take a step closer to the
career you envision.

Practice today.
Impress tomorrow.
Get hired!



[Apply here!](#)



Internal Medicine Meeting 2027

Join ACP and your colleagues in Los Angeles, CA, April 15-17, 2027, at the annual marquee educational event for internal medicine physicians and subspecialists around the globe. Together we will share in three days of unparalleled professional revitalization and make invaluable connections with our internal medicine community.

- Refresh your clinical skills with unmatched hands-on learning opportunities
- Make inspiring, lifelong connections at receptions and networking events
- Earn CME credits and MOC points

Register for IMM Today.



**IMM 2027 Chapter
Reception**

Friday, April 16, 2027

7:00pm

Details to come



Join more than 15,000 colleagues in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn) in advocating for the interests of internal medicine in Washington, D.C. The AIMn program is for ACP members interested in participating in federal advocacy. It is designed to help members engage with their federal lawmakers on policy issues important to ACP and internal medicine.

[Enroll Now](#) - after clicking the link, scroll down to the right where it says: Enroll in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network and enter your information to join.

Excellence in Internal Medicine Award

Each year the Louisiana Chapter recognizes an outstanding student at each medical school that chooses to participate. These students were chosen and recognized by their institution. Each winner is presented with a certificate and \$500 check from the Louisiana Chapter ACP. The Chapter wishes each of you the very best in the next steps of your career.

Congratulations to the 2026 winners of the Excellence Internal Medicine Award!

Pooja Punukollu and Dhaval Patel - Ochsner/Queensland*

*the award was split between the recipients

Megan Rojas - LSU New Orleans

Katherine Bordes - Tulane

Morgan Robicheaux - LSU Shreveport

2026 ACP Advocacy Priorities

ACP's advocacy priorities seek to promote policy reforms on the federal level through legislative, regulatory, and executive actions that benefit the overall health and well-being of patients, physicians, and the practice of internal medicine.

Protecting Patient Access to Immunizations

Support policies that would bolster evidence-based science by preserving coverage, increasing uptake, and restoring research for safe and effective immunizations.

Ensuring Patient Affordability and Access to Health Care

Make health care more affordable by extending enhanced health insurance premium tax credits, preserving access to telehealth services, and lowering patient cost-sharing for primary care and preventive health care services.

Strengthening the Internal Medicine Physician Workforce

All patients should have access to a physician who can deliver primary, whole-person, comprehensive, and longitudinal care. Congress should invest in federal programs that support and expand the internal medicine and primary care physician workforce.

Improving Payment for Internal Medicine Physicians

Improve patients' access to care by ensuring fair and appropriate physician compensation, including annual inflationary adjustments. Modernize laws requiring the implementation of budget neutral payment cuts in the physician fee schedule (PFS); and allow physicians to waive patient cost sharing associated with physician services in Medicare.

Use the links above to access more information about each issue or visit [ACP's Advocacy](#) page for all resources.

Did you know? Understanding ACP Credentials: FACP and MACP Explained

The American College of Physicians (ACP) recognizes physician excellence through two distinguished credentials: **Fellowship (FACP)** and **Mastership (MACP)**. Both designations reflect a physician's commitment to internal medicine, professional achievement, and service to patients and communities.

FACP stands for **Fellow of the American College of Physicians**. Fellowship is a peer-reviewed and peer-supported credential that serves as a public reflection of excellence within the internal medicine profession. The designation signifies an ongoing dedication to internal medicine, the patients physicians care for, and the communities they serve.

Physicians who earn Fellowship have demonstrated professional accomplishments, leadership, service, and commitment to the highest standards of patient care and ethical medical practice. The FACP credential is recognized by colleagues, patients, and healthcare organizations as a symbol of credibility, achievement, and engagement in the profession.

MACP stands for **Mastership in the American College of Physicians**. Mastership is one of ACP's highest honors and is awarded to a select group of highly accomplished Fellows who have demonstrated exceptional achievements and impact in internal medicine. ACP bylaws state that MACPs are selected based on their integrity, impact in practice or medical research, and other significant attainments in the science or art of medicine.

Recipients of Mastership are recognized for distinguished contributions in areas such as clinical practice, education, research, leadership, health policy, volunteerism, administration, and service to the medical profession and their communities. MACPs represent an elite group of physicians whose accomplishments have advanced internal medicine and improved patient care.

ACP reminds all Fellowship and Mastership recipients that these credentials are tied to active membership status. Recipients of Mastership and Fellowship who are dropped from ACP membership rolls due to nonpayment of dues are not permitted to use the credentials of MACP or FACP until their membership is reinstated, and they return to good standing.

Maintaining ACP membership not only preserves the privilege of using these respected credentials but also demonstrates continued engagement with the College and its mission to advance the health and well-being of patients through excellence in internal medicine.

ACP News

American College of Physicians names new Chief Membership and Engagement Officer

PHILADELPHIA, September 8, 2026 – The American College of Physicians (ACP) has named Ethan Gray, CAE, as Chief Membership and Engagement Officer, effective September 21, 2026.

Gray joins ACP with extensive experience leading membership growth and engagement strategies for medical associations and nonprofit organizations. In this role, he will provide leadership, strategic direction, and data-informed business development planning for ACP’s domestic and global membership recruitment, retention, and engagement efforts.

“At a time when internal medicine physicians are navigating rapid change, Ethan brings the relevant experience and member-focused approach needed to help ACP continue to grow, thrive, and deliver value,” said LeRoi Hicks, MD, MPH, MACP, ACP’s Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer.

Gray has most recently served as Chief Relationship Officer at Talley Management Group where he provided strategic leadership for national and international client partnerships, operations, and service delivery. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Membership at the Society of Hospital Medicine, responsible for engagement, business performance, and growth. Gray is a Certified Association Executive and member of the American Society of Association Executives

ACP is tracking state legislation on key state health policy topics under consideration across the country and has state fact sheets available.

[Track state legislation](#)

[State Advocacy Fact Sheet](#)



ACP Resources

2026 ACP Advocacy Priorities

I.M. Emotional Support Hub

Financial Well-being

Telehealth Resources

Integrating Behavioral and Mental Health into Primary Care

Practice Resources

Clinical Information Resources

Substance Use Disorder Education

AI Resource Hub

ACP offers educational webinars for ACP members on a variety of topics relevant to internal medicine.

These webinars provide an opportunity to learn, pose questions, and share ideas with others. Register for an upcoming webinar today.

Can't make it to the live webinar? Access webinar recordings in the On-Demand Library.

ACP Online Upcoming Webinars

Get Involved

Committee Opportunities Available

We currently have openings on the following committees:

- **Membership Committee:** Help us grow all member classes and engage our community
- **Awards Committee:** Recognize excellence in our field
- **Wellness Committee:** Promote member well-being and professional fulfillment
- **Early Career Physician Committee:** Support those in the first 16 years of their medical careers
- **Health and Public Policy Committee:** Shape our advocacy efforts and respond to critical policy issues that affect the practice of internal medicine

Why Serve on a Committee?

Committee service offers numerous benefits:

- **Greater Chapter Involvement:** Be part of shaping our society's future
- **Expanded Professional Network:** Build lasting relationships with colleagues across specialties and career stages
- **Chapter Growth:** Contribute directly to strengthening our medical community
- **Professional Development:** Gain leadership experience and enhance your CV
- **Personal Fulfillment:** Make a difference in an area you're passionate about

Minimal Time Commitment

Most committees require less than 2 hours per month of your time, making it manageable even for busy medical professionals.

To learn more or volunteer for a committee, please contact Sarah Wardrop, Executive Director at laacpchaptermeeting@gmail.com. We'd be happy to discuss which committee might best match your interests and expertise. Your involvement makes the Louisiana ACP Chapter stronger!

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membership today.



UNPAID DUES?

Act now and
renew your ACP membership today!

If you haven't already, renew your ACP membership today to regain access to your member-exclusive educational and clinical benefits, valued at over \$6,000! As a valued member of ACP, your success is important to the internal medicine community.

Stay connected with the internal medicine community. Get free subscriptions to Annals of Internal Medicine® and DynaMedex®. You'll also get discounts on ACP MKSAPSM, Board Review courses, the annual Internal Medicine Meeting, and more. Don't let these valuable opportunities slip away—renew now and thrive with us!

Renew your membership today to explore all your member-exclusive benefits.

Upcoming Dates

Annual Scientific Meeting

Janaury 22, 2027
New Orleans, LA

Annual Resident Student Meeting

January 23, 2027
New Orleans

IMM 2027
April 15 - 17, 2027
Los Angeles, CA

ACP Leadership Day

May 11-12, 2027
Washington, DC

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