

Summer 2021

E- Newsletter

Governor's Message



Greetings Louisiana ACP Members!

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have endured another storm in the form of Ida. I sincerely hope all have remained safe during these continued trying times. As we enter the fall, and look toward cooler weather, football games and holiday gatherings, my wish is for some sense of normalcy to return in our lives. With COVID-19 still an ever-present threat to our health and well-being, please remember to take time to reflect and treasure those things most dear in your lives.

- I will be attending the Fall Board of Governors meeting in September (held virtually) where important policy will be shaped for the College. I hope you have all had a chance to answer the survey regarding upcoming resolutions.

- Our advocacy committee has been busy this Spring and Summer at the state level helping shape policy for Louisiana physicians and healthcare as a whole.

- Our student and resident committees will begin planning new programming for the year – welcoming many new faces to our committees.

- Our Chapter Scientific Meeting Planning committee has already begun work on our next Spring Chapter Meeting – we hope to engage you in this informative, interesting meeting in March 2022!

Please take time to visit the ACP Website for continued guidance on COVID-19, as well as access helpful resources on well-being. Continue to find joy in your efforts as Internists. Continue to find ACP as a professional home. Continue to find the Louisiana Chapter as an organization to assist you in what you do every day – bettering the lives of our patients and our healthcare systems.

Stay safe, stay well, stay connected – and stay ever hopeful!

Angie

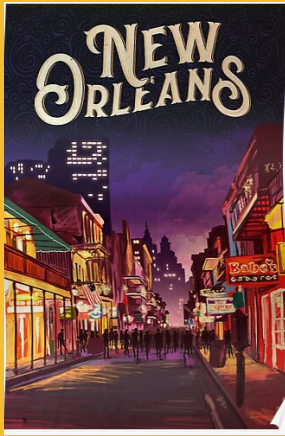
2021 Annual Scientific Meeting

As most of you know, the first completely virtual Annual Scientific Chapter Meeting was held in March 11-13. Though we all would have enjoyed an in-person experience, we were able to successfully offer a robust educational meeting. The weekend kicked off with two MOC sessions covering the latest updates in General Medicine and Hospital Medicine. The sessions were led by Chapter members Shahzeem Bhayani, Brian Cruz, Irene Grundy and Marlon Joseph.

The CME program on Friday featured numerous dynamic speakers and included disease updates on infectious diseases, hepatitis C and diabetes, and sessions on the hot topics of palliative care, value-based care and wellness. The day wrapped up with an ACP Vision for Medicine update from BOG elect Ryan Mire. The CME program is available for purchase [Here](#) on the ACP website if you were not able to attend the meeting, or for reference if you attended and want to listen to a session again, on the Chapter website, [Access the Virtual Meeting](#).

The Resident and Student Meeting was held on Saturday and was a great success. The Call for Abstracts received over 120 submissions for poster presentations. During three-hour long sessions, 12 students and 22 residents participated in live poster competitions. There were two submissions chosen to be presented as mystery cases, which were interactive sessions between the presenters and the panel of judges. The abstract submissions are available for viewing on the Chapter website or by following these links: [Medical Student Abstract Booklet](#) and the [Resident Abstract Booklet](#), as well as the [Winner Listing](#) of the winning abstracts from each session.

A highlight of the day, and the entire meeting, was the keynote speaker, Dr. Jay Marion. Dr. Marion joined the meeting to share his talk, "Navigating Turbulence During Difficult Patient and Colleague Encounters: Recognizing and Responding to Conflict", which was an hour that everyone, physician or not, was able to learn and glean useful tools for use in conflict resolution in life and the workplace. Dr. Marion's presentation is also available if you [Access the Virtual Meeting](#) through the Chapter website.



2022 Annual Scientific Meeting

The planning for the 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting is underway. Lauren Barfield will serve as the Program Chair for the planning committee this year. ***The meeting will be an in-person event March 10-12, 2022 at the Louisiana Cancer Research Center in New Orleans.*** The Planning Committee is securing speakers now and developing a dynamic meeting agenda!. Watch your email and the LA ACP website and social media accounts for more details as the planning continues.



Chapter Bylaws

As discussed in the Chapter Business Meeting, held during the March Annual Scientific Meeting, the Chapter Bylaws are undergoing a revision. The purpose of the revision is to update the language to reflect the current workings of the Chapter, including options for holding meetings and votes on a virtual platform, defining an additional seat on the Council for a Northshore representative, and adding a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement. A Bylaws Committee was formed just after the March meeting, and they have worked diligently to revise the current document. The Bylaws have undergone a legal review, as required by ACP, to ensure that the statements made within the document are compliant with Louisiana state laws. The Bylaw revisions are being reviewed by ACP staff, then will be sent onto the Board of Regents for final approval.

Excellence in Internal Medicine Awards

Each year the Louisiana Chapter recognizes an outstanding student at each medical school that chooses to participate. This year the ACP Excellence in Internal Medicine Awards were given to: Michael Millet – LSU Shreveport, Bradley Powers – LSU New Orleans, Ashley Vellucci – Tulane.

Michael has started his Internal Medicine Residency at LSU. Brad has moved to Washington, DC to join the Internal Medicine Residency program at Georgetown with plans to go into General Internal Medicine or Cardiology. Ashley has joined the Vanderbilt Internal Medicine Residency program with plans to pursue a fellowship in Infectious Disease. We congratulate each of them and wish them the very best in the next steps of their career!

Advocacy Highlights



The last few months were very busy for the Louisiana legislature and thus for our Chapter representatives, Celeste Newby and Ashley Ingolia. Dr. Newby and Dr. Ingolia represented the Chapter at White Coat Wednesday on April 21st. The annual event is an opportunity to meet with local legislators. This year the discussions continued to focus on the importance of keeping physicians as medical team leaders in making decisions about the healthcare of Louisiana citizens.



Louisiana Scope of Practice Bills

HB 442 (Physician Assistant) did pass through the House Health and Welfare Committee but failed to pass through the House (39:39) on May 11th.

HB 495 (Advanced Practice for Registered Nurses) passed through the House with a vote of 61:41 on May 5th and went onto the Senate. The bill made it out of the Senate committee and was placed on the calendar. However, a final vote was not taken before the summer recess began, therefore, HB 495 did not pass.



Drs. Angie Johnson, Celeste Newby, Ashly Ingolia, and residents Taylor Cravanas, Tonia Gooden and Axel Rodrigues Rosa participated in ACP Leadership Day on May 26th. Though virtual this year, this is an opportunity for Chapter members to meet with legislators on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Discussions with the legislative delegation focused on negotiating fair prescription drug prices, step therapy barriers to prescribing, increasing access to Telemedicine, supporting frontline physician workforce and increasing primary care training slots, improving access to behavioral health, and suicide prevention resources for physicians and other healthcare personnel.

LA ACP Resident Council

The Chapter Resident Council (RC) is charged with assisting the Governor and the Faculty Advisors in coordinating Resident/Fellow Member activities such as the regional research competitions, Resident/Fellow newsletters, and specific programs for trainees. The RC may also provide a forum whereby the needs and concerns of trainees in the Chapter are brought forward to the Governor and Governor's Council. The RC functions as an advisory group and may perform specific tasks in conjunction with the Governor and other appropriate organizations of the College at the local and national levels. If you are a resident member who is interested in joining the Council, please contact Sarah Wardrop.

Our Chapter Faculty Advisors:

Shane Sanne, DO
LSU, New Orleans

Dr. Sanne is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Program Director for the LSU Internal Medicine Residency in New Orleans. After finishing his residency and chief year at LSU New Orleans, he joined the hospitalist section and is currently a hospitalist at University Medical Center in New Orleans. Dr. Sanne has been an ACP member since 2009 and was elected as an Associate's Liaison Committee Chair on the Governor's Council and has served since 2016. He has an interest in fostering resident members to further their opportunities to gain experience presenting their cases and research topics to their peers within the state. Dr. Sanne's outside interests include quality improvement and interprofessional education.

Miranda Mitchell, MD
LSU, Baton Rouge

Dr. Mitchell is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine with the LSU Internal Medicine Residency in Baton Rouge and the Director of the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement. She has been a member of ACP since 2018. In March 2021, Dr. Mitchell was elected to the Governor's Council and chose to become a part of the Resident's Council because of her passion for mentorship and physician wellness and is excited about bringing these talents to the council.

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, 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

Louisiana Student Resident Meeting
January 2022

Louisiana Chapter Meeting
March 10-12 2022

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
New Orleans, LA

IM 2022
April 28-30, 2022
Chicago, IL

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