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## NC-ACP Governor's Newsletter

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### Meet Your Governor-Elect Designee – Dr. Lacy Hobgood

Please join us in congratulating **Dr. Lacy Hobgood** (Greenville), who is confirmed as the Chapter's Governor-Elect Designee. Dr. Hobgood specializes in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Brody School of Medicine where he is Division Head, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. Dr. Hobgood's long history of involvement with ACP and NC-ACP includes positions as NC-ACP Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair, poster judge, National Council of Early Career Physicians, National Medical Practice and Quality Committee, the state and national Doctor's Dilemma competitions, and more. Dr. Hobgood was elected to FACP in 2010 and is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP).

Earlier this year, the Chapter initiated a Special Election to fill the vacancy of our Governor-Elect. The Nominations Committee, led by Dr. Larry Klima (Greensboro), solicited nominations from the membership and, after much deliberation, put forward two excellent candidates in a Notice of Election. Since that announcement, one of the candidates withdrew from the race and no petitions were received from the membership. Dr. Hobgood will assume the role of Governor-Elect in April 2019. Dr. Peter Lichstein will continue to serve as Interim Governor until Dr. Hobgood's transition to Governor on October 1, 2019.

### 2019 NC-ACP Annual Scientific Session Recap

This year's state meeting was the most attended meeting in recent history with over 300 physicians convening in Raleigh. The meeting was held Feb. 22-23 and offered 11 hours of CME- and MOC-accredited programming.

**Dr. Scott Furney** (Charlotte) received the Laureate Award, which recognizes ACP Fellows or Masters who have "demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical

care, education or research and in service to their community, their ACP chapter and the ACP.” Dr. Furney is currently chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at Atrium Health, and also serves as senior academic chair for the adult acute care division, senior medical director for quality and safety and senior medical director for academic operations at Atrium. He recently completed an MBA with honors from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is the Immediate Past President of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society.

The Chapter’s award for volunteerism was renamed this year in honor of the late Gary Greenberg, MD, MPH, FACP, who passed away in October 2018, three months after being diagnosed with leukemia. The newly named Dr. Gary Greenberg Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service honors NC-ACP members who have “distinguished themselves in voluntary service in the area of medicine and are eminent as true humanitarians.”

This year’s award was presented to **Dr. Iris Cheng** (Charlotte), a general internist and medical educator who, for over 30 years, has dedicated her career to urban underserved communities. She is Clinical Professor of Medicine and has served as the Internal Medicine Clerkship Director for 22 years for the UNC School of Medicine Charlotte Campus. Dr. Cheng has also been involved with various community health initiatives for Atrium Health, and sees patients at the Charlotte Urban Ministries winter clinic and serves on the medical advisory board for Planned Parenthood South Atlantic.

The meeting program also included the final round match-up in the state Doctors Dilemma competition, a medical student dilemma competition, resident/student poster competition, as well as an ECP poster competition. This year’s winners in each category are:

- **Resident/Student Poster Competition:**
  - Best Overall: Christelle Tan (Duke)
  - Best Clinical Vignette: Jamie Kowal, DO, MS (WFU)
  - Second Place Clinical Vignette: Erin Frost, MD (Duke)
  - Third Place Clinical Vignette: Alexander Song, MD (WFU)
  - Best Research: Maryam Famouri, MD, MPH (WFU)
  - Best QI: Rachel Wilson, DO (WFU)
  - Best Student: Christelle Tan (Duke)
  
- **Resident Doctor’s Dilemma Competition:** UNC Team (Kevin Kohler, MD, MPH, Ann Marie Kumfer, MD, and Matt McCravy, MD)
  
- **Student Dilemma Competition:** Campbell Team (Kevin Chambers, Nigil Thaimuriyil, Sara Kwiatkowski, Carissa Sedlacek)
  
- **Early Career Physicians Poster Competition:** Stephanie Taylor, MD, Atrium Health/CMC

Congratulations to all! We hope to see you all again at the 2020 NC-ACP Scientific Session, scheduled for February 28-29, 2020 in Greensboro, NC.

## Board of Governors Resolutions – Member Feedback Requested

Next month, NC-ACP Governor Dr. Peter Lichstein and Governor-Elect Designee Dr. Lacy Hobgood will travel to Philadelphia, PA to participate in the Spring Board of Governors (BOG) meeting at which time the BOG will consider 17 resolutions presented by ACP Chapters from across the country. The Chapter requests your feedback on the proposed resolutions through an online survey. Your responses will help to guide the Chapter's official comments and voting on the proposed resolutions.

- [Review the Resolutions](#)
- [Complete the Resolutions Survey](#) by March 22.

By way of background, 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 is a proposal made by membership that asks the ACP Board of Regents to consider taking 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. For your convenience, a copy of the [Resolutions Process is available here](#).

## DHHS Seeking IM Physicians for Technology Advisory Group

Seeking “Independent” (not Health System, Academic, or CIN-affiliated) Internal Medicine Physicians. Please see the notice below regarding DHHS's request for IM physicians to participate in its Technology Advisory Group to support the Advanced Medical Home Program. There are immediate openings for up to three internists to join this workgroup. Interested physicians should contact the NC-ACP Executive Director Denna Suko by email ([dsuko@ncmedsoc.org](mailto:dsuko@ncmedsoc.org)) or telephone (919-833-3836).

*Excerpt from DHHS's request:*

*The NC Department of Health and Human Services will convene a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to support the Advanced Medical Home (AMH) program. The role of the TAG will be to advise and inform the Department on key aspects of the design and evolution of the AMH program. The TAG will have approximately 16 members, including representatives of all the Standard Plan PHPs and a diversity of providers participating in the AMH program. The Department would appreciate your help identifying recommended providers for the TAG, particularly those participating in AMH independently from a CIN. The Department will perform outreach to the major health systems and CINs separately.*

## ACP Leadership Day 2019, May 14-15 – Registration Now Open!

As previously announced, registration is now open for ACP Leadership Day 2019. The meeting will be held on May 14-15 in Washington, DC. This two-day event includes briefings from members of Congress and key Capitol Hill staffers and provides ACP members with an opportunity to engage in advocacy on the College's priority legislative issues. A special briefing for residents and medical students is also provided. Please visit the ACP's web site for more details:

<https://www.acpservices.org/leadership-day/what-leadership-day/>

## Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn)

ACP's continued success on Capitol Hill greatly depends upon year-round grassroots support from the College's more than 14,000 members of the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn). Advocates communicate with their members of Congress on issues of importance to practicing internists, physicians in training and their patients. No prior advocacy experience is necessary. **Join the network at:** <http://bit.ly/NCACPJoinAIMn>.

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- Members are not required to have existing relationships with their members of Congress to enroll.
- The program is open to all membership categories.
- As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, headquarters e-mails Legislative Alerts, posts them on ACP's Facebook page and sends a Tweet via @advocatesIM and Advocates are asked to e-mail, post, Tweet and sometimes call their members of Congress.
- Advocates receive *The Capitol Key* newsletter, updating them on the advocacy activities of their fellow Advocates. Previous issues of the newsletter can be found [on the ACP website](#).

Our ability to advocate effectively on the issues that matter to internal medicine physicians depends on your support and participation. **Join the network at:** <http://bit.ly/NCACPJoinAIMn>.

## Internal Medicine White Coat Wednesdays at the Legislature

In an effort to support maximum participation among ACP members, we are offering White Coat Wednesday events on multiple dates this year. During each session of the NC General Assembly, physicians are encouraged to participate in the series of "White Coat Wednesday" events co-coordinated with the NC Medical Society. These sessions have been designed as advocacy "mini-internships" for physicians so organized medicine can become more effective in promoting the best interests of the profession and the patients you serve. For complete details, available dates and online event registration, see: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCACP2019WCW](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCACP2019WCW).

## North Carolina Chapter Receives 2018 Chapter Excellence Award

The award recognizes chapters which successfully meet the standards for managing a chapter. In order to achieve the Chapter Excellence Award, chapters must meet all basic criteria and ten optional criteria. Criteria include such activities as formulating an effective Governor's Council and committees, communicating frequently with membership, providing educational opportunities, recruiting and advancing members and celebrating membership through local awards.