



I am so honored to have the opportunity to serve you as your governor and look forward to working over the next four years to represent the needs of New Hampshire Internists by helping shape ACP policy. I would like to start off by thanking Dr. Bill Palmer for the incredible work he completed over the last four years as your governor and helping us build our advocacy at both the federal and state level. The NH chapter was focused on advocating for changes to help internists care for our patients and the community during a very challenging time, yet Bill led the charge despite the challenges of virtual meetings, increased clinical work load, and other unique challenges as the pandemic raged. THANK YOU BILL!

On May 17th and 18th I had the privilege to attend ACP's Leadership Day in Washington, D.C. with Drs. Bill Palmer, Jan Fonseka, and Phil Palmer meeting with the offices of New Hampshire's Congressional Leaders to advocate for ACP's priority issues. We had great meetings and hope to continue the dialogue as we work to improve the ability for NH internists to care for all our patients.

My hope for the next 4 years is to continue to expand the great work started by Dr. Palmer and increase our advocacy on both the local and federal level. This is where I need your help. I need to hear from you, the members, what you need to care for your patients. This is your chapter and I will do my best to represent your needs. Please feel free to email me with any thoughts or suggestions.

With all that in mind, would you like to have a larger voice? Would you like to help the chapter thrive and grow? We have several committees that represent several aspects of medicine and are open to all members. Each committee is chaired by a member of the Governor's Council with the plan to work with members of the committee to drive change, host events, advocate, etc. Please reach out to myself or our Executive Director Catrina Watson if you have any interest in serving on a committee. Our current committees open to members:

- Health & Public Policy: (legislation)
- Membership
- Women in Medicine
- Education

- Young Physician/Early Career
- Resident/Fellow
- Communications
- Diversity
- Hospitalist

The Education Committee chaired by Dr Phil Palmer has put together an outstanding scientific meeting on Oct 21st 2022 at Hilton Garden Inn in Lebanon, NH with keynote speaker ACP's Executive Vice President and CEO Dr. Darilyn Moyer. It will again be a hybrid meeting with both an in-person and virtual option. I hope to see you there in person or online!

Thank you for everything you do for NH patients and thank you for allowing me to represent you with the American College of Physicians. We look forward to hearing from you.

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