Oklahoma Governor’s Comments:

As I end my term as Governor of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American College of Physicians, I wanted to reflect on my time as Governor. I have been honored to represent the Oklahoma Chapter. This Chapter is strong and has a great set of leaders in the pipeline. Dr. Rhett Jackson will be a wonderful successor; and I am confident he will continue the great work of the Chapter, adding his unique perspective. Thanks to the hard work of Kathy Musson and the Governing Council, we have been able to achieve and maintain the Gold Chapter Excellence Award.

Membership has been fairly flat. I would love to see an uptick in membership. If you know of colleagues who do not yet use the American College of Physicians as their professional home, encourage them to join. We have continued to produce both Masters and Fellows. I would like to see the number of Fellows in our chapter increase more rapidly. If you are reading this and are not yet a Fellow, reach out to me by e-mail at rbhauger@saintfrancis.com or to kmussonokc@gmail.com and we will get you on the journey to become a Fellow in the College. Our Masters corps is strong and growing and I hope to see that continue in the years to come.

The educational offerings of the Chapter during my years as Governor have been outstanding. This is due to the hard work of Program Chairs, Matlock Jeffries, Audrey Corbett, Brian Lich, and Jesse Richards. We had to show our flexibility by going virtual during the pandemic, but the offerings continued to be outstanding. I was struck by the originality and excellence that was a consistent part of our Annual Scientific Meeting.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to come to San Diego for the Internal Medicine Meeting. Every time I attend, I am invigorated by the camaraderie and the learning. If you have never attended, I encourage you to go this year. Our chapter is planning a delightful dinner cruise for Friday, April 28th as highlighted in another article in this Newsletter.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Governor.
Oklahoma Governor-elect’s Comments:

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I assume the role of Governor of the ACP for Oklahoma Chapter at the annual meeting in San Diego later this month. The Chapter is in excellent shape after the four-year tenure of Dr. Robert Hauger and I owe many thanks to him and Kathy Musson, our Executive Director. Our student membership is up, and Dr. Mike Weiss has been an excellent steward of our chapter funds. Dr. Salar Faiazi has agreed to serve as Program Director for our Annual Scientific Meeting September 29-30 in Oklahoma City, and I am excited with his planned agenda.

My hope is to continue to build on the excellent work of Dr. Hauger and our previous Governors and continue to make the American College of Physicians a vital and valuable contributor to the professional lives of Oklahoma’s internists. So, here’s to seeing you in San Diego later this month and/or in Oklahoma City in September!

Recap of Oklahoma Chapter Scientific Meeting October 14-15, 2022

After being virtual for two years it was great to be back in person at the Schusterman Center in Tulsa and to be able to welcome everyone who was able to join us. Thanks to the incredible program committee, led by Jesse R. Richards, DO for putting together another successful meeting. The theme of the meeting was Metabolic Health Update. Additional thanks go to George M. Abraham, MD, MPH, MACP, FIDSA, our ACP Guest Speaker as well as all the other tremendous faculty who presented.

Congratulations to the Oklahoma Chapter’s Physician Award Winners

The Oklahoma Chapter presented a record number of awards at our Chapter Reception held in conjunction with the Fall Scientific Meeting on October 14th, 2022, at the Schusterman Library. Laureate Awards, honoring fellows and masters of the college who have demonstrated an abiding commitment to excellence, were given to Pranay Kathuria, MBBS, FACP and Chittur A. Sivaram, MD, MACP. Judith A. James, MD, FACP was presented with the Oklahoma Chapter Award for Science as Related to Medicine. Outstanding Resident Educator Awards were presented to Shouvik Chakrabarty, MD and Thomas Karl Hoskinson, MD. The Oklahoma Chapter Award for Innovation in Health Care was presented to David C. Kendrick, MD, FACP.

We are also happy to announce that the ACP Awards Committee and the Board of Regents have approved Jabraan S. Pasha, MD, MACP to receive the W. Lester Henry Award for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and he will be recognized during the 2023 Internal Medicine Meeting in San Diego, California. The award is given to an ACP member with outstanding accomplishments in advancing diversity, inclusion, and equity in the health care workforce, and/or improving health equity for people with historically marginalized group identities.
Congratulations to our Doctor’s Dilemma Team Champions!

The Oklahoma City Campus of the University of Oklahoma will be representing Oklahoma at the National Doctor’s Dilemma Competition during IM2023 later this month. Good luck to the team which consists of Jetshwar Pannu, MD, Brusam Shikhande, MD and Jehanzeb Khan, MD. Thanks to all teams who participated during the Oklahoma Chapter Fall Conference.

Chapter Abstract Winners Compete in ACP IMM in San Diego!

Good luck to the Medical Student and Resident Abstract winners from Oklahoma who will compete in the Abstract competition at the ACP IMM in San Diego! Bishr Swar, MD & Neha Bang, MD, First Place Clinical Vignette Winners, Satyam Krishan, MD, Basic Research Winner, Danielle Lewis, MD. Physician Wellbeing and Profession Development Winner, and Chase Gaddis, First Place, Medical Student winner.

ACP 2023 Internal Medicine Meeting – San Diego, CA

Experience the most comprehensive internal medicine learning event, live from San Diego April 27-29, 2023! There's never been a better time to reconnect with your colleagues and experience three days of valuable, timely content you rely on to stay current in internal medicine.

ACP's annual Internal Medicine Meeting is the premier internal medicine scientific event, offering more than 200 educational sessions over 3 days. A variety of learning experiences are available as well as opportunities to network with colleagues around the globe—more than 7,000 internists and subspecialists attend each year. Pre-courses take place prior to the main session, offering intensive 1–2-day sessions on a particular topic. A virtual option is also available. For more information click on the link below.

https://leadership.acponline.org/meetings/internal-medicine-meeting

Oklahoma Chapter Dinner Cruise – April 28, 2023

The Chapter is hosting a Reception & Premium Dinner Cruise during the ACP IM Meeting in San Diego, California. The dinner will take place on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The dinner cruise is on City Cruises by Hornblower. The discounted cost for OK-ACP members & guests is $150 per person for the 3-hour yacht cruise on San Diego Bay, 3-Course seated dinner and DJ Entertainment. The cost is being subsidized by the Oklahoma Chapter which is paying the taxes, fees and gratuity for everyone and all costs for students and residents. Call Kathy Musson, ACP-OK Executive Director at 405-850-8334 or e-mail kmussonokc@gmail.com to reserve your spot as they are very limited.
AHRQ Recruiting Practices:

Is your practice interested in improving the cancer diagnostic process for your patients who receive some or all of their care via telemedicine? AHRQ is recruiting practices for a free 18-month program to improve diagnostic verification, timeliness, and communication with patients. Practices will receive training and one-on-one expert coaching to implement sustainable improvements to effectively close the loop at critical points in the cancer diagnostic process. Learn more and sign up for an informational online seminar on the program website: safetyprogram4telemedicine.org

Congratulations to New ACP MASTERS & FELLOWS!

Congratulations to the Oklahoma Chapter's newest Masters and Fellows.

ACP Mastership recipients have been awarded this extreme honor after being nominated by their peers and then vetted through the Awards Committee for selection due to the excellence and significance of their contributions to medicine as well as their involvement in ACP.

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Fellowship in the College is an honor. Being an FACP® is a distinction earned from colleagues who recognize your accomplishments and achievements over and above the practice of medicine. The most important considerations for ACP Fellowship are excellence and contributions made to both medicine and to the broader community in which the internist lives and practices.

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** SAVE THE DATE **

Oklahoma Chapter Fall Scientific Meeting

Friday, September 29th and Saturday, September 30th

Samis Education Center in Oklahoma City.
ACP Leadership Day 2023

Online registration is now open for Leadership Day 2023 to take place in Washington DC May 23-24, 2023. The event will include educational briefings, lively Q&A, and an opportunity to meet with your members of Congress. A $50 registration fee will be charged to attendees at the time of registration, with the exception of medical students and resident/fellows in-training members, who are exempt. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. The deadline to register is Thursday, April 20. OK-ACP Advocacy Chair Lyndsey Jones, MD will be attending along with OKC Resident Shana Usiukiewicz, MD and Brandon Quinn, MD, Tulsa resident.

Do you have a Relationship or tie to a Local, State, or Federal Lawmaker?

If so, it could be incredibly helpful to our Chapter. Please contact Lyndsey Jones, MD, Chair of the Legislative Advocacy Committee to connect. Lyndsey-Jones@ouhsc.edu

The OK-ACP Chapter Needs You!

The Oklahoma Chapter is looking for volunteers to serve as Chairs of the Membership Committee and the Communications Committee. For additional information on these positions or activities of the Oklahoma Chapter of ACP, contact Executive Director Kathy Musson at (405) 850-8334 or by e-mail to kmussonokc@gmail.com. Visit the Chapter Website at https://okchapter.acponline.org

ACP Chapter Eternal

Marcus Boyd Shook, MD, MACP

MARCH 6, 1933 – DECEMBER 23, 2022

It is with deep sadness that we share the news on the passing of Dr. Boyd Shook on December 23, 2022, at SSM/St Anthony Hospital, one of the places he spent his life providing medical care. Dr. Shook was certainly an integral part of the Oklahoma Chapter of ACP.

Born on a farm in Cogar, Oklahoma in March 1933, he dedicated his life to serving people through medicine. He saw patients up through his final week at Manos Juntas Free Clinic, which he founded in 1995. Dr. Shook practiced internal medicine, hematology, and oncology for over two decades in Oklahoma City, was medical director for Central Oklahoma Medical Group and Chief of Ambulatory Care at Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He was particularly proud of mentoring young healthcare workers at Manos Juntas, at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, and on care trips to Nicaragua, telling them that in order to understand people they should read more poetry. He was a veteran, serving in the Navy. Among his many awards and honors, he was a Master of the American College of Physicians and had been president of the American Society of Internal Medicine, Oklahoma Foundation for Peer Review, and the Oklahoma County Medical Society. He is survived by his wife Sue.
April 6th, 2023

Dear Oklahoma ACP Members:

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Dr. Boyd Shook. Dr. Shook dedicated his life to providing quality and compassionate healthcare to those in need. He was the founder of Fundación Manos Juntas, a free, volunteer run clinic that has provided care to the Oklahoma City community. Under his leadership, the Manos Juntas Clinic provided doctor visits, health screenings, medications, laboratory tests, diagnostic imaging, and vaccinations to the medically underserved for close to 30 years.

At Manos Juntas, we want to continue Dr. Shook’s mission of providing access to high-quality healthcare for the medically underserved in Oklahoma. We are dedicated to ensuring that anyone who walks through our doors receives the care and compassion they deserve. Our clinic is a welcoming and inclusive environment for all, irrespective of nationality, race, sexual orientation, or immigration status.

To help with our efforts in honoring Dr. Shook's memory and his dedication to healthcare access, we are announcing the launch of our campaign to raise funds for the Manos Juntas Clinic. The funds will be used to provide guideline directed medical therapy, including medications like insulin, to the underserved in Oklahoma. We believe that this is the best way to continue his work of ensuring access to healthcare for everyone, and to honor his life and legacy.

We cannot do this alone, and we are counting on your generosity. We are grateful for any support you can provide; together we can make a positive impact on the communities we serve. If you want to help support the clinic, financially or otherwise, please visit our website, or contact us for more information. As a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, all donations to the clinic are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Thank you on behalf of Manos Juntas Board of Directors.

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[Image of a sign with "Manos Juntas" on it]

https://manosjuntas.org/donate

**Support our work**

Our clinic is powered by volunteers and **completely funded through donations** and local grants. There are many ways for you to support our clinic and fund our work! If you are unsure of the best way to support us, please [reach out](mailto:info@manosjuntas.org). We would be happy to talk through the different options.

*All contributions are tax deductible.* The Federal Tax ID number for Manos Juntas is **73-1523135**

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