

ACP SC Governor's Newsletter

February 2024

ACP SC Chapter Members,

As 2024 gets into full gear, I want to thank everyone for your contributions and engagement that helped make 2023 a success for our chapter. We achieved the Silver Chapter Excellence Award, and several members advanced to Fellowship (FACP) to name a few accomplishments.

I welcome the new members of 2023, many of whom moved to our state. I ask for your support as we work on improving our chapter and our professional home, the ACP. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions as you transition to life in South Carolina. This is also an ideal time to explore the numerous resources geared toward your professional practice and personal lives that is available on www.acponline.org. You should also download the ACP Connect App which provides easy access to up-to-date ACP news, events, and activities.

The SC Chapter ACP Ultrathon 2024 (a POCUS course), was held on January 27th at the University of SC, Columbia. I want to thank all the participants, teachers, and supporters for making it a success. Special thanks and congratulations to Cara Joseph MD, Amber Stroupe DO, and the other organizers for their hard work putting this important program together.







Fellowship

Advancement of our members to fellowship in the ACP (FACP) is one of our chapter goals. Please encourage your colleagues

to strive for that recognition of their professional work, commitment to excellence in patient care, wellbeing of their colleagues and community service.

Requirements for Advancing from full ACP Member to Fellowship:

- Be an ACP member (Resident/Fellow Member or Member) in good standing for three years since completion of residency training.
- Dues must have been paid in full for three out of four years immediately prior to applying for Fellowship.
- Certification in internal medicine or neurology.
- Professional activity in internal medicine, a combined internal medicine specialty, the subspecialties of internal medicine, or neurology.
- Experience in practice or in an academic position for three years since the completion of residency.
- An active medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice).
- Continuing professional development and scholarly activities, including continuing medical education as a student or teacher.
- Teaching, either institutional or community based in addition to the basic requirements, candidates for advancement to Fellowship should demonstrate activity within **three of the four** pillars of Fellowship:

The Four Pillars are:

- Continuing Medical Education
- Community Service and Engagement
- Practice Improvement or Scholarly Activity
- Teaching, Coaching, Mentoring, or Leadership

Wellness Corner

Please take some time to explore the many resources that are available on the I.M. Emotional Support Hub at

<https://www.acponline.org/practice-resources/physician-well-being-and-professional-fulfillment/im-emotional-support-hub>.

These are programs that will help us navigate challenging situations that are sure to arise in our daily lives.

Student Corner

We are happy to announce the selection of members for the SC Chapter ACP Council of Students (COS). Each of the four medical schools in the state has nominated students to serve on the COS for the duration of their medical school journey. The newly appointed COS members will be tasked with essential roles in leadership and advocacy and contribute to the enhancement of student membership and representation within the South Carolina Chapter. Their responsibilities include informing fellow students about ACP activities and initiatives, as well as fostering interest in the ACP. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact these individuals will have on our chapter, and we encourage all members to join us in congratulating them on their well-deserved selection. Stay tuned for the announcement of the names of these students who will play a vital role in shaping the future of medical education and advocacy in South Carolina.

Save the Date

Internal Medicine Meeting: April 18-20, Boston. This is the premier Internal Medicine Meeting with excellent educational activities along with networking opportunities.

Leadership Day 2024, The Westin Washington, DC

Downtown Hotel: May 14-15, Washington DC. Two days of Advocacy Education and meetings with South Carolina congressional representatives. We will advocate on behalf of healthcare for our patients, and for our practice of medicine. Registration is open and additional information will be forthcoming. I look forward to a strong SC contingent including

students and residents. For more information about the Leadership Day 2024, go to: <https://www.acpservices.org/leadership-day/what-leadership-day>. If you have further questions, please contact Shuan Tomlinson via email (stomlinson@acponline.org) or at 800-338-2746, ext. 4547.

Board of Governors Resolutions: March 29. Initiating a resolution provides members an opportunity to focus their attention at the national level on a particular issue or topic that concerns them. The deadline for submitting new resolutions to be heard at the fall 2024 Board of Governors meeting is March 29.

Finally, throughout the year we will be reaching out to some of you with reminders and encouragement about maintaining membership so that you can continue to utilize the benefits of having the ACP as your professional home. Please assist us in that effort by keeping your membership current. After all, we are stronger together!

Do not hesitate to contact me or the council with questions or concerns at saundersps@outlook.com.

In service,

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