



# South Dakota Chapter



## Governor's Message

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I hope you've all had a wonderful summer with time to relax, recharge, and perhaps get away for a bit. As we look toward fall, I'm excited to invite you to our South Dakota Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting, taking place October 2–3 at the KBAR-S Lodge in Keystone.

We have a fantastic program lined up, featuring both local and national speakers who will provide informative and engaging sessions. Along with this, we will again have the medical student poster session, giving us all an opportunity to interact with the future of our specialty. We will be looking for judges for this session and please reach out to me or Kris if you would like to help. The always popular Medical Jeopardy will match resident teams against the faculty, which is always an entertaining, and in my case a humbling experience. This year, we're continuing our new format with a slightly shorter scientific session to allow for time to unwind and enjoy the beauty of the Black Hills.

On Thursday afternoon, we'll have a unique opportunity to visit Crazy Horse Memorial, including a chance to go up on the arm of the monument, a truly breathtaking view of the area. Attendees can tour the grounds and museum, followed by our Awards Banquet at the Laughing Water Café, right at the monument.

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I strongly encourage you to attend and even bring your family, if possible, to share in this special experience. Please consider registering now as the rooms at KBarS are going quickly.

### A Bittersweet Transition

I also want to share some significant news. After 26 years of dedicated service, Kris Rahm, our longtime Executive Director, will be retiring at the end of this year. Kris has been the face of the ACP in South Dakota and the steady force behind our chapter's success. Her commitment and leadership have left an indelible mark on all of us. We wish her the very best in retirement and extend our heartfelt thanks for her decades of work.

With that, we are fortunate to be welcoming Cherise Dunn as our incoming Executive Director. Cherise currently serves as the GME Institutional Coordinator at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. Her wealth of experience and longstanding leadership within the medical school community position her well to lead our chapter into the future.

## ***Upcoming SD ACP Events***

September 19-20

BOG - Phoenix

October 2-3

SD ACP Annual Meeting - Keystone

October 3

Council Meeting 11:45 am -Keystone

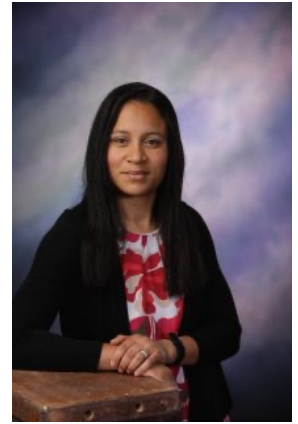
### **Registration for 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting**

**<https://vaminc.regfox.com/2025-sd-acp-annual-meeting-registration>**



# Membership Committee

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My Fellow Colleagues,

I'm excited to connect with you as Membership Chair of our South Dakota ACP Chapter.

I am even more excited at the thought of seeing you all soon at our annual chapter meeting in Keystone, SD!

Our chapter continues to be a vibrant one that serves as a welcoming professional home for internists in the state of South Dakota.

We continue to promote professional development, and foster collegiality among our peers.

Our continued advocacy for our patients and the practice of medicine is something to be proud of.

If you know of an internal medicine general or subspecialty colleague who is not a member of our chapter, now is the time to invite them to join so that they too can experience the professional pride of being a part of the largest medical specialty organization in the US.

Our mantra remains "each one, reach one".

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. It's you our members that make our chapter a leader in excellence among our peers.