

## Virginia ACP Committee Descriptions

### Awards

**Chair: Yazmin Soto Guerrero MD**

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The committee identifies Laureate, community service-volunteerism or other local award candidates and select the recipients(s) after consultation with the sponsoring Chapter committee, when applicable. This committee is also responsible for identifying Master candidates and those eligible for the College's national awards.

### Climate and Health

**Chair: Homan Wai, MD FACP**

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The committee was created in 2023 in response to the growing recognition of the profound health effects of climate change, supported by prominent reports including the WHO, Lancet, and ACP's very own position papers. The committee members, who are passionately interested in the nexus between climate change and health, work with the other VA ACP committees to increase awareness of the health effects of climate change and investigate/implement changes to enhance the Chapter's green practices.

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

**Chair: Pradeep Pradhan, MBBS, FACP**

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**Vice Chair: Sally-Ann McIntosh, MD FACP**

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The committee develops effective strategies to assure integration of diversity, equity, and inclusion across activities of the Chapter. Such strategies would enhance professional development, foster diversity and involvement in activities, and increase the value of membership to its physician members.

### Early Career Physicians

**Chair: Andrew Parsons, MD FACP**

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An Early Career Physician is defined as a doctor who is within 16 years from medical school graduation and is not an ACP Resident/Fellow Member or medical student member. The national Council of Early Career Physicians (CECP) has released a *Resource Guide for Engaging Early Career Physicians at the Chapter Level*, to help chapters establish Councils of Early Career Physicians and enable chapters to mobilize Early Career Physician leaders. By establishing a chapter CECP, the Governor can appoint local Early Career Physician leaders to represent Early

Career Physicians, foster their involvement in activities, and ensure that their unique needs are being met. Responsibilities of chapter CECP members may include developing educational programs that assist Early Career Physicians with their academic and professional needs and recognizing their contributions to the profession.

### **Finance**

**Chair: W. Benton Lewis, MD FACP**

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The committee develops and oversees fiscal policies for the chapter. The Chapter treasurer is the chair of the Finance Committee. They prepare an annual chapter budget, help establish the chapter's dues rate, monitor income and expenditures, and ensure that appropriate financial statements and audits are prepared.

### **Health and Public Policy**

**Chair: John Paul Verderese, MD FACP**

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The committee deals with policy issues affecting the health care of the American public and the practice of internal medicine. They identify local issues that affect the members in their state and develop a legislative agenda and course of action. The committee works with the national ACP policy staff to review and respond to position papers and statements on both a national and state level. This committee should develop a mechanism to alert the local membership and solicit input regarding critical policy issues.

### **Membership**

**Chair: Mohan Nadkarni, MD MACP**

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The committee is charged with promoting and advancing the continuing growth and diversity of all classes of membership. Under the direction of the committee chair, members of the committee are responsible for implementing chapter recruitment and retention initiatives to improve member satisfaction, improve diversity, and ultimately increase the chapter membership. The chair works with the appropriate Chapter Liaison to recruit new members and retain current members. Detailed job description for Chair and Committee Members are available on the [Recruitment and Retention section](#) of LeaderNet. The committee is also instrumental in supporting chapter members in their advancement to Fellowship, including by hosting an "Advancement to Fellowship Workshop" at the chapter meeting.

### **Program Planning**

**Chair: Simon Lehtinen, MD FACP**

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The committee's primary goal is to plan the chapter's annual scientific meeting(s). The chair is identified the year before the annual chapter meeting to give ample time to plan and coordinate such a critical event. Participation on the committee by program directors, chiefs of medicine, faculty members, Resident/Fellow Members, student members, and practitioners is encouraged in that it will stimulate attendance from both the academic and practice environment.

### **Resident/Fellows**

**Chair: John McConnell, MD FACP**

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A local Resident/Fellow Members council is instrumental in planning Resident/Fellow Members' activities and programs (at either the chapter meeting or a freestanding meeting) and assisting the Governor in matters that pertain to residents and physicians-in-training. Residents who can bring their expertise and input relative to their institutions should be included on the committee.

### **Medical Students**

**Chair: Jody King, MD FACP and Megan Thomas, DO FACP**

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This committee or council develops and maintains programs that expose medical students to the lifestyle of an internist and the practice of internal medicine. It should include liaisons from each of the medical schools and may be instrumental in establishing medical student IM interest clubs or groups in local medical schools.

### **Wellness (Physician Well-being and Professional Fulfillment Committee)**

**Chair: Stewart Babbott, MD MACP**

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The committee provides ongoing advice to leadership and key input into current and future strategies to enhance Chapter member well-being and professional fulfillment. The committee also helps identify opportunities for further integration of well-being best practices into ACP initiatives.

### **Women and Medicine**

**Chair: Eileen West, MD FACP**

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The committee is charged with providing educational opportunities for the Chapter that enhances the healthcare of women in Virginia. This includes programming that highlighting gender differences in disease presentation and diagnosis that clinicians can utilize in their home practices.

