

The WV ACP meeting is going to look different this year!

As you may know, WV ACP has decided to hold the 2020 scientific meeting virtually. Instead of the meeting previously planned in November at Stonewall Resort, this year's meeting is going to be hosted on Zoom. We understand your time is valuable, especially during the COVID-19 era, so we are providing these educational opportunities as a series of four separate short meetings at noon once per month from September-December. To provide everyone with the opportunity to get MOC points and review for ABIM certification/recertification, Drs. Beth and Ron Pellegrino will be presenting their popular MOC session on September 23 to start our lecture series.

Here are all of the dates:

September 23	Governor's Welcome, ABIM MOC & Town Hall
October 28	SARS-CoV2 in West Virginia: The Public Health Overview presented by Michael Brumage, MD & Chapter Awards
November 18	Part 1: Thieves Market and 2 Resident/Student/Fellow orals
December 16	Part 2: Thieves Market and 2 Resident/Student/Fellow orals

Please note that we will also be hosting a virtual poster session for Resident/Fellow and Student ACP members. **The deadline for submissions has been extended to September 11 at 11:59p.** Therefore, if you have not submitted an abstract yet, you still have time. Categories are Clinical Vignette, Research, and Quality Improvement, which is a new category this year! **First authors of winning abstracts (finalists) will be notified by September 25** so that they can prepare the recorded poster presentations, which will be due October 16. Click here to access our [abstract portal](#).

Do you want to get more involved with ACP? Fellowship Applications and Committees

It has been great to hear from several new faculty who are interested in getting involved with ACP. Please let me know if you are interested in judging for our abstract competition or joining any of our committees. If you are a Member in

rest of your life! September is **Women in Medicine** month, and we would especially like to encourage women to apply for fellowship.

Please reach out to the [Governor](#) or the committee chairs as listed below to get involved. If there is interest, we would like to consider additional committees, such as an International Medical Graduate committee. If anyone has ideas on who could chair that committee or has other ideas for committees, please let us know.

Health & Public Policy [Brad Henry, MD, FACP](#)

Membership [Andrea Labus, MD](#)

Women in Medicine [Josephine Reece, MD](#)

Service & Volunteerism [Ashley Zawodniak, DO](#)

Early Career Physicians [Murali Gurram, MD](#)

Physician Well-being & Physician Satisfaction [Sarah Sofka, MD, FACP](#)

Resident Council [Jessica Thayer, MD](#)

Student Council [Jane Tuttle](#)

Financial Report

Our Treasurer, Karen Clark, provided us with a financial report to keep members informed about the status of the Chapter. Please see the attachment included with this newsletter.

Advocacy

ACP has joined with several organizations in supporting the [TREAT Act S. 4421](#), which would allow interstate reciprocity by permitting a physician who holds a valid license in good standing in *any* state, to practice in *every* state for the duration of the public health emergency without additional cost or burden. Individual physicians are encouraged to support this act. Click [here](#) to add your name.

Telehealth has become a lifeline for patients and practitioners throughout the pandemic, limited only by inconsistent (or nonexistent) interstate licensing