

## 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 good standing, and have been for the past three years, I hope that you will consider applying for Fellowship in the American College of Physicians. The criteria can be found on the ACP website under the <a href="Membership">Membership</a> tab. The application process is simple. And I would be absolutely delighted to see more Fellows added to our ranks – a mark of professional accomplishment and distinction you will carry with you for the

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 <u>Governor</u> 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 Joephine 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 <u>TREAT Act S.</u> 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 <u>here</u> to add your name.

Telehealth has become a lifeline for patients and practitioners throughout the pandemic, limited only by inconsistent (or nonexistent) interstate licensing reciprocity. Given the severity of the public health crisis and its effect on the national economy, urging Congress to enact the TREAT Act will help to mitigate the exposure risk of patients and health care professionals and ensure access to care.

For more information about our chapter activities, visit the chapter's website.

Make sure to keep up with the Chapter via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

#### **Attachments:**

**NOTE:** The links below will direct your browser to the location where the documents attached to this email have been posted.

2019-2020 Financial Report