

## **Resolutions – Final Results of BOG Business Meeting, Spring 2011**

### **1-S11. Recognizing Critical Disaster Preparedness Programs**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents recognizes the following programs as critical for disaster preparedness: Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS) Course, Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) Course and Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) Course; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents encourages all internists to avail themselves of these courses to prepare themselves for “all hazard” disasters; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents officially communicates its support of these programs to the AMA.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 1–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

### **2-S11. Promoting Personal and Workplace Safety in Healthcare**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develops educational resources on its own or in collaboration with outside entities that educate its members and their staff on safety issues including personal situational awareness, and outpatient and inpatient personal and workplace safety.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents refer Resolution 2-S11 for study and report back to the BOG.

### **4-S11. Investigating the Health Impact of Legislation Targeting Undocumented Immigrant Populations**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents investigates and assesses the health impact of legislation targeting undocumented immigrant populations on their ability to access clinical care as well as the ability of those who appear to be undocumented; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents investigates and assesses the health impact of legislation targeting undocumented immigrant populations on a provider’s ability to provide care; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents investigates and assesses the health care costs of legislation targeting undocumented immigrant populations; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents investigates the ethical factors that underlie the policy implications of targeted legislation on the health of immigrant populations.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 4–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

**5-S11. Investigating Possible Work-Related Abuses for Physicians Working Under the Conrad-30 Program**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develops a mechanism by which members encountering such abuses (e.g., intimidation, loss of benefits, limitations to changes in employment and lack of salary equity) may report this information directly to the College without fear of retribution for purposes of data collection for advocacy support.**

The Board of Governors recommends that Resolution 5–S11 be referred for study and report back to the BOG.

**6-S11. Studying “End-of-Pipeline” Issues Related to Early Retirement of Primary Care Internists**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents studies “end-of-pipeline” issues related to early retirement of primary care internists in order to diminish the attrition of this seasoned and experienced workforce and considers a partnership with other medical organizations to explore solutions to retain necessary manpower that shall be needed in the near future.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 6–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

**7-S11. Increasing Collaboration with SGIM, SHM and Other Internal Medicine Subspecialty Societies**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents continues to identify areas of synergy with other internal medicine societies, such as, SGIM and SHM, and others that represent general internists and hospitalists; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents works with internal medicine subspecialty societies to explore, identify and affirm examples of primary care practice delivered by internal medicine subspecialists; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents increases collaboration with SGIM, SHM and internal medicine subspecialty societies regarding *shared* interests in the development of the medical home as a new model for health care delivery for the benefit of our patients and develops integrated policy objectives that will promote effective advocacy.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 7–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

#### **8-S11. Promoting the Leadership Role of Physicians in the Health Care Team**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents adopt as College policy that physicians and non-physician health professionals are not interchangeable, and that optimal care for patients is provided by physicians and other health professionals working together in team-based model of care delivery under physician leadership; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents vigorously promote the leadership role of physicians in the health care team.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 8-S11 as amended.

#### **10-S11. Advocating for the Preservation and Growth of Small, Independent Practices**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will strongly advocate specifically for the preservation and growth of small independent practices by working to improve regulations, policies and laws where applicable; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that whenever the Board of Regents establishes or promotes policies, regulations, or laws, it shall explicitly evaluate the impact on small independent practices and work to modify such policies and regulations to mitigate any negative effects on such small practices.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 10–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

#### **13-S11. Using Name, Age, and Gender in the Patient Introduction**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents for all educational materials and scientific offerings in which a patient is characterized, will use only patient name/initials, age, and gender in the patient introduction (which usually precedes the patient's Chief Complaint/Concern [CC] and History of Present Illness [HPI]), and will reserve any further pertinent descriptors (e.g. race, ethnicity, lifestyle, sexual orientation, medical status, etc.), when relevant, for the subsequent HPI or other sections of the medical history. The affected ACP publications or offerings should be taken to include journals, books, MKSAP materials, videos, and the In-Training Exam, as well as verbal or written case presentations and clinical vignettes used in ACP or ACP-associated conferences and meetings.

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 13–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

#### **14-S11. Supporting Federal Legislation and/or Regulations that Require Clearly Labeling Food with Genetically Engineered Ingredients**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents supports legislation and/or federal regulatory action which requires all foods containing genetically engineered ingredients to be clearly labeled.

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 14–S11.

#### **16-S11. Allowing Members of ACP Military Chapters to Maintain Membership in Both Military and State ACP Chapters**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents allows members of ACP military chapters to maintain membership in both a military chapter and a state chapter, with the understanding that the member will pay chapter dues to both chapters and choose one chapter as primary, for the purposes of membership accountability.

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 16–S11.

#### **17-S11. Notifying Governors when Fellowship Nominees are Approved**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents directs ACP staff to notify Governors directly, beyond a posting on the GIC, when members in their chapters are approved as new Fellows and include the names and contact information of their nominators.

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 17-S11 as amended.

**18-S11. Negotiating a Joint Dues Discount for ACP and ACOI Members**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents considers negotiating with ACOI for a joint dues discount in order to remove a potential barrier to Osteopathic Internists joining the ACP.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 18-S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

**20-S11. Developing a Strategy to Market MKSAP and Other ACP Products through ACP Chapters**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develops a strategy to market MKSAP and other ACP products through its chapters; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents includes provisions within any marketing strategy for ACP to share revenue with those chapters which generate the MKSAP and other ACP product sales.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 20-S11 as amended.

**21-S11. Creating a Portal for Online CME Data Input**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents creates a portal for CME documentation forms to be submitted online if desired by the ACP member; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents creates a portal for Chapter CME meeting evaluations to be submitted online if desired by the ACP member.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 21-S11.

**23-S11. Supporting Medical Student Development within ACP State and Local Chapters**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will encourage the inclusion of medical students in all state and local chapter meetings, and activities at those meetings,**

**including clinical and basic scientific poster presentations; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will encourage state and local chapters to sponsor recruitment and mentorship activities to bring together physician and medical student members of the ACP to foster interest for internal medicine; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will encourage state and local chapters to sponsor a medical student within each chapter to help coordinate recruitment and mentorship activities between the state and local chapters and the medical school internal medicine interest groups; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents will recognize those chapters that are successful with their efforts promoting student development and award those chapters with a monetary prize.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 23–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

#### **24-S11. Increasing Medical Students' Attendance and Participation at Internal Medicine Meetings**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents continuously assesses and increases available programs for medical students at Internal Medicine Meetings; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents increases reimbursement opportunities to facilitate medical students' attendance at Internal Medicine Meetings; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents acknowledges and encourages programs at state and local chapters that are aimed at increasing medical students attendance at Internal Medicine Meetings.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents consider Resolution 24–S11 a reaffirmation of College policy.

#### **26-S11. Endorsing and Encouraging the Development of Preceptorship Programs throughout ACP Chapters**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents endorses this concept \* and encourages the development of preceptorship programs throughout its membership in other ACP Chapters.**

*(\* The Preceptorship Program, as operated by the ACP Texas Chapter, utilizes a full-time dedicated employee to interface with medical schools and recruits community physicians to host medical students for a one month rotation in primary care. The program provides a small stipend to the each student. Physicians do not receive compensation but are recognized for their contribution at the annual state-wide business meeting.)*

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 26–S11.

**27-S11. Exploring Construction of a User-Friendly Mechanism to Track Adopted Resolutions**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents explores constructing a user-friendly mechanism to track adopted resolutions over long periods (months to years) and analyzes these adopted resolutions with respect to impact on policy and makes the data readily available and transparent for College Members. This effort shall ensure that the present system serves the needs of the College and membership and represents a meaningful process for which the Board of Governors and the College expends significant time and energy.**

The Board of Governors recommends that Resolution 27–S11 be referred for study and report back to the BOG.

**29-S11. Developing a Strategic Theme to Improve the Health of the Public by Promoting Health and Preventing Disease in Populations as well as Individuals**

**RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents adopts a strategic theme to improve the health of the public by promoting health and preventing disease in both individuals and populations.**

The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 29–S11.