
September 2020 Newsletter

Governor's Update

ACP Delaware Chapter Members,

Every time I get the chance to connect with people, the masks and related PPE we don are obvious reminders that so much has changed over the last 6 months! I tend to be an optimist, so I am hopeful that through these times we will learn important lessons, and that our own view of the world and the people around us, and the resulting actions we take, will move us collectively to a better place on a personal, professional, and societal level.

I must admit that as our ACP Governor's Advisory Council met last week, I was greatly encouraged that, despite all we have collectively experienced, we are ready and eager to dive into the work of the Chapter. Our intent over this next year is to provide meaningful opportunities for our Membership to learn, grow, and be positioned to thrive in the changing healthcare world. Whether you are experienced or junior faculty, a resident, or a student member, stay tuned over the course of the year for events that will bring our community together (perhaps even in person at some point!!).

As we set out, it has become apparent that we want to engage more members with opportunities to engage and even lead in ACP. As many of you know, ACP provides a professional community that supports your advancement as well as helps us influence the health system of the future. You will see below several opportunities to get involved, each of which is well-supported and makes it easy to get involved, so have no fear! If you have even the slightest bit of interest, don't miss the opportunity to start small and get involved. And if you have another interest that you want to see developed, do not hesitate to reach out to me or one of the GAC members with your suggestions!

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks,
Dan

Get Involved!

Are you interested in getting more involved in the Delaware ACP chapter, but don't know how?

Do you have an interest in scholarly activity, medical education, advocacy or leadership?

If so, the Delaware ACP needs YOU! We are looking for interested candidates for several leadership opportunities with our ACP Chapter. This is a great opportunity to become more engaged with the ACP members in our State, as well as to develop leadership skills and enhance your scholarly CV. Below is more information about each of the opportunities and contact information for questions or interest in joining:

HEALTH AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE (HPPC)

Position(s): Members

Description: The HPPC will meet twice/year (spring and fall) to discuss resolutions and recommendations to the ACP Governor to take to the BOG meeting. The Committee will also organize two legislative outreach meeting to engage members about issues and policies that exist at the State and Federal level.

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AWARDS COMMITTEE

Position(s): Co-Chair; Members

Description: The Awards Committee is seeking additional members to complement those already serving. The Committee will meet three times/year to discuss potential nominees for the Laureate, Lang, and Hospitalist awards. The Committee will also make recommendations to the Governor for advancement to Fellowship and potentially Mastership among qualified members. The Awards Committee is also seeking a Co-Chair who will be responsible for helping identify and working with members to assist them in advancement to Fellowship. The Committee is seeking a younger physician to fill this position and within 5-7 years of graduation from residency (although this is not a fixed requirement).

Contact: Dr. Matt Burday (MBurday@Christianacare.org)

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

Position(s): Co-Chair

Description: The Annual Meeting Committee is seeking a Co-Chair, responsible for assisting the Annual Meeting Chair with planning the DE-ACP Annual Scientific Meeting, which is traditionally held in February each year. The Co-chair learns the process of planning the meeting in preparation for assuming the role of Annual Meeting Chair for the following year.

Contact: Dr. Melissa Morgan-Gouveia (MMorgan-Gouveia@ChristianaCare.org)

STUDENT AND RESIDENT ABSTRACT COMPETITION

Position(s): Abstract Competition Leader

Description: The Chapter is seeking a junior faculty physician to oversee the Student and Resident Abstract Competition. Spearhead and organize the scholarly competition for the annual Delaware ACP meeting. Lots of infrastructure, support, and mentorship will be in place to ensure your success in this endeavor.

Contact: Dr. Gretchen Rickards (Gretchen.Rickards@Christianacare.org)

Upcoming Events

Save the Date for the DE-ACP 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting!

It is never too early to Save the Date! The DE-ACP will be holding our 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting virtually on Saturday, February 6, 2021.

More information is coming soon. Be sure to Like our Facebook page and check email for the most up-to-date information.

ACP Council Members Call for Nominations

The Council of Early Career Physicians (CECP), the Council of Resident/Fellow Members (CRFM), and the Council of Student Members (CSM) are currently seeking candidates to fill vacant seats for 2021-22. Nominations are due by November 1, 2020 and details for submitting are included in the links below.

The councils are responsible for responding to requests for review of programs, products and services; advising the College regarding ways to increase the value of ACP membership among their constituency group; and strengthening activities and relationships at the ACP chapter and local levels.

For more information on eligibility and nomination material requirements please see the [CECP Call for Nominations](#), the [CRFM Call for Nominations](#), and the [CSM Call for Nominations](#). If you have any questions, please contact ACP staff at acpgovernance@acponline.org.

ACP Leadership Academy Webinars

Cultivating the Success of Women in Medicine: Sponsorship as a Lever for Organizational Change

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. ET

Description: Sponsorship can serve as an important lever for organizational leaders to harness the talent of a diverse physician workforce. In this free 1-hour webinar, Amy S. Gottlieb, MD, FACP, explores how sponsorship operationalizes the value of equal opportunity within an organizational culture by enhancing the visibility, credibility, and networks of women in medicine.

[Register Here](#)

Advancing to ACP Fellowship

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 3:00–4:00 p.m. ET

Description: Join Matthew B. Carroll, MD, FACP, FACR, Chair of ACP's Credentials Committee, as he reviews the meaning and requirements for ACP Fellowship—a mark of honor and distinction within the internal medicine community. Each year, ACP Fellows are celebrated and inducted at ACP's annual Internal Medicine Meeting during the Convocation Ceremony.

For more information about ACP Fellowship and to access application materials in advance of the webinar, visit www.acponline.org/facp.

[Register Here](#)

News from the Field

ACP Releases New Policy Paper on Promoting Prescription Drug Competition

ACP Resource

To view click [HERE](#).

State unveils new COVID-19 app as virus data ticks up

Delaware Public Media

To view click [HERE](#).

DHSS launches online portal to find help for substance abuse & mental health

Delaware Public Media

To view click [HERE](#).

C.D.C. Reverses Testing Guidelines for People Without Covid-19 Symptoms

The New York Times

To view click [HERE](#).

I Spoke, They Listened: Communication Skills for Effective Presentation

ACP Resource

To view click [HERE](#).

Vaccine confidence hurt by misinformation and polarization, study finds

NBC News

To view click [HERE](#).

Redefining Covid-19: Months after infection, patients report breathing difficulty, excessive fatigue

CNN

To view click [HERE](#).

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