



ACP Illinois Northern Members,

It has been a great privilege to serve as your ACP Governor for the past 4 years. I am confident on 5/7/16 our wonderful next Governor, Dr. Suja Mathew, will enjoy the honor as much as I have.

I began my Governorship hoping to "Bring the ACP to You". Thanks to your many invitations, I have had the honor of visiting ACP colleagues throughout our region from Libertyville to Orland Park, from Rockford to the Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Everywhere I was met with the same respect for and reliance on the College as a guiding light in these fast-changing times.

Long before I became Governor, the ACP provided me with practice advice, trusted educational resources, and truly was a College in every way, never wavering from focusing first and foremost on patients - **all** patients.

The College's policies have remained true to the principles of universal health care, professionalism, and altruism, and I have relied on them often throughout my career.

The ACP opened many doors for me, has fostered my professional development, and been the source of some of my greatest satisfaction as an Internist. One of my proudest accomplishments is to have had the opportunity to open the same doors for ACP members. Our membership has grown, our Residents' Day is one of the largest in the country, and our inaugural ACP IL Internal Medicine meeting was a success. New interest groups and committees were formed including Hospitalist, Patient safety/QI, Women in Medicine, Safety Net, Public Health, Informatics and Immunization. Now in its 3rd year, MKSAP Live Study Hall is broadcast nationally, and our Speakers Panel is in great demand locally and nationally.

I cannot begin to thank the talented volunteer members of the Governor's Advisory Council and the many Committee Members and Chairs. These individuals have devoted hundreds of hours to provide resources for our ACP members and ultimately for our patients. None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of Donna Seawards and Colleen Keeku who always responded to an idea with "Sure, we can do that!".

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Governor and I hope we brought the Illinois Chapter of the ACP a bit closer to you.

Sincerely,

Marie Brown, MD FACP