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### Message from the Governor

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great anticipation and excitement that I begin my term as your Governor for the American College of Physicians, Illinois Chapter Northern Region. I am honored to represent each of you. The Northern Illinois ACP Chapter is an active body, and we have grown in wonderful ways under the leadership of Dr. Marie Brown. Dr. Brown has been a tireless advocate for the needs of internists, taking bold steps to engage ACP membership, create programming specific to the needs of practicing physicians, and champion innovations in quality improvement. We are stronger because of her leadership, and I thank her for the legacy she leaves.

The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization in the country. We have over 143,000 members representing internists from a variety of backgrounds. Within our membership,

we are home to primary care practitioners and interventional pulmonologists; academics and private practitioners; senior physicians and medical students; providers in executive practice and safety-net institutions. We are "at the table", whether the table is on Capitol Hill or in the offices of ABIM. The ACP has been and continues to be a change agent. I am proud to be a Fellow in the American College of Physicians.

As I look forward to my four-year term, there are several areas that I want to focus efforts. I will be meeting with my advisory council soon to determine priorities and strategies. I look forward to sharing those with you shortly. For certain, one priority area is member engagement. In the Northern Illinois region, we have 5,437 members. Some of you are already involved in our various committees and activities, and I believe that many others would benefit from the professional development, education, and advocacy efforts of our chapter. Whatever your reason for joining the ACP, I hope to ignite your greater involvement in the organization's activities. ACP is a spokesperson for internal medicine; make sure your voice is being heard.

I thank you for the opportunity to lead. Please reach out to me and let me know how we can serve you better.

Warm regards,

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