

**ACP Louisiana Chapter Governor's Council
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2017**

A chapter council meeting of the American College of Physicians (ACP), Louisiana Chapter, was held on Saturday, August 19 at Drago's Restaurant in Metairie, LA.

Council Members Present: Lee Engel, MD, FACP, Governor
Michael L. Alvarez, MD
Mark Blackwelder, MD, FACP
Karen Blessey, MD
David Borne, MD, FACP
Vince Cataldo, MD
Richard Deichmann, Jr., MD, FACP
Shaminder Gupta, MD, FACP
Frank Incaprera, MD, MACP
Angela Johnson, MD, FACP
Joseph D. Landers, MD
James D. Morris, MD
Shane E. Sanne, DO
Jay Shames, MD, FACP
Diana I. Thien, MD
Ulla Ule, MD, FACP (called in)

Committee Members/Past Governors Present: Luis Alvarado, MD, FACP, Fred A. Lopez, MD, MACP, Heidi Lee Sinclair, MD, Erica Weilein (called in)

Council Members Absent:

Venkat Banda, MD, FACP, Tina Benoit-Clark, MD, William Davis, MD, FACP, Shane Guillory, MD, Philip A. Haddad, MD, FACP, Geraldine E Menard, MD FACP, Janice Nugent, MD, FACP, G. Nicholas Verne, MD FACP

Call to Order

Dr. Engel welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m.

The March 10, 2017 Governors Council Meeting Minutes were approved with revisions.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Treasurer's Report –

Dr. Richard Deichmann provided the financial report comparing Fiscal Years ending 6/30/17 to 6/30/16 for the chapter. The report was accepted by Council members.

II. Resident/Fellow Committee Report –

Dr. Sanne reported that the Associates Meeting will be held on January 23, 2018 at University Medical Center in New Orleans. He said a notice to program directors will be going out soon. It was also reported that there is a new program director at the Baton Rouge General.

III. Medical Student Committee –

Dr. Shane Guillory was unable to attend so no report was given.

IV. Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) –

Dr. Borne thanked Dr. Engel for bringing Bob Daugherty to the Spring Chapter meeting. He also extended appreciation to the LA ACP delegation for attending the national meeting and for participating in Advocacy Day. Dr. Borne reminded everyone of the importance of giving to the ACP PAC. He also mentioned that ACP has great information on their website about where the organization stands politically.

Dr. Deichmann said ACP has a number of agenda items to provide to the delegation regarding ACA and ACGME.

It was stated that US graduates will exceed medical school caps. Also reported was the onerous paperwork physicians must use for Opioid prescribing. Discussion took place regarding the Republican efforts to repeal and replace ACA and it was mentioned that this likely will not happen because of leaving so many people uninsured and funding will be an ongoing problem.

V. Nominating Committee –

Dr. Jay Shames provided written reports regarding Council members and future elections. He reviewed the composition of Council members and their respective terms. He also said the nominations committee will circulate a slate of nominees a month prior to the Annual Chapter meeting. Dr. Shames stated that current Council members who can serve an additional term will be asked if they want to serve for an additional term and nominations of new members to serve in vacant positions.

VI. Membership Committee Report –

Dr. Engel reviewed the makeup of LA ACP membership. Dr. Blackwater mentioned deregulation and said to check with ABIM to find out the number who are board certified. Dr. Morris said dues are reduced for resident and fellows and asked whether or not associate members in their third year remain in the membership. It was stated that Internal Medicine does not have fellows, however, there are 5-10 hospitalist fellows per year. Of note is that there is a separate Society for Hospital Medicine and an effort needs to be made to get them to join ACP. A suggestion was made that we may want to survey internal medicine and primary care to assess their needs and ask them why they do or do not join ACP.

A suggestion was made to invite non-member internists and subspecialties to events as a recruitment effort.

Dr. Engel said he is currently working to get new fellows signed up. In addition, applications and letters have been submitted nominating 4 members for Mastership. He thanked Drs. Frank Incaprera, Bo Sanders and Fred Lopez for their help with nomination letters.

VII. Spring Chapter Meeting –

Dr. Engel asked Council members to place March 2-3, 2018 on their calendars for the LA ACP Annual Spring Chapter meeting. He said the meeting will be held at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center and shared the tentative schedule with topics and suggested speakers. Dr. Engel said the CME planning committee is working hard to firm things up. He said that the Laureate Dinner will be held on Friday night and the Emeritus Dinner will be held in conjunction with the ACP IM2018 in New Orleans. A night and a venue for the Emeritus Diner will be determined and announced.

ACP Board of Governors Meeting –

Dr. Engel stated that the ACP BOG meeting will be held October 5-7, 2017 in Montreal. He said resolutions were sent to the membership for comment and he reviewed them with Council members. Of note is ACGME is promoting publicly recognizing excellence in American health care as a component of combating physician burnout and Oregon has put forth a resolution about physician aid in dying from a legal and health policy standpoint.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up by Council members.

VIII. Next Council Meeting –

Dr. Engel said the next meeting will be held during the Annual Spring Chapter Meeting on Friday, March 2nd at 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn –

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.