Dear Colleagues-

The Council of the Minnesota chapter of the American College of Physicians developed and approved an update of our chapter Bylaws, which the ACP Board of Regents has now approved. This update awaits MN-ACP membership approval to go into effect. A link to the electronic ballot to vote on whether or not you approve of the Bylaw changes is at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MNACPBylaws2014

The primary motivation for the changes in the Bylaws was to ensure the chapter Council includes a variety of perspectives of the internists in our state. The changes include the following.

- There will be an ex-officio Council position for the director (or their designate) of each of the Internal Medicine and Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency programs of Minnesota.

- There will also be four at-large elected positions which will be three years each (after beginning in staggered fashion: so the very first election will be for one one-year term, two two-year terms, one three year term, then as those terms expire all three year terms.) The process of submitting a name to the Nominations Committee will be sent you in the coming year, if the bylaws are approved. The goal is to have the four at-large elected members being able to attend the November 2015 Council meeting.

- Permits the use of electronic communication rather than mailing all meeting notices to Council or members;

Significant effort has gone into the Bylaws update. When you review your ballot and accompanying information I hope you will thoughtfully consider the potential positive impact on our chapter. The Bylaws ballot is at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MNACPBylaws2014 For additional information on the MN-ACP Bylaws, go to http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/mn/about.htm

Thank you for your membership in ACP and the Minnesota chapter of ACP.

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