Message From the Governor

It is tempting to try and discuss health care reform, but this is a fast moving target and by the time this note is published the whole process will turn over several times. So anything I might say on the subject will be out of date by the time you receive it. However, as always, I recommend all internists keep up with health care reform on the ACP website, ACPOnline.org. This is by far the best single source of information on health care legislation that you can find. Just go to the website and go to the Advocacy button. In particular, go to the blog by Robert Doherty, the Vice President of ACP for Government Affairs and the head of our Washington office. There are also numerous white papers on where the College stands. ACP has already been very influential in shaping the legislation so far and we can only hope some of our ideas will prevail. If you have any influence on our Mississippi Representatives or Senators it could be very helpful and if you would like to play a greater part in the legislative process you may join the Key Contact Program found in the Advocacy section at ACPOnline.org.

I have just returned from the Board of Governors Fall meeting in Scottsdale. As expected there was a lot of information about health care reform. Mr. Doherty from the Washington office filled us in on the current standing of legislation, but, also, as expected, much of this has changed since the meeting. The relationship between the chapters and the national organization is an ever changing picture. The College is seeking better ways to support chapters and promote membership. One of the most effective ways to do both is to encourage members to advance to Fellowship. The College carefully vets any applicant for Fellowship but the main thing that is needed is an up to date curriculum vitae. The application can be performed online. You also need a letter of recommendation from two current Fellows or Masters. If you don't know one of these, the chapter can supply you with Fellows or Masters in your community. You don't need to be an academician to become a Fellow. Multiple certifications, such as subspecialty boards, activity in ACP, including attendance at chapter meetings, and senior status are all considered. Let us help you make this professional advancement.

Our chapter Education Committee has been hard at work on the Mississippi/Louisiana Chapter Meeting held at the Hattiesburg Convention Center next May 6-8. I don't want to spoil the surprise, but I can tell you that there will be some new twists. Hopefully, you will bring you spouse and children to the event. Mr. Doherty from Washington will be there as well as one of the officers from the national organization. We are currently looking for sponsors. All members could be a big help by contacting hospitals, drug representatives, legal firms, insurance companies, equipment dealers, home health agencies, hospice agencies, or any other business that would like to make contact with a large group of doctors from both Mississippi and Louisiana. Nancy Youngblood can supply you with the sponsor application forms.

If you need a good reason to come to the chapter meeting, just read the article in the latest MSMA Journal about Dr. Joe Moak and his family on page 356. Thanks to Dr. DeShazo for getting this article published. Go ahead and make plans to attend.
Guest Tickets will be available for the dinner and show on Saturday night.

We are expecting record number of participants, so make your reservations early. Meeting reservations will be made online beginning the first of the new year. **Look for your "Save The Date" information coming to you online soon.** This will be a landmark meeting as Primary Care Health Care has never had a greater presence in our lives.

### 15th Annual ACP Abstract and Poster Competition, October 30, 2009

The 15th Annual competition was held at the University of MS Medical Center and 30 abstracts were submitted by students, residents and fellows. Five of the abstracts were presented as oral presentations and the others as posters. There were 8 different judges from both UMC and the private sector who determined our overall winner and runners up. The overall winner will have the opportunity this year to present his work at Internal Medicine Update in Toronto in the spring of 2010. The winners were also recognized at the Department of Medicine's awards luncheon.

**Dr. Jimmy Hamilton — Overall Winner, Trip to National ACP Meeting 2010, Toronto, Canada. Sponsored by MS Chapter ACP and Department of Medicine, UMC.**

Dr. Hamilton made an oral case presentation "Superior Vena Cava Syndrome as Result of Intra-Atrial Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma". The runners up were Telci Vesa, MD and Carter Milner, MD

**Dr. Hamilton** and his wife **Miranda** have a 5 year old daughter, **Allyson**, and are expecting their second daughter in January. Dr. Hamilton is from Long Beach, MS and attended the University of MS where he received his bachelor if science degree in chemical engineering in 2003. He graduated from the University of MS Medical School in 2007. He is currently a resident in the internal medicine program at UMC and will be a chief resident in internal medicine for 2010-2011. Dr. Hamilton's future plans are to begin a cardiology fellowship in 2011.
National Leadership Day - Washington, DC 2009

The MS Chapter sent two residents, Dr. Elizabeth Herrington and Dr. Natalie Averett to Washington, DC for National Leadership Day on May 19-20, 2009. Robert Brahan, MD, FACP, Governor MS Chapter and Kai Tamboli, MD, FACP also attended this prestigious meeting where they met with state leaders and discussed primary care issues specific to the state of Mississippi.

Welcome to our New Members

Sonia M. Benn, MD, Southaven
Rajesh Bhagat, MBBS, Ridgeland
Jo Luresa Harbour, MD, Madison
Kenneth Kellough, MD, Clarksdale
Darron Lewis, MD, Ocean Springs
CPT Timothy B. Skelton, MD, Ocean Springs
Jason K. Taylor, MD, Ridgeland

Strengthen Our Chapter: Participation in ACP’s Recruit-a-Colleague Program!

The American College of Physicians and the MS Chapter encourages all members to help strengthen the voice of internal medicine by recommending ACP Membership to colleagues. By joining the College, your colleagues will enrich their clinical knowledge and skills and have access to all of the ACP member benefits that you enjoy.

To learn more about the Recruit-a-Colleague Program, please visit www.acponline.org/recruitacolleague. Help strengthen the voice of internal medicine - recommend ACP Membership to your colleagues!

The need for a strong voice to speak on behalf of medicine and, in particular, internal medicine has never been greater than it is today. It is critically important that we unify to address the specific needs of our medical specialty. There are advocacy efforts to champion, practice management issues to simplify, and a time-honored profession to foster. There is strength in numbers. Together, we can change the direction of internal medicine.

Ask your colleagues to join ACP today. To thank you for your time and effort, we offer the following recruitment program. Between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010:

• Recruit one colleague and receive a $100 credit toward your 2010-11 annual dues.
• Recruit two colleagues and receive an additional $100 credit toward your 2010-11 annual dues.
• Recruit three colleagues and enjoy free annual dues in 2010-11.

Plus, for every Member recruited within the promotional period, you will receive an entry into a grand-prize drawing for a trip to Internal Medicine 2011 in San Diego, California that includes registration, airfare (up to $500), and four days of hotel accommodations.

To be considered a "recruited" Member, your colleague must:

• Be a nonmember who is eligible for the "full" ACP Member category and pay $100 or more in dues.
• Submit a Membership application, along with his or her dues payment, between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010.
• Write your name in the recruiter box on the top of the Membership application**.
Send a recruitment e-mail to a colleague today, or download and print an application (United States/Other Countries) to personally deliver. You may also request a Membership Inquiry Kit from Customer Service at 800-523-1546, ext. 2600, (M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. ET).

It is the collective effort that makes a difference. Call on the support of your colleagues today.

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This program is only valid for ACP members whose dues are paid for the current fiscal year.

*Please note that total dues credits earned in one yearly period can not be greater than the amount of any recruiter's annual dues.

** You can also receive credit for recruiting former Members and Fellows. If a former Member or Fellow calls Customer Service for reinstatement, be sure to ask that you are mentioned as a recruiter.

Recognize New Fellows

Amery J. Creighton, MD, FACP, Gulfport
Johnny B. Franklin, MD, FACP, Gulfport
Hammed K. Olarinde, MBBS, FACP, Saucier
Tammy Young, MD, FACP, Jackson

Leonor A. Echewarria, MD, FACP, Clarksdale
Edward L. Gbemudu, MBBS, FACP, Olive Branch
Boris Trifunovic, MD, PhD, FACP, Brandon

Fellowship

Fellowship is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. It may be achieved by either advancement from ACP Membership or, in exceptional cases, by direct election.

Honorary Fellowships are granted to presidents or their equivalents of medical societies abroad who attend ACP’s annual Internal Medicine meeting.

Fellows are authorized to use the letters FACP (Fellow of the American College of Physicians) in connection with their professional activities for as long as their membership remains current. They have the right to vote, hold office, and sponsor applicants for Membership and Fellowship. Fellows are inducted at a Convocation ceremony held during ACP’s annual Internal Medicine meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a Fellow, the following are the basic requirements:

- Certification in internal medicine or neurology
- Professional activity in internal medicine, a combined internal medicine specialty, the subspecialties of internal medicine, or neurology
- Experience in practice or in an academic position for two years since the completion of residency
- An active medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice)
- ACP membership in good standing for two years with ACP activities
- Continuing professional development and scholarly activities, including continuing medical education as a student or teacher
- Teaching (institutional and community-based), hospital committee work, and/or volunteer and community
service, especially in the voluntary provision of medical care

In addition to the basic eligibility requirements, there are four ways to qualify for Fellowship. These are not mutually exclusive, and are provided only as guidelines to the types of activities necessary to attain Fellowship. Some candidates will be accepted for Fellowship based upon a combination of activities.

• Pathway 1 — The Published Academician
• Pathway 2 — The Physician with Multiple Certifications or Advanced Degrees
• Pathway 3 — The Active ACP Member
• Pathway 4 — The Senior Physician

Direct election to Fellowship without prior ACP Membership is a singular honor, conferred upon only a few outstanding physicians each year. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements, summarized below and detailed in the Membership Information Booklet accessible at http://www.acponline.org/membership.mib.pdf

**Direct Election to Fellowship**

The following are basic requirements for Direct Fellowship:

• Certification in internal medicine or neurology
• Professional activity in internal medicine, a combined internal medicine specialty, the subspecialties of internal medicine, or neurology
• Experience in practice or in an academic position for two years since completion of training
• Ten years post graduation from medical school
• An active medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice)
• Continuing professional development and scholarly activities, including continuing medical education as a student or teacher
• Teaching (institutional and community-based), hospital committee work, and/or volunteer and community service, especially in the voluntary provision of medical care

In addition to the basic eligibility requirements, there are additional qualifications of excellence that candidates must meet for election to Direct Fellowship:

• Substantial published scientific contributions to prominent peer-reviewed journals
• Extraordinary scholarly achievement and professional excellence in several areas, including:
  o Teaching
  o Medical education
  o Scientific presentations at national and international meetings
• Significant involvement in a hospital, an appropriate medical institution, or in clinical or scientific research
• Community activities, either medically or non-medically related, with special consideration given to the voluntary provision of medical care

You can learn more about Fellowship by visiting http://www.acponline.org/membership/join/fellowship where you can download a Fellowship application. Or you may contact our Chapter Executive Director, **Nancy Youngblood** at anyoungblood@bellsouth.net or 601-519-6877 and she will be happy to send you an application packet.

Questions about eligibility requirements should be directed to the Credentialing Department at 800-523-1546, ext.2709, or can be e-mailed to mbrserices@acponline.org
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Internal Medicine Intern

Ginny Arrington Blalack
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University of Mississippi School of Medicine
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Kakatiya Junior College
Osmania Medical College
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University of Mississippi
University of Mississippi School of Medicine
Internal Medicine Intern

Kevin Bridges
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Mississippi College
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Castleton State College (Vermont)
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University of Florida  
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