Governor’s Message
By William A. Shiffermiller, MD, FACP

Happy 2013 fellow ACP members.

It’s been a long year for medicine. Our national organization has been advocating in Washington for an SGR fix and we now see it’s been kicked down the road for another year. They also spent a lot of time trying to bring reason to sequestration and are still working on Medicaid expansion.

Our chapter meeting in Nebraska City received good reviews from attendees and several well deserved awards were presented, including a laureate award to Tom Tape. He and Kris Rahm accepted the Chapter Excellence award from Virginia Hood, previous chairman of the Board of Regents.

The Board of Governor’s meeting in Vancouver in September produced several resolutions of note. First, an attempt is being made to leverage the expertise of retired members; second, to continue to work with ABMS to hone the maintenance of certificate process; and thirdly to provide the federal government with alternatives to or modifications of ICD 10 implementation.

Tom Tape is doing an impressive job as Chairman of the Board of Governors and I wanted to specifically mention his taking part in a meeting of ACP specialty societies explaining common areas of concern that could be addressed by ACP and improve the value of the organization to specialty groups.

I hope to see many of you in San Francisco for the 2013 annual meeting.
Foray Into NEBRASKA State Health Policy
Date: Friday, March 22nd
Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
Location: Room 1005, Michael Sorrell Center, UNMC campus
Parking: Skating rink lot on the Southeast corner of 41st and Emile

ATTN: NE ACP COUNCIL MEMBERS
A BRIEF COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS EVENT.

Please RSVP to krisrahm@me.com by March 10th.
Dinner will be served, including a meatless option.

GUEST PANELISTS:
Ann M. Frohman, NMA Lobbyist

Senator Jeremy Nordquist, District 7

Dr. Joann Schaefer, DOH
2012 Nebraska Chapter Award Winners:

Thomas G. Tape - 2012 Laureate

Dr. Thomas G. Tape graduated from Dartmouth College in 1977, then received his M.D. from the Washington University School of Medicine in 1981. He completed his residency and fellowship at the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1986, then joined the faculty of the Division of General Internal Medicine in the Department of Medicine at UNMC. Dr. Tape now serves as Professor of Medicine and Vice Chair for Information and Primary Care. He is also Chief of Primary Care within Internal Medicine.

Dr. Tape has also been an active member of a number of professional societies, including the Society for General Internal Medicine, the Society for Medical Decision Making, the American Medical Informatics Association, the American Federation for Medical Research, the Brunswik Society, the Society for Judgment and Decision Making and AOA. At UNMC, Dr. Tape has served on a wide range of committees, including the Internal Medicine Clinical Practice Committee and the Information Technology support committee.

Dr. Tape's research interests include many aspects of medical decision making, as well as antibiotic use in respiratory tract infection, diagnosis and treatment of urinary tract infections, and screening and treatment of subclinical hypothyroidism. His other research interests include type 2 diabetes prevention, breast cancer disparities, health literacy, the patient centered medical home, health care reform, clinical informatics, and medical education. He has received a multitude of awards, for both teaching and clinical practices, most recently the Sir William Osler Teaching Award from the UNMC Department of Medicine (for the second time) in June of 2012.

Dr. Tape became a member of ACP in 1985 and a Fellow in 1991. He served as Governor of the Nebraska Chapter of ACP from 2008 through 2012 and now serves as Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Joann Porter - Walter J. O’Donahue, Jr. Award

Dr. Joann Porter is an academic general internist and has been in an academic internal medicine practice since 1995. She received her undergraduate degree from University of Nebraska and a medical degree and internal medicine residency was complete at Creighton University School of Medicine. She also did a Primary Care Fellowship at Michigan State University in Curriculum Development.

Dr. Porter serves as the Associate Residency Director for Curriculum and Scholarly Development and the Ambulatory Residency Director for Creighton University Department of Medicine, where she is also Assistant Chair for Education. In addition, she has acted as Chief of Primary Care in the Omaha VA for 5 years. She currently works at the Omaha VA as Associate Chief of Staff for Education and regularly attends on inpatient rounds and precept resident clinic.

Dr. Porter has received the Golden Apple Award, the James F. Sullivan Award, the ACP Community Teaching Award, the Creighton University Mentor of the Year, the Professionalism Role Model Award, and the National Veteran’s Administration Secretaries Hero Award for Volunteerism.

Dr. Porter has been active in the American College of Physicians for over ten years and is a Fellow. She states, “The practice of medicine is constantly changing and being an educator keeps me at the forefront of those developments. Best of all, working with students and residents and watching them grow and develop into excellent physicians gives me great satisfaction.”
2012 Nebraska Chapter Award Winners:

Gerald Moore - LeeRoy Meyer Dedicated Teacher Award
Gerald Moore, MD is Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Medicine and Professor in the Section of Rheumatology and Immunology in the Department of Internal Medicine. He also serves as Medical director and Professor in the Physician Assistant Program. A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Dr. Moore graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1968 and received his medical degree from UNMC in 1971. He did his internal medicine residency at UNMC, a rheumatology externship at Mayo Clinic and a rheumatology fellowship at the Advisory Board for the Arthritis Foundation and is an external reviewer for the Association of American Medical Colleges' educational affairs mini-workshops. He also is a volunteer physician for the student run SHARING Clinic in south Omaha which provides medical care for low income residents of Omaha.

As Senior Associate Dean, he oversees the College of Medicine admissions process, educational program for students and residents as well as faculty development issues. He has been an administrator in the College of Medicine for over 20 years, but continues to see patients in both rheumatology clinic as well as patients on the general internal medicine inpatient service.

Joseph D. Lynch - Volunteerism & Community Service
Joseph D. Lynch, MD is a graduate of the Creighton University School of Medicine and had postgraduate training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine and at Creighton University, where he has been on the faculty in the Department of Medicine (Cardiology) his entire career. His duties have been primarily clinical and he has received numerous awards for teaching and service.

Latin American Concern (ILAC) at Creighton and at Centro Educacion de Salud (CESI) in Santiago, Dominican Republic, for over twenty five years. He and his wife, Terri, often accompanied by their son, David, who has Down’s Syndrome, have spent many weeks each year in the Dominican Republic with various multidisciplinary programs involving students and professionals.

Dr. Lynch is also an active member of the ILAC Board of Directors in the Dominican Republic, which is involved in programs in health care, elementary school education, agriculture and business development, and which presently involves nine North American high schools and six universities.
Nebraska Chapter Poster Competition

Annual Poster Competition Winners

Manar Suker
Kara Markin
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nebraska & South Dakota ACP IM 2013 Reception

Date: Friday, April 12th
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Restaurant LuLu’s
816 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA

Please RSVP to krisrahm@me.com by April 1st.

Leadership Day 2013
May 21-22
Washington, DC

Mark Your Calendars Now!

The Nebraska ACP annual scientific meeting will be held at downtown Hilton
October 17-18, 2013 in Omaha, NE.

Further Details soon: http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters/ne/news_meet.htm