It is a great time to be in the ACP.

I’ve recently returned from the national ACP meeting in San Diego. There were 38 NH physicians attending courses and talks, renewing friendships and gaining new friends. About 14 members and family gathered together for an informal reception after the lectures and workshops of Friday. (see picture).

The national meeting is a great place to get CME and MOC credits. But more importantly, it is just fun to learn new things or reaffirm current practices. Internists are the heart of intellectual medicine and meetings like this one reinforce that.

The Board of Governors met prior to the national meeting. There, we review resolutions that shape the direction of the College and learn of the important successes that it has had in improving the lives and work of the members of the specialty of Internal Medicine and the resultant improved care for our patients.

Because of persistent dialogue with the ABIM, there have been and will be further significant changes in the burdensome MOC process. The exam has changed to several options including open book exams and the College has been asked to work on an exam based on MKSAP. The ACP is separate from the ABIM, who will still be the certifying body, but the cooperation is encouraging.

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The ACP also played a major role in the failure to “repeal and replace” the ACA, without adequate safeguards for our newly covered patients. While not taking a partisan stand, the ACP has long had policies affirming the need for patients’ access to care. The proposed AHCA would have disadvantaged millions of Americans and increased the burdens on providers and thus violated the College’s principles. The ACP, however, continues to offer improvements to the ACA in accordance with its policies.

Other areas the College is working on include its “Patients before Paperwork” initiative to decrease burnout, advocating for workable, meaningful EHRs, and helping to work through the complexities of quality reporting and value reimbursement.

Life in the specialty of Internal Medicine would be much more difficult without the ACP. I am thankful to have been a member for 38 years (Yikes! Over 40 if you count resident membership). I trust you value that association as well. The ACP gives you much more, too. Check out the new website, www.acponline.org, to see what else is going on. And see the next article for My ACP for a personalized experience.

My ACP

ACP’s newly launched MyACP, a personalized web experience, makes it easier for members to access and discover pertinent ACP content and resources while visiting ACPOne.org.

The new MyACP experience provides logged-in members with streamlined access to the content and features they value and use the most, starting with a menu of options based on the user's membership class (e.g., residents or physicians) and his or her history of purchases with ACP.

Members will now be able to customize their MyACP information to directly add or remove resources and valued features, providing quick and easy access to the content, products, and services that are most relevant to them. Members can also continue to update account information and view their CME transcripts.

In addition, logged-in members and transactional users will be able to easily access products that they’ve previously purchased from ACP, including MKSAP and registration for the Internal Medicine Meeting.

Explore the new MyACP’s features.

The NH Chapter of the ACP

There are 424 specialists in Internal Medicine who are members of the NH Chapter of the ACP. This includes generalists, hospitalists, subspecialists and medical directors. Counting 219 medical students, residents, fellows, and affiliates, we have a total of 643. A third of us are women. Fifty-five percent of working general internists are members. That is amongst the top chapters in the College, while 22% of subspecialists are members, also amongst the top chapters.

Next time you are talking to a colleague, ask them if they are a member of the ACP. Tell them of the benefits you get, like the Annals, MKSAP, the meetings and ask them to join you in strengthening internal medicine. You may get a discount (see “refer a colleague” on acponline.org), and they get to join a great group of internists.

NH ACP Chapter Meeting

It’s not too early to plan to attend our next Chapter meeting. Save the date: Friday, October 27, 2017 at the beautiful Lyme Inn in Lyme, NH. It is a great day of CME, fellowship, networking and renewal. All of our speakers are exceptional, but we are especially pleased that Dr. Martin Samuels, the renowned neurology educator, will be joining us. Look for registration mailings this summer.

Governor-Elect

Last fall we held an election for the next governor for the NH Chapter. At the close of the business meeting of the ACP in San Diego, Bill Palmer, MD, FACP formally became the Governor-Elect for the chapter. Bill, a hospitalist and (recently appointed) CMO at a critical access hospital, lives in Cornish. He will work with Catrina Watson, our Executive Director, our governor’s council and me, your current governor, on learning the job over the next year. He becomes the new governor next April at the national ACP meeting in New Orleans.