Governor’s Column

By way of introduction, I am the new Governor of the Oklahoma ACP Chapter. My professional life is at the OU Health Sciences Center where I chair the Department of Medicine. It is an honor for me to assume this role, but I must add that Jim Baker’s shoes will be very hard to fill. Under his leadership, membership has grown, the number of new fellows and masters has multiplied, and the Oklahoma Chapter has garnered greater recognition nationally.

I also want to introduce to you Kathy Musson. Kathy stepped into the role of Executive Director after Kay Bickham retired. Kathy has enormous experience working for the OSMA, and she is excited about the position. We will miss Kay and I thank her for her unwavering support of the chapter.

As we progress, several of my initial priorities are to fortify our committee structure, enhance membership and membership engagement, strengthen our annual meeting, increase the number of Masters and Fellows, and try to convince nonmembers about the value of belonging to the ACP. As such, I would like to fortify our committee structure especially membership, education and program planning, awards committee, advocacy, finance and early career development (including students and trainees). I am looking for members who are willing to serve on one or more of these committees and ultimately to be involved in the Chapter Council. Should you have interest in these, please email me to let me know.

At the national level, the ACP has completed its "Hill Day". Matlock Jeffries and I visited with several of our legislators to discuss several issues including thanking them for their support of SGR repeal as well
Governor’s Column (continued)

as urging them to support legislation about medicare primary care incentive payments, medicaid parity and GME funding, and support of the "Cures for the 21st Century" act that would enhance funding for biomedical research. Furthermore, the ACP has established strategic initiatives focusing on member engagement and retention, MOC reform, professional life, and satisfaction, as well as others.

I look forward to my time as governor. Please let me know of your concerns and comments. Together, let’s make the Oklahoma Chapter the shining star of the ACP.

Chapter Committee Appointments

The Oklahoma Chapter is revitalizing the committee structure for the upcoming year. Below is a listing of the 2015-2016 committee appointments. Most committees will be meeting by conference call and during the Chapter’s Annual Scientific Meeting each Fall.

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Oklahoma Chapter Scientific Meeting 2015

September 11-12 | Samis Education Center at OUHSC in OKC

Registration is now open for the 2015 Oklahoma Scientific Chapter Meeting! The meeting will be held September 11-12 at the University of Oklahoma - Samis Education Center in Oklahoma City. In addition to the networking and collegiality offered by our meeting, it is also a valuable learning opportunity. For the chapter meeting, the American College of Physicians designates this live activity for a maximum of 7 AMA PRA Category 1 credit(s)™. All registrations must be received by September 8, 2015, or a late registration fee of $15 will be added. This includes on-site registrations. Save money by registering now!

You can view the full meeting program or register online. Additional information is available on the Chapter website.

Also, don’t forget to book your hotel! A block of rooms is reserved at the Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Downtown/Medical Center at a discounted rate — Single/Double $149. Just ask for the “OU Medical” rate. Call the hotel directly at 405-239-3900 to make your reservation.

I hope to see you in Oklahoma City in September!

How to Register:
You can easily register online, by phone, or by completing the registration page in the meeting brochure (included below). Please contact Kathy Musson at 405-850-8334 or kmussonokc@gmail.com with any questions.

Research and Poster Presentations
For Residents, Fellow Members, and Medical Students

Clinical vignettes, posters, and research papers prepared by Residents, Fellow Members, and Medical Students will be presented at the 2015 Oklahoma Scientific Chapter Meeting. Winners will receive a cash award and be eligible for entrance into the national competition held during Internal Medicine 2016.

Contact Steve M. Blevins, MD, FACP, at steve-blevins@ouhsc.edu, for information about entering the competition. Deadline for submission is midnight on August 29, 2015.
# 2015 Oklahoma Scientific Chapter Meeting Schedule at a Glance:

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## 2015 Oklahoma Scientific Chapter Meeting Registration Form:

### Oklahoma City, Oklahoma • September 11–12, 2015

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**ACP #** (found on mailing label)

Name

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☐ Please exclude me from receiving mailings from the meeting exhibitors.

☐ Check here if you are disabled and require assistance. Please notify the Oklahoma Chapter in writing before your course. We’ll be glad to help.

### Registration Fees

Check one category that best applies. Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, all scientific sessions and materials, and CME documentation.

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*Nonmember Residents must register by contacting chapter staff at 405-850-8334 in order to get the correct registration rate.

Please indicate your attendance at the following:

☐ BR01—Breakfast—Saturday, 7:00 a.m.
☐ REC01—Reception—Friday, 4:35 p.m.
☐ L01—Lunch—Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

**Grand Total $______________**

### Payment Options

☐ Check enclosed.
(Payable to ACP. Must remit in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank.)

☐ Charge to: ☐ VISA  ☐ MASTERCARD  ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS  ☐ DISCOVER

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Oklahoma Chapter Centennial Reception:
Boston Harbor Sunset Cruise

“Just sit right back and you’ll hear a tale, a tale of a Chapter trip. That started from a Boston port, aboard the ‘Odyssey’ ship. The Internists boarded their ship, some spouses were with them too. Twenty-nine passengers set sail that day, for a three-course dinner cruise, a three-course dinner cruise…”

The ACP Oklahoma Chapter held their Chapter Reception during “Internal Medicine 2015” in Boston with a dinner cruise along Historic Boston Harbor to honor the new Fellows of the College and Celebrate ACP’s Centennial. The three-course dinner cruise with entertainment was another great success! We had almost thirty people attend the reception cruise. Our “Odyssey” voyage departed from Rowes Wharf along Historic Boston Harbor — from Castle Island to George’s Island, then east to the Boston Light on Little Brewster Island, back north to Charlestown Naval Yard, all before returning to the Wharf.

We hope to continue this new tradition in 2016 with another possible Chapter Reception Cruise in early May 2016, but next time in Washington, DC, along the Potomac River.
Welcome New ACP Members

**Broken Arrow**
Jana Baker, DO
Imran Solaiman, MD

**Edmond**
Rizwan Aslam, MD
Thomas B Clark, MD
Agnel R Raparthi, MD

**Hinton**
Trey D Thomason, DO

**Lawton**
Michelle Z Flynn, MD

**Norman**
Susheel Ramasahayam, MD

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Muhammad S Khan, MBBS
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Andria P Medina, MD
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Andrea Miller, MD
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Rapha A Searing, MD
Yan Xiong, MD
Yefei Zhu, MD
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Matthew E Dauterive, MD
Alicia Fernandez, MD
Joby T James, MD
Jon M Johnson, MD
Radhika Kothakota
Jennifer J LaCoss, MD
Christina M Lanza, MD
Bernadette M Miller, MD
Omar N Nadhem, MD
Lindsay M Neely, DO
Akash Patel, MD
Scott T Shepherd, DO
Gary J Sims, DO
Bobby Tharayil, MD
Kathryn White, DO

Thank you to all those that joined us for the Oklahoma Chapter Centennial Reception Cruise in Boston! We hope to see everyone next year in Washington, DC.
ACP Centennial
Boston, Massachusetts

ACP Fellowship is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. The Oklahoma Chapter recognizes and congratulates the following physicians who were elected to Fellowship in the College:

Steve Egwuonwu, MD, FACP
Mark Fogle, MD, FACP
Vivek Khetpal, MD, FACP
Gary Slick, MD, FACP
Mohammad Madhoun, MBBS, FACP
Stephen Travis, MD, FACP
Lisa Ortiz, MD, FACP

Please help us congratulate these newest Fellows to the Chapter!

Our Chapter Governor, Michael S. Bronze, MD, MACP, accepted his ACP Mastership at “Internal Medicine” 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts, during the ACP Centennial Meeting.

Pictured from left to right, Ali Mohammad, MBCh, FACP, and Robert Hauger, MD, FACP, both received the Laureate Award during the ACP Centennial Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

Oklahoma Chapter Members of ACP were elected to Fellowship.
2015 ACP National Doctor’s Dilemma Competition

Congratulations to Hussein Bitar M.D., Sultan Mahmood M.D., and David Auld M.D., our Oklahoma ACP champions, for reaching the Semi-Finalist Round in pursuit of the Osler Cup. We expect new teams will carry on their tradition. If you are a resident interested in establishing your own team, contact your program director.

2015 ACP National Poster Board Presentations

Our two Oklahoma residents, Dr. Omer Iftikhar of Oklahoma City and Dr. Kathryn White of Tulsa, were exceptional with their poster board presentations in Boston, Massachusetts, during the ACP Centennial Meeting. Dr. Iftikhar presented “CLOVES Syndrome: A Case Series of Three Patients with Rare Overgrowth Anomaly.” Dr. White presented “Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis Presenting in an Adult with Mandibular Osteomyelitis.” You may read their abstracts submitted to ACP here.
ACP Evergreen Award

Another Oklahoma Chapter Evergreen Award
James H. Baker, MD, FACP

We won! Your Oklahoma Chapter won, yet another, Evergreen Award. For winning, our chapter received a $500 check for deposit into our chapter account. This is our second year in a row to win this prestigious award.

Your Oklahoma Chapter received the 2015 John Tooker Evergreen Award for our initiative, “Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in Oklahoma Schools.” Our chapter collaborated with the American Heart Association (AHA), Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA), and Turning Point in the passage of “CPR in Schools”. Governor Fallin signed House Bill 1378 into law on May 16, 2014. Thanks again to all of you who assisted in the passage of this legislation.

The John Tooker Evergreen Awards Program provides recognition and visibility to chapters that have successfully implemented programs to increase membership, improve communication, increase member involvement, enhance diversity, foster careers in internal medicine and improve management of the chapter.
Chapter Excellence Award

The chapter excellence award recognizes individual chapter’s accomplishments and successes. The national ACP Chapter subcommittee requests that chapters submit an annual report regarding finance, membership growth, diversity growth (age, gender, ethnic, MD/DO, research/academic/patient care, general IM/subspecialty, US trained/IMG, hospitalist/outpatient care), awards/nominations, chapter meeting program, communications, credentialing, health and public policy (advocacy), volunteerism, and women in medicine. Chapters are then measured on set criteria to determine eligibility for this award.

Our Oklahoma Governor’s Council expects this award. Although we should never grow complacent, I agree that the bar is set to expect excellence. Your Oklahoma Chapter is proud to win this award again, and it will be presented to our Oklahoma Chapter at our Fall 2015 Oklahoma Chapter Scientific Meeting in Oklahoma City.

Your Chapter Service

Speak, call, or write to myself or one of your Oklahoma Chapter council members if you have interest in serving. We are always looking for membership willing to take up the banner in advocacy, membership, communication, and other areas of service. Do you have a new idea or a resolution to take to ACP nationally? We need to hear from you, our membership.
Leadership Day, Advocacy

Matlock Jeffries, MD

On May 20 of this year, Dr. Bronze and myself made our way to Washington, DC to participate in the annual ACP Leadership Day on Capitol Hill, a two-day program of lecture and panel discussion on a variety of health topics culminating in visits to the offices of our Congressmen, wherein we discuss the College’s annual legislative agenda and ask for their support. This year was unique as, for the first time in thirteen years, advocacy did not focus on repeal of the sustainable growth rate (SGR). The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, colloquially known as the “doc fix”, was a remarkable example of bipartisan cooperation in a time of omnipresent partisan bickering. Of note, only eight senators voted against this measure, none of whom were Oklahomans. Needless to say, each of our visits started with a word of thanks to the Senators and House members for their assistance in this regard.

Nevertheless, we still discussed several legislative items of particular import to internists with our elected representatives, mainly centered around improving the primary care system. First, the Medicare Primary Care Incentive program, which provides eligible physicians (including internists) a 10% incentive on designated office visits, will sunset on January 1, 2016 without legislation to renew it. Second and somewhat related, the medicaid primary care incentive program is set to expire at the end of the year. Designed to increase access for millions of medicaid patients to primary care and immunization services, we urged cosponsorship of two pieces of legislation to extend parity for an additional two years (Ensuring Access to Primary Care for Women and Children Act, S. 737 and H.R. 2253).

We continued to discussed reforms to the Graduate Medical Education system again this year, with particular focus on measures to increase and incentivize funding for primary care residency positions. In this regard, we support S. 1148 and H.R. 2124, the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act, which seek to expand GME positions by approximately 15,000 while mandating that 50% be in primary care, along with the Creating Access to Residency Education (CARE) Act, HR 1117, which establishes federal grants to support the creation of new residency positions with priority for primary care. We received strong interest and support among our Oklahoma delegation for these pieces of legislation; after all, Oklahoma is ideally positioned given its large underserved, rural population, to train a number of these physicians.

Third, we briefly discussed the need for Congress to ensure funding of federal programs designed to support primary care through Title VII, which distributes educational grants to primary care physician students, residents, and faculty to enhance recruitment, and the National Health Service Corps, which provides scholarships and loan forgiveness. Finally, we advocated for an exciting new piece of legislation still in committee known as the 21st Century Cures Act, which would, among other things, increase funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and establish a new NIH Innovation Fund to support the development of new methods of health care delivery with an eye towards telemedicine and health record interoperability, all of which have direct impacts to Oklahomans.

We must continue as an organization to strive for the improvement of the health care climate in our country. ACP, through its diverse advocacy efforts and Leadership Day, allows us as internists to participate directly in shaping legislation and legislative opinion on matters that direct effect us all. This is a vital part of our advocacy efforts, and we strongly encourage other members of the Oklahoma ACP membership to join us next year in Washington to participate in this essential effort.

Click here to learn more about “Leadership Day,” ACP’s annual advocacy day on Capitol Hill.
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