Dear Colleagues,

Dr. Mike Hawkins, our former governor and chair of the nominations committee, is accepting nominations for our chapter’s awards until **June 15, 2016**. To nominate a member of our chapter, please submit the nominee’s name and curriculum vita to Dr. Hawkins (**mmhawkinsmd@gmail.com**). The criteria for the awards are included below:

Criteria for Chapter Awards
Laureate Award
James McFarland Award

**Laureate Award**
The Laureate Award honors those Fellows and Masters of the College who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians. The recipient of this award shall bear the title Laureate of the South Carolina Chapter. This award shall be presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The awardee should accept the recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardee is to be nominated by a process that may originate from the Nominations Committee or from any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee. The awardee shall be a senior physician and Fellow or Master of long-standing, with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardee should have served their Chapter with distinction. Exceptional circumstances may modify these requirements.

**James McFarland Award**
The James McFarland Award recognizes physicians who have been involved in patient care in academic or private settings. The award honors those physicians who have demonstrated ongoing scholarship in the academic and/or clinical setting and who are actively involved in teaching at any and all levels. The awardee is a board certified internist who practices or has practiced in South Carolina.

- Must be a physician involved in patient care.
- Should demonstrate ongoing scholarship.
- Should be able to teach at all levels.
- Need not be a member of ACP.
Must be an outstanding clinician and teacher.

Must represent the values of internal medicine

**Early Career Physician Award**
The Early Career Physician Award was established by Executive Council in March 2006. The award recognizes outstanding achievement by a physician who is within 16 years from medical school graduation in the areas of leadership, academics, including publishing, teaching, mentoring, and/or volunteerism.
The award is announced at the South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians annual meeting. Following is a list of considerations for this award:

- Current and past positions
- Contributions to the ACP
- Work with other medical societies
- Contributions to the community
- Teaching accomplishments
- Publications
- Awards and honors
- Volunteer work, medical and otherwise
- Must be a member of ACP

It is a genuine pleasure to acknowledge our mentors, peers, and colleagues for outstanding contributions to our practice of medicine and to our communities. Please email or call me or Dr. Hawkins if you have any questions.

Warm regards,
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