Dear Colleagues,

- I look forward to seeing many of you in Boston at the end of this month. For those of you interested, we can plan a social hour on Thursday evening after convocation. Email me, and we will plan a location and specific time.

- Like us on Facebook "South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians" ! I will keep this updated and add information if you send it to me via email.

- ACP’s continued success on Capitol Hill greatly depends upon year-round grassroots support from its 14,000 members of Advocates for Internal Medicine Network. Advocates communicate with their members of Congress on issues of importance to medical students, internists and their patients, and report the results back to ACP.

ACP members are not required to have existing relationships with their members of Congress to be Advocates. ACP gives these volunteers the tools necessary to develop and maintain relationships. The program is open to all membership categories. To enroll, register online.

- Please refer your colleagues to the website JoinACP.com for more information on the merits of membership in the American College of Physicians.

- Our Chapter scientific session will be at the Charleston Marriott October 30-November 1, 2015. It will be an outstanding meeting with at least 12 hours CME including the 2 hours of controlled substance prescribing CME now required by the Board of Medical Examiners.

- Dr. Mike Hawkins, Chair of the Nominations Committee, requests your submissions for our state awards: Laureate Award, James McFarland Award, and the Early Career Physician Award. The deadline for submission is June 30, 2015; please send the nominee's name and CV to Dr. Hawkins at mmhawkinsmd@gmail.com. The criteria are described below:

**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**.

These awards shall be presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The awardees should accept the recognition in person, unless excused by the Governor. The awardees are to be nominated by a process that may originate from the Awards Committee or from any member of the Chapter. The nomination must document the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee.
The awardees shall be senior physicians and Fellows or Masters of long-standing, with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, the awardees should have served their Chapter with distinction. Exceptional circumstances may modify these requirements.

**James McFarland Award**

- Must be a physician involved in practicing 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.

**Young Physicians Award**

The Young Physicians 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 ACP South Carolina Chapter annual meeting. Following is a list of consideration while writing a nomination letter.

- 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

Wishing you a fine week,

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