



## **SD American College of Physicians Welcomes New Master Matt N. Bien, MD MACP FAAP**

South Dakota American College of Physicians is pleased to announce that Dr. Matt N. Bien has been selected for advancement to Mastership with the American College of Physicians.

ACP Bylaws state that Masters shall be Fellows who have been selected because of “personal character, positions of honor, contributions towards furthering the purposes of the ACP, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine.” Masters must be highly accomplished individuals. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors such as research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, and administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine.

Dr. Bien received his MD degree, Summa Cum Laude, from the USD SSOM (1996). He then completed a combined Internal Medicine - Pediatrics residency at Marshfield Clinic and St. Joseph Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin. In 2000, Dr. Bien accepted a position in Internal Medicine - Pediatrics with Avera Medical Group in Brookings, South Dakota, where he has demonstrated an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education and service to the community.

Dr. Bien’s ACP activities include service on multiple state and national committees, chair of the nominations and awards committee (2009-2015), vice-president (2012-2014), Governor-elect (2014-2015) and Governor (2015-2019).

He has held a variety of roles in medical education and serves as an associate professor with the medical school. Dr. Bien was Acting Assistant Dean of Medical Student Education (2013-2014), leading the medical school through a comprehensive program development and curriculum reform.

Dr. Bien has been involved with the Brookings Marathon and served as race director since 2006. These coordination efforts include chairing a race committee and organizing more than 300 other volunteers. Though run on a single day, race planning occurs year-round, with his time alone surpassing 100 hours annually. During Bien’s tenure the race has grown to record numbers, with more than 1000 runners competing in the weekend’s marathon, half marathon, and relay.

Dr. Bien joins a select group of South Dakota ACP members who have achieved Mastership status since 2000: **Robert Talley, Don Hyumphreys, John Barker, Mary Nettleman, John Barker, Rod Parry, Richard Holm, David Sandvik, Philip Hoffsten, Rob Allison and Ashok Kumar.**

Recipients are invited to the spring national meeting to receive this honor, and we recognized Dr. Bien at our annual meeting October 10, 2020. We will also hopefully be celebrating his award at our 2021 annual meeting live in Deadwood, September 29 to October 1. In the meantime, please extend your congratulations to our latest South Dakota ACP Master, **Dr. Matt Bien** at [bien@brookings.net](mailto:bien@brookings.net)