Welcome to this issue of Badger Beat. In this issue we will be covering upcoming events, current issues, and other items of interest.

2016 Spring Meeting
Our Wisconsin Chapter held our first spring CME meeting in memory at the Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Neenah on Saturday, April 9. Attendance was very good, and several attendees expressed appreciation that the meeting was held in their part of the state. During the morning sessions we heard presentations on various aspects of clinical care and care management. We enjoyed each other's company over lunch, and those who stayed for the afternoon session were able to attend a SEP Module: Annals Ethics and Professionalism.

ACP Internal Medicine 2016
This year's ACP annual meeting is coming up very soon. It is being held in Washington, DC on May 5 - 7. To remind those of you attending the meeting, our Wisconsin Chapter reception will be held on Thursday, May 5th from 8PM-10:30PM at Brasserie Beck, which is a restaurant near to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center meeting site. The reception is a chance to get together with colleagues from around the state, to renew old friendships and to meet new acquaintances, and to do this in a relaxed, welcoming environment. We always have a good turnout of practicing physicians and residents from Wisconsin, as well as a few who drop by who have roots in Wisconsin. I'm hoping to see many of you at the meeting and have a chance to chat with you at our chapter reception.

ACP Leadership Day
ACP Leadership Day, an educational and participatory legislative advocacy event, will occur the two days immediately preceding Internal Medicine 2016. We have again drawn together a diverse contingent of internists from around the state to attend and participate in this event.

ABIM Maintenance of Certification
There has been continued communication and advocacy by ACP leadership with the ABIM since my last newsletter. Attached at the end of this newsletter are a letter from March 18 to ACP members from Dr. Steve Weinberger, ACP's EVP and CEO, which you have probably received, and a subsequent email update of March 22 from ABIM. As you can see, there seems to be ongoing progress with a hope for significant change for the better in the MOC process in the near future.

Electronic Access to CME Opportunities
ACP-WI is considering offering online CME education and we would like to know if the membership would be interested in these types of educational opportunities. Please let us know your thoughts through the survey link below:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCLSSW8
**2016 Wisconsin Chapter Meeting**

Please set aside time now to join your colleagues from around the state in attending the annual scientific meeting which will again be held at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

This year the dates are September 9 - 10, which are a Friday and Saturday. Dr. Nitin Damle, current President of ACP, and Dr. Doug DeLong, current Chair of the Board of Governors, are scheduled to be our visiting representatives from national ACP.

As is our usual pattern, the Friday program is primarily devoted to MOC modules, of which we plan to offer 3 this year, and resident case vignette and poster presentations. Saturday is devoted to a series of presentations of various pertinent topics in various specialties of Internal Medicine. This year, the afternoon of the Saturday program will be devoted to two public health topics of current intense interest, those being the Health Effects of Gun Violence and the Health Effects of Global Climate Change. Dr. Jonathan Patz, Director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin and a leading authority in the study of the health effects of climate change, is scheduled to speak with us, and Drs. Damle and DeLong will also speak in their areas of expertise, global climate change and gun violence respectively, from the ACP policy perspective. Please plan to join us at this meeting, which promises to be both very instructive and interesting.

**Graduate Medical Education Summit**

The Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce (WCMEW) is hosting a one-day summit on graduate medical education (GME) May 25 in Wisconsin Dells. *Getting It Done: Status Report on Expanding GME in Wisconsin* will showcase those who have been at the forefront of expanding GME in Wisconsin and in other parts of the country.

The event aims to help attendees understand the successes, challenges, and lessons from Wisconsin's GME grant recipients as they implement new programs. Participants also will learn how GME programs have overcome resource and distance challenges by creating rural training tracks, making use of distance learning, and finding innovative approaches to faculty development.

The event will be held at Glacier Canyon Lodge at The Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Please [click here](#) for a full event agenda and [click here](#) for online registration information.

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**Attachments:**

**NOTE:** The links below will direct your browser to the location where the documents attached to this email have been posted.

- [031816 Correspondence from Dr. Weinberger](#)
- [032216 Correspondence from ABIM](#)