



GOVERNOR'S MINUTE

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WHAT THE GOVERNOR IS **CURRENTLY READING**

"We are all wicks lit
from one eternal flame,
we only need to join
together to increase the
light and understanding"

MO ACP Welcomes Newly Elected Governor's Advisory Council Members

The Missouri Chapter of the American College of Physicians (MO ACP) proudly announces the election of six outstanding physicians to the 2025 Governor's Advisory Council. These leaders bring a wealth of experience, dedication, and vision to our organization. We look forward to their contributions as they help shape the future of Internal Medicine in Missouri.

Meet Our New Council Members:

Abigail Emerson, MD - Dr. Emerson is an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Pediatrics with extensive leadership experience in academic medicine. As a former Med-Peds Residency Program Director and current Division Director of General Internal Medicine, she is passionate about reducing administrative burdens and empowering healthcare teams. Through her role on the Council, she hopes to enhance physician well-being and support the next generation of clinicians.

Joshua Fernelius, MD - An academic internist at SSM St. Louis University, Dr. Fernelius is a dedicated educator and advocate for clinical excellence. His expertise spans inpatient care, hospital discharge transitions, and primary care. A strong proponent of point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) and care for the unhoused community, he brings a commitment to advancing bedside diagnosis and health equity to the Council.

Melissa Gaines, MD - Dr. Gaines is a highly respected geriatrician at Cox

Advantage Care Clinic, where she also leads Hospice and Palliative Care services. With a background in academic medicine and a passion for medical education, she continues to train future physicians in geriatrics and palliative care. Her insights into end-of-life care and chronic disease management will be a valuable addition to the Council's work.

Joanne Loethen, MD - A Kansas City-based primary care physician and Assistant Professor at UMKC, Dr. Loethen is triple board-certified in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Obesity Medicine. She is a strong advocate for healthcare policy and quality improvement, serving in leadership roles at the Missouri State Medical Association and Kansas City Medical Society. Her work in health policy will be instrumental in guiding the Council's initiatives.

Woo Moon, DO - Dr. Woo Moon is a Hospitalist at Saint Louis University Hospital and serves as the Medicine POCUS Service Director, a service specializing in bedside procedures in internal medicine. He is dedicated to enhancing diagnostic and procedural POCUS education for the Saint Louis University School of Medicine students and internal medicine residents. His leadership will help drive innovation in procedural medicine and POCUS education.

Kelvin L. Pollard II, MD - Dr. Pollard is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Internal Medicine Associate Program Director at Saint Louis University. His commitment to medical education, health equity, and patient-centered ambulatory care is reflected in his active involvement with the ACP's Membership and Education Committees. His leadership will strengthen professional development opportunities for Missouri's internists.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected Council members and look forward to their leadership in the coming year!

Don't Forget About Recruitment Rewards

Missouri ACP launched the Recruitment Rewards program in July 2024. We encourage you to continue to promote membership in ACP with this program and get rewards for yourself!

RECRUITMENT REWARDS: EASY AS 1, 2, 3...

- 1.** Find out who isn't a member
We have a link below to an online member directory
- 2.** Reach out to the non-members and let them know why you belong to ACP.
We each have a reason why, so share it with others!
- 3.** Report to MO ACP who you contacted.
Use the link below to submit your name and their name.

Great prizes are in store just for encouraging your peers to sign up! Find out more about [Recruitment Rewards](#) at missouriacp.org.

Check out Resolve - A Member Exclusive Benefit

Are you being paid what you deserve? Even if you signed a great employment contract when you first started in your role, changes in your personal life and the job market may necessitate contract changes to match. ACP's physician compensation partner, Resolve, connects you with an attorney who specializes in physician contracts. They'll identify which changes can be made, help you strategize for negotiations and even negotiate on your behalf to ensure you're getting the terms you deserve.

Plus, ACP members save 10% with code ACP10 at checkout! Learn more with FREE, ACP-exclusive webinars at acponline.org/resolve.

National Opportunities to Explore

Announcing the All-New ACP MKSAPSM

ACP is thrilled to introduce the new all-digital ACP MKSAP (Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program). Developed by hundreds of physician-educators and experts in clinical practice, its evidence-based question bank challenges clinical reasoning and offers regularly updated content. Features include nearly 2,000 multiple-choice questions mapped to ABIM blueprints, a personalized study plan, adaptive learning flashcards, multimedia enhancements, and more.

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

ACP Internal Medicine Meeting

April 3-5, 2025 | New Orleans, LA

An exceptional educational and networking event featuring top educators, hands-on learning, and CME/MOC opportunities.

[Explore Sessions & Register](#)

Midwest Reception at ACP Internal Medicine Meeting

April 4, 2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM | Audubon Aquarium, New Orleans

Hosted by the MO, IA, IN, NE, OK, and KS ACP Chapters—an evening of networking and celebration.

[Register to Attend](#)

ACP Leadership Day 2025

April 28-29, 2025 | Washington, DC

A key advocacy event connecting healthcare leaders and policymakers.

[Register to Attend](#)

Midwest POCUS Workshop for Internists

May 22-23, 2025 | University of Kansas Medical Center

Hands-on training in POCUS with expert faculty and access to various handheld ultrasound devices.

[Register to Attend](#)

2025 Book Club

Ongoing | Virtual

Hosted by DC ACP

Engage in discussions on leadership, health equity, and professional growth.

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2025 MO Internal Medicine Meeting & Hospitalist Day

September 11-13, 2025 | Margaritaville Lake Resort, Osage Beach, MO

Hospitalist Day: September 11

Internal Medicine Meeting: September 12-13

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