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Greetings ACP Colleagues,

Fall has been a busy time for the College, both locally and nationally. At the chapter level, please help me congratulate Dan Goodenberger, MD, MACP, Missouri's new governor-elect designee. Dr. Goodenberger has a wealth of leadership experience which will help move our Chapter forward over the next few years. His term as governor starts in April 2019. I would like to thank Beth Andes, MD, FACP and Megan Wren, MD, FACP for their candidacy as well.

So much of the time hot-button advocacy issues tend to grab headlines, but at the national level ACP staff works just as hard on matters relevant to the practicing internist. In November, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced two new programs which reflect 'quiet' wins for the advocacy arm of ACP. The first, 'Patients Over Paperwork,' mirrors ACP's current initiative, 'Patients Before Paperwork.' CMS would evaluate (and then amend) existing regulations, allowing more time for physicians to spend treating patients. The second program, 'Meaningful Measures,' was created to eliminate regulatory issues deemed overly burdensome. Want to help? Your response in ACP's data collection tool ("Administrative Tasks and Best Practices Survey") can assist in providing important feedback to CMS.

I could list several more initiatives that go relatively unnoticed yet make a real difference. The 'house' of internal medicine is huge, and the challenge for ACP is to provide value for all, regardless of membership class (Student to Master), practice location (community or academic), or specialty (generalist, hospitalist or subspecialist care). If you look closely enough ACP offers SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY, and strives to deliver innovative programs, products and services. Your membership makes all the difference! If you have ideas on how we can improve either at the chapter or national level please contact me directly.
Last but not least, on behalf of the entire Missouri membership I'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to Pat Mills, our longtime ACP Chapter Executive Director. Pat will be stepping down at the end of this year to begin his new role as Executive Vice President for the Missouri State Medical Association. To say that Pat has been the rock of our Chapter over the past two decades would be an understatement. The good news? We get an excellent replacement in Sarah Luebbert and Pat will remain available when we need to tap into his experience.

Happy holidays and I hope everyone has an opportunity to recharge and spend time with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Richard W Burns MD FACP
Governor, Missouri ACP Chapter

**Advocacy Day**

The health and public policy committee has been planning the first Missouri ACP Advocacy Day ([click here for flyer](https://example.com/advocacy-day-flier)). The event will be held on March 7, 2018, in Jefferson City beginning at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and moving to the Capitol Building for legislative visits. We hope you will plan to attend this event. There is no fee to attend, but an RSVP is needed. Please RSVP online.

**Governor-elect and meetings**

Dan Goodenberger, MD, MACP, has been elected by the members of the Missouri Chapter to serve as Governor-elect Designee. Dr. Goodenberger will start his term as Governor-elect after the Annual Business Meeting in New Orleans, LA, on April 21, 2018, and will take office as Governor in April of 2019.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Goodenberger and in thanking Megan Wren, MD, FACP, and Elizabeth Andes, MD, FACP for their candidacy.

**Missouri Chapter CME Meeting**
Nearly 300 physicians attended the annual chapter meeting at Tan-Tar-A in September. Those attending earned up to 22.5 CME hours, including two ABIM SEP modules. Those claiming the maximum MOC points ended up with 38.5 when completing the post-meeting quiz. In addition to the updates in internal medicine, medical students met with IM Program Directors and Chiefs to discuss the IM residency experience while IM residents had a cardiac ultrasound workshop led by Natraj Katta, MD, FACP, from the Mizzou cardiology division. Please save the dates for our next conference September 13-16, 2018, at Tan-Tar-A. Your Education Committee has already begun the planning to include updates in diabetes, cardiology, geriatrics, uro-gyn, hem-onc, neurology and pain management.

Thank You for Nearly 20 Years of Service

Caption: Pat Mills is presented with an award for his many years of service to ACP. (Left to right): Dr. Richard Burns, Pat Mills, Drs. David Fleming, Richard Whiting, Alan Forker and Warren Lovinger.

Caption: Pat Mills, Missouri ACP executive director for nearly 20 years, was celebrated at the
The Missouri Chapter of ACP would like to thank Pat Mills for his nearly 20 years of service to the chapter. Pat staffed Missouri Society of Internal Medicine beginning in 1994, and began staffing ACP when the two groups merged in 1998. Pat has been instrumental in the growth of ACP and the fall conference. He remains on the staff of the Missouri State Medical Association, and will become the new Executive Vice President beginning January 1, 2018. Sarah Luebbert is the incoming Executive Director.

**IM18 - Internal Medicine Meeting**

April 19-21, 2018  
New Orleans, LA

The ACP Internal Medicine Meeting is regarded as the premier scientific meeting in internal medicine. Each year, the American College of Physicians brings together physicians from around the globe to experience the most comprehensive live educational event in internal medicine.

Attendees benefit from:
- Nationally recognized faculty
- Hands-on clinical skills instruction
- CME credit and MOC points
- A variety of learning formats
- Networking opportunities

Sign up today!

**Chapter Receives Excellence Award**

The Missouri Chapter is in receipt of the 2017 Chapter Excellence Award. The award recognizes chapters that successfully meet the standards for managing a chapter. The Chapter has received this award every year since it was created following the ACP-ASIM 1998 merger.
Council Election

Missouri ACP had five positions open to serve on the Council beginning in 2018. The winners of the election include:

Ernie-Paul Barrette, MD, FACP, Clayton
Kirsten Dunn, MD, Chesterfield
Kristin Gillenwater, DO, Kansas City
Mark Gregory, MD, FACP, St. Louis
Amy Loden, MD, FACP, Ballwin

We look forward to working with these new Council members, and extend a big thank you to those who have served on the Council and those who continue to serve. The programs and efforts of Missouri ACP would not be possible without the dedication of these individuals.

Missouri Chapter Laureate Award

Photo Caption: William Taylor, MD, FACP received the 2017 Missouri Chapter Laureate Award at the Missouri Fall CME meeting.

William Taylor, MD, FACP, was recognized with the 2017 Missouri Chapter Laureate Award during the Missouri Fall CME Meeting. This award honors those Fellows and Masters who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, research, and service to their community, their Missouri Chapter and the American College of Physicians. Additionally, they should have served their chapter with distinction or in some clearly definable manner.

Resident Update

Submitted by Nathaniel Nolan, MD, MPH, PGY-2, University of Missouri-Columbia

This past year has been an exciting year for the residents and fellows of ACP! We had a very
successful Missouri ACP meeting at Lake of the Ozarks. Many of you saw our talented residents and fellows present original cases, quality improvement projects, and innovative research at the scientific assembly. Then we had the always thrilling Doctor's Dilemma, where the best and brightest from amongst us competed in a fierce competition of medical knowledge. However, what I am most excited to share are the big moves our council is making behind the scenes.

This past year, several residents have been working alongside me to help revive the Missouri ACP Residents and Fellows Council. Just this fall we have created a council with elected positions, something that has not existed for the past several years. At the last Missouri ACP meeting we offered the first educational event targeted at residents and fellows - an ultrasound workshop - which was a major success! We are hoping to continue offering such courses moving forward. Our council is actively working to recruit more residents and fellows into Missouri ACP to strengthen our section. My hope is that 2018 is going to be an even better year for us!

We appreciate the Missouri ACP's generous and continued support.

Student Update

Photo Caption: Internal medicine students held a meeting at the Missouri Chapter ACP conference in fall 2017 at Tan-Tar-A.

Submitted by Ellen Kim SLU SOM & Diana Jung UMKC SOM

We thank the support of the Missouri Chapter of the ACP that helped bring a record number of students attending the Missouri ACP conference in Tan-Tar-A on Saturday, September 16. We are looking forward to the opportunity to reconvene and learn from the Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on March 7.

At the school chapter level, the Internal Medicine Interest Groups (IMIG) continue to host events related to both primary and specialty care. Many students have connected with physicians from these events which has led to shadowing and research opportunities. Other events have focused on the practice of humanistic medicine, refining history-taking, preparation for USMLE Step 1
and Step 2 exams, and residency match panels.

Student goals for the upcoming year include increasing interest for internal medicine as a career choice, increasing overall student ACP membership, and emphasizing patient advocacy in a student capacity.

This year we are expanding the student committee to include IMIG leaders from all the medical campuses in Missouri. If you're a student leader at your school and would like to join the ACP Missouri student committee and help coordinate events and share expertise, please let us know (Diana Jung djn69@mail.umkc.edu and Ellen Kimellen.kim@health.slu.edu).

**Poster Winners**

Missouri once again had a full roster of posters from residents and students for the 2017 poster competition held in conjunction with the Missouri Fall CME Meeting. The winners of the competition, who will be entered in the IM18 Poster Contest, include:

**Resident Clinical Vignette**

**Farzana Hoque, MD;** St. Luke's; *A Deadly Tunnel - Not to Be Taken*

Resident QI/PT Safety

**Oluwasayo Adeyemo, MD;** Saint Louis University; *Stop. Think. Does My Patient Need Those Labs? A Quality Improvement Study to Promote Cost-Conscious Care*

**Resident Research**

**Tinashe Maduke, MD;** St. Luke's; *Monitoring the Use of Telemonitor: Evaluation of Adherence of Choosing Wisely® Campaign*

**Student Clinical Vignette**

**Kristen Scheitler;** University of Missouri - Columbia; *Vancomycin-Induced Thrombocytopenia: An Underreported Cause of Acute Thrombocytopenia in Hospitalized Patients?*

**Student Research Poster**

**Anastasia Evanoff;** Washington University; *Medical Marijuana Education*

We thank those that entered their posters and the volunteers who judged the competition.
Washington University Wins Doctor's Dilemma

Photo caption: St. Luke's and Mercy teams go head-to-head for Doctor's Dilemma at the 2017 Fall Conference.

Photo caption: Wash U and SLU teams go head-to-head for Doctor's Dilemma at the 2017 Fall Conference

The Doctor's Dilemma team from Washington University School of Medicine/Barnes Jewish Hospital won the Missouri contest and will be representing the Missouri Chapter of the ACP at IM18 in New Orleans.
ACP Student Clerkship Awards

Photo caption: Jacob Groenendyk, Washington University; Joanna Libby, SLU; Alana Hofmann, UMKC; Tyler Johnson, MU; Dr. Burns

The ACP Clerkship Award honors medical students who have recently completed the third year of training and who performed meritoriously in their junior year clinical clerkships for General Internal Medicine. The 2017 recipients were:

Jacob Groenendyk - Wash U
Joanna Libby - SLU
Alana Hofmann - UMKC
Tyler Johnson - MU

ACP Student Physical Diagnosis Awards

The ACP Excellence in Physical Diagnosis Award recognizes outstanding second year students based on their performance in Physical Diagnosis class. The 2017 recipients were:

Elizabeth Graesser - Wash U
Kasey Lierz - SLU
Robert Link - UMKC
Cody Holmes - MU

2017 Book Award Winners

The following students were selected to receive the 2017 Missouri ACP Book Awards:

Coy D. Fitch, MD, MACP ACP Book Award, Saint Louis University: Woojin Joo
Michael M. Karl, MD, MACP ACP Book Award, Washington University: Stephen Fuest
Ashraf Gohar, MD ACP Book Award, UMKC: Luke Nayak
Rochelle Parker, MD, FACP ACP Book Award, UMC: Ryan Rader

**Calendar**

March 7, 2018: Missouri ACP Advocacy Day
April 19-21, 2018: IM18, New Orleans, LA
Sept. 13-16, 2018: Missouri Chapter CME meeting, Osage Beach
April 11-13, 2019: IM19, Philadelphia