

## ACP News Summer 2018

### Governor Letter

Greetings ACP Colleagues,

It was great to see many of you at Internal Medicine 2018 in New Orleans this past April; another stellar meeting in a city with wonderful food and tradition. We had several IM residents participate in the poster competition, while the Doctor's Dilemma team from Washington University advanced to the second round. Overall a terrific showing! I also attended the concurrent Board of Governor's meeting in which 23 resolutions submitted by ACP chapters across the country were debated; thank you to those responding to last February's survey on these same resolutions. A [summary of actions](#) is now available for review. If you have an idea for a resolution please contact me or someone on the Chapter council for more information.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> a delegation of Missouri career physicians, residents, and medical students participated in ACP's Leadership Day in Washington D.C. This was the largest group from Missouri in years! We met congressional leaders and staffers to discuss ACP priority issues. Our students and residents did a fantastic job in conveying ACP's message and represented our Chapter admirably. At the state level we will soon be seeking input on what our Chapter's legislative priorities for 2019 should be. If you have an opinion please let us know.

We are now gearing up for our Chapter meeting in September: Updates in Internal Medicine 2018. Registration is [OPEN](#) ... read on for more details. The quality of CME is outstanding and the Lake of the Ozarks' central location makes it an easy meeting to get to. For those early career physicians, it is also a great way to network with many across the state.

Would you or someone you know like to get more involved with our Missouri ACP Chapter? Please consider serving on the Governor's council. This group acts very much like a company board of directors and works with the Governor to manage the Chapter. We will soon be asking for nominations in order to elect four new members in the fall. If you have any interest or questions let myself or Sarah Luebbert know.

At the conclusion of Internal Medicine 2018 in New Orleans Dr. Dan Goodenberger officially became our Chapter 'governor-elect', meaning my reign of terror has just one more year. We have begun the transition process and Dr. Goodenberger will be at the Chapter meeting in September; I hope many of you get a chance to meet with him.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Richard Burns MD FACP  
Governor, Missouri ACP Chapter

## ACP Leadership Day

The Missouri Chapter had great representation at Leadership Day this year. The delegation included Drs. Richard Burns, Fred Buckhold, Mark Gregory, Ramza Haque, Steve Keithahn, Rahul Maheshwari, Nathan Nolan, Andrew Tomaw, Anne Walentik, and students Diana Jung and Ellen Kim. ACP provided talking points on opioids, prescription drug costs, expanding coverage, firearm safety, reducing unnecessary administrative tasks, funding to support primary care, and GME funding. Your Missouri physicians described how legislation and regulations affect their patients.

## Save the Date: Missouri Chapter CME Meeting

Your [Missouri Chapter CME meeting](#) will be held September 13-16 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. The conference will include up to 21.5 CME hours and two ABIM SEP modules. Details and registration are [online](#). APRNs and PAs may also receive continuing education credit at this meeting at a reduced registration rate. [Sign up today!](#) Now is also the time to book your hotel room at the conference property. Call the hotel directly at 800-826-8272, or [book online](#), using promotion code ACPR.

We are looking for judges for the 2018 Missouri Chapter Meeting poster competition to be held on Saturday, September 15, beginning at 1 p.m. If you would like to be a poster judge, please contact [Sarah Luebbert](#).

## Missouri ACP Early Career Physicians Conference Scholarships

The Missouri ACP Early Career Physicians (ECP) Conference Scholarship has been developed to encourage young internal medicine physicians, especially those from rural areas, to attend the annual fall conference. All ECPs are encouraged to apply. Special consideration will be given to first-time meeting attendees and physicians who serve rural or under-served populations. A total of three scholarships will be provided, with one of those available to a non-member.

[Applicants must complete the online application.](#) All materials are due by July 20, 2018. All applicants will be notified by August 15, 2018.

This scholarship will cover the cost of the meeting registration fee, but scholarship recipients will be responsible for their hotel accommodations, travel and meal expenses.

## Doctor's Dilemma Team

The Washington University Internal Medicine residency Doctor's Dilemma team won its first round match at IM18 in New Orleans before getting knocked out of the competition. Drs.

Andrew Jallouk, Jonas Noe and Stephanie Velloze represented the Missouri Chapter by virtue of winning the chapter competition last September at Tan-Tar-A.

This year's chapter competition will be Saturday, September 15, with the winning team moving on to represent Missouri at IM19 in Philadelphia.

### **Member Awards and Announcements**

Missouri ACP would like to feature our members on our Facebook page. If you have received an award, promotion, designation, or any type of recognition, please send an email to [Sarah Luebbert](#) with details, and a photo if available, and we will include this information on our [Missouri ACP Facebook page](#). Also, if you haven't "liked" our [Facebook page](#), please like it today!

### **Finance Committee Update**

The finance committee held a conference call in February to review the current assets of the Missouri ACP, and discuss the fiscal year 2019 (FY19) budget. The total return on investments for 2017 was 14.1%. The overall asset allocation is currently at 21% in cash and fixed-income; 75% in equities; and 4% in alternatives.

Ending the calendar year of 2017, ACP's total cash and investments were at \$339,187. The committee reviewed the profit and loss statement for the first half of the fiscal year. The revenue as of December 31, 2017, was \$135,689, up \$33,189 from the budget. The expenses for the same time period were \$73,796, down \$47,929 from the budgeted amount.

The FY19 budget was reviewed by the ACP Finance Committee and sent to the Council where it was approved.

### **Hospitalist Committee Update**

Missouri ACP has recently redeveloped the Hospitalist committee for our chapter. A special thank you to Joseph Boyer, DO FACP, Chair, and to the committee members for their time and effort. In order to keep hospitalists updated on the activities of the committee, a [hospitalist page](#) has been developed on the Missouri ACP website, and a [Facebook page](#) dedicated to hospitalists has been created. The committee is currently working to organize a mentorship program. If you are interested in getting involved with the mentorship program, please contact [Sarah Luebbert](#).

### **Health and Public Policy Committee (HPPC) Update**

The HPPC coordinated the first Missouri ACP Advocacy Day March 7, 2018, in Jefferson City at the Missouri Capitol. We had nearly 30 members attend this inaugural event, and will plan to hold another in 2019. Members spoke with our state leaders about distracted driving, medical marijuana, prescription drug monitoring programs and preserving state Medicaid coverage.

The committee is working to develop the 2019 legislative priorities, and these priorities will help to provide the topics for discussion at the next Advocacy Day.

### **Membership Committee Update**

Amy Loden, MD, FACP, is the new chair of the Missouri ACP Membership Committee. The committee is currently in the process of finding additional committee members with the goal of having regional representation from around the state. This committee will also work on the Early Career Physicians activities within the chapter.

### **Resident Update**

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

The Missouri ACP Council of Residents and Fellows has had a busy year trying to reinvigorate and stimulate our section. Despite the time restraints faced by trainees, we have been successful in increasing participation among residents and fellows. The following are a few highlights from the year:

- In the last year we have created a council of residents that represent 5 IM programs here in Missouri. Many of those members are working on the Residents and Fellows meeting at the MO ACP Annual event at Lake Ozark, where we will be introducing several new opportunities for residents and fellows - including the opportunity to mentor students and to find mentors among the career physicians. We will also feature another ultrasound training session, which was a big hit last year.
- Several resident members helped with, and participated in, Missouri ACP's first ever Advocacy Day in Jefferson City.
- The Washington University Doctor's Dilemma team recently traveled to New Orleans to compete in the national contest, making it to the semi-final before being beat by an on fire Oklahoma team. They competed well and made all of us proud!
- We have two members serving on The ACP Council of Residents and Fellows at the national level. There are only 14 council members elected at one time, so Missouri is well represented at the national level!
- We had three residents who represented Missouri, along with several physicians, at ACP's Leadership Day in Washington DC. They received hands on training in how to approach and lobby legislators. They are excited to bring this knowledge back to MO for use in our local advocacy efforts.

## **Student Update**

Submitted by Ellen Kim SLU SOM & Diana Jung UMKC SOM

This year several medical students attended both the National ACP meeting in New Orleans and participated in Leadership Day in Washington D.C. In New Orleans, it was a great time for students to experience ACP on a national level. The Leadership Day was a unique experience for students to advocate on behalf of ACP at the Capitol and witness the impact physicians can have on policies affecting their patients and profession.

We have an exciting program lined up for our Missouri Chapter Meeting at Tan-Tar-A this coming September including an ultrasound workshop, residency program director panel, and a mentoring session with residents/fellows. We hope to see you there!

## **2018 Book Award Winners**

The following students were selected to receive the 2018 Missouri ACP Book Awards:

Coy D. Fitch, MD, MACP ACP Book Award, Saint Louis University: Matthew K. Schroeder

Michael M. Karl, MD, MACP ACP Book Award, Washington University: Radhika Jain

Amgad Masoud, MD ACP Book Award, UMKC: Sai Prasanna Vanam

Linda Headrick, MD, FACP ACP Book Award, University of Missouri-Columbia: Sean Bennett

## **ACP Member Resources**

ACP members have access to many resources through the ACP website. We will begin featuring an available resource in our Missouri Chapter newsletters, and this issue we will focus on wellness resources.

ACP is committed to physician well-being and professional satisfaction and to helping internists experience greater fulfillment by identifying, promoting, and disseminating approaches to improve the practice environment so that they can better serve their patients and communities. ACP's Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction initiative is designed to foster a culture of wellness, reduce administrative burdens on physicians, improve practice efficiency and enhance individual physician well-being. The initiative is being led by the Physician Well-being and Professional Satisfaction Task Force and includes tools and programs for individual members, their practices, and ACP Chapters, all focused on helping you and your patients thrive. To access these wellness resources, [click here](#).

## **QPP Group Eligibility Status Now Available**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that physician practices/groups may now log into the CMS [QPP website](#) to check their 2018 eligibility for Medicare's Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). After groups log in, they will be able to click into a details screen to see the eligibility status of every clinician in the group (based on their National Provider Identifier or NPI) to find out whether they need to participate during the 2018 performance year for MIPS. Unfortunately, CMS will not be sending out letters to advise physicians of their eligibility status this year, so checking on the QPP participation status look-up tool is the only way to determine or verify eligibility status. Eligibility rules in 2018 are different than in 2017, so status this year may be different than last. Also as is indicated in the look-up tool, exempt individual clinicians still will need to report if their group is eligible and chooses to report as a group. The look-up tool can be found at <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup?npi=1407994916#summary>.

## **Calendar**

Sept. 13-16, 2018: Missouri Chapter CME Meeting, Osage Beach

April 11-13, 2019: IM19, Philadelphia

Sept. 19-22, 2019: Missouri Chapter CME Meeting, Osage Beach

Sept. 10-13, 2020: Missouri Chapter CME Meeting, Osage Beach