



Governor's Update

Missouri ACP Governor, Daniel Goodenberger, MD, MACP



Greetings. What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time we were hunkered down, waiting for and uncertain about the next surge, pivoting to tele-health, anxious about our own well-being, isolated from family and friends, our institutions hemorrhaging money, our practices facing severe financial challenges. Now, most of us are vaccinated, the epidemic has waned, at least in most of Missouri, commerce is opening up, and we can rejoin our family and social units. A milestone for us was a tub of popcorn and “A Quiet Place 2” at our local movie house. Euphoria might be too strong a word, but not by much!

We look forward to welcoming you back to our 2021 Missouri Scientific Meeting, to be held in a hybrid format, Thursday, September 9-Sunday, September 12. The meeting will be in person for those who can attend, and by video for those who can't. See details below. The education committee has created an excellent program which you will enjoy. [The agenda, registration and additional details are all available online.](#) Come join us at Margaritaville!

In addition to honoring our Laureate, Stephen Brietzke, four new awards will be presented at our Awards Reception – the Master Teacher of the Year, the Leadership Award, the Volunteerism and Community Service Award, and the Early Career Physician Award. We hope you will join us in celebrating our members at this reception.

At the beginning of 2021, Missouri ACP launched the Member Monday series on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). This social media series puts faces to names and provides a bit of an introduction to our members. [If you haven't completed the form to be featured, please sign up and introduce yourself to your colleagues.](#)

Another initiative of our membership committee and our communications strategy are the [10 Ways to Get Involved in MO ACP](#), also on social media. One is to attend the new [Hospitalist Day at Margaritaville](#), associated with our annual meeting – see details below. A second is to run for the Governor's Council – two new members will be elected this fall. Bring your energy and ideas to our leadership organization.

Our advocacy work is never-ending. Missouri ACP contributed, with many others to the passage of the constitutional amendment to expand Medicaid in Missouri. As you know, the legislature refused to fund the expansion, and the issue is currently in the courts. We are hopeful that the courts will follow the law and force funding, but now is the time to let your

legislators and the governor know that this is crucial to retaining doctors and maintaining hospitals in rural Missouri.

ACP Leadership Day was held virtually rather than in person in Washington this year, on May 25th and 26th. I was able to attend the first day, but not the second, but the chapter was ably represented by William Fogarty, MACP, our long-term and stalwart public policy warrior, and Washington University resident physician Andrea Soares.

We hope to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu-7DXBiVsA> for fellowship and learning!

Sincerely,

Daniel Goodenberger, MD, MACP
Governor, Missouri ACP

2021 Missouri Scientific Meeting – September 9-12, 2021



As mentioned above, the [Missouri Scientific Meeting](#) will be held in a hybrid format for 2021. Those attending in person will be joining us at the beautiful Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach. COVID safety protocols are rapidly changing so we will provide more information as we get closer to the event date. Our goal is to keep our members and those around us safe.

For those attending the conference virtually it is important to know that these sessions will not be recorded and posted later so you will have to join us live from your computer at each of the sessions.

Registration is open for both groups of attendees but there are separate registration links based on how you plan to attend. Also, don't forget to book your hotel room, information is below, and rooms must be booked by **August 11, 2021**, to get our discounted rate.

[Click here to register for the in-person meeting](#)

[Click here to register for the Virtual meeting](#)

[Bundle Package – Missouri ACP Scientific Meeting and Missouri Hospitalist Day](#)

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Margaritaville Lake Resort, 494 Tan Tar A Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065

Last date to book room for discounted rate: August 11, 2021

Use hotel room reservation code ACPR for MO ACP rates of:

- \$128 (Regular room)
- \$199 (One bedroom suite)
- \$299 (Two bedroom suite)

Reservations: 573-348-3131 or 800-826-8272

Book online: <https://www.margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com/>

First Missouri Hospitalist Day



The Missouri Hospitalist Committee has been working hard the past 18 months to plan the first Missouri Hospitalist Day. This event will be held on September 9, 2021, and will also be at the Margaritaville Lake Resort. The [agenda is available online](#) and [registration is open](#). Registration to the Hospitalist Day includes the ABIM SEP modules that afternoon/evening.

Want to attend both the Hospitalist Day and the Scientific Meeting? We have a combined registration rate so you can attend both events at a discounted rate. [Click here to find out more and register today.](#)

Resident Events at the Scientific Meeting

Missouri ACP is excited to invite the residents back to the Scientific Meeting for events on Saturday, September 11. We will be holding the [Poster Competition for residents](#) in-person this year in a socially distanced setting. In addition, we are excited to see the resident programs battle in the Doctor's Dilemma competition, also in person. A resident education event is currently being planned for earlier in the day and more details will be provided soon.

Awards for the Poster Competition, and recognition of the winning Doctor's Dilemma team will be held during the Awards Reception immediately following the Doctor's Dilemma competition on September 11.

Student Events at the Scientific Meeting

All student events that are usually held in conjunction with the Scientific Meeting will be held virtually this year. This includes the [poster competition](#), residency program roundtable and educational sessions. The residency program roundtable and the educational sessions will be held at a date following the Scientific Meeting.

Student award and poster winners will be invited to attend the awards reception the evening of September 11.

Early Career Physician Poster Competition

Missouri ACP will be holding the Early Career Physician (ECP) Poster Competition again this year at the Scientific Meeting. The first five ECPs to sign up will receive complimentary registration to the Scientific Meeting. This is a great way to network with others, get your research/studies in front of others, and enjoy the conference for free. (Lodging and meals are not included in the complimentary registration.)

[Sign up today by clicking here.](#)

I.M. At the Zoo



The Missouri ACP invites all our members, and non-members too, to the I.M. At the Zoo on August 8, 2021, at the Saint Louis Zoo. Come and visit this amazing Zoo and stop by the McDonnell Center at River Camp between 12:30 p.m. between 2:30 p.m. to visit with other Missouri ACP members and enjoy snacks and beverages. [Registration is open](#), and [you can find more details here](#).

If you have never been to the Saint Louis Zoo you are missing out on a great experience. If you have visited the Zoo then you know how great it is and we know you want to see it again! Please join us on August 8, and if you want to make it a weekend trip to St. Louis, [here is a link with other great things to do there](#). Family favorites include the Saint Louis Science Center, City Museum, St. Louis Arch and Ted Drewes Frozen Custard! Adult favorites include St. Louis Arch, Ballpark Village, Blueberry Hill Restaurant & Music Club, The Hill (for Italian cuisine) and the Missouri Botanical Garden. There is so much to do you can easily make it a weekend getaway!

10 Ways to Get Involved in MO ACP



As previously mentioned in the Governor's Update, Missouri ACP has created a list of [10 Ways \(plus 3 bonuses\) to Get Involved in MO ACP](#). The options vary based on the time you want to commit, and several will only take a few minutes. We encourage you to review the list below and click on each link to find out more. [You can also view the entire list here.](#)

[#1 – Follow Us on Social Media](#)

[#2 – Complete the Member Monday Form](#)

[#3 – Join a Committee](#)

[#4 – Attend the Missouri ACP Scientific Meeting](#)

[#5 – Nominate a Peer for An Award](#)

[#6 – Run for the Missouri ACP Governor's Council](#)

[#7 – Participate in Advocacy Day](#)

[#8 – Join the AimNetwork](#)

[#9 – Participate in the Poster/Abstract Comptition](#)

[#10 – Update your Membership Engagement Profile](#)

Bonuses:

[#11 – Attend the 2021 Missouri Hospitalist Day](#)

[#12 – Tag Us on Social Media](#)

[#13 – Sign up for the ACP Forums](#)

Member Mondays

In an effort to help connect our members, the Membership Committee developed the Member Mondays initiative. This is a fun way to feature our members on our social media accounts, put a face to a name, and see who is involved in Missouri ACP. You can view all the members we have featured to date by [clicking here](#). Don't be left out, complete the [Member Monday form](#) today, it will only take a couple minutes of your time!

Committee Updates

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has been busy welcoming many new members in the past couple of months! Welcome to those of you who have recently renewed your membership or joined the Missouri ACP. We're looking forward to our networking event at the **St. Louis Zoo on August 8th**. Please be on the lookout for an email to RSVP for you and/or your family's attendance! We will have take-and-go food and treats and would love to connect.

Nominating Committee

The Nominations Committee convened February 24th to select the Chapter's Laureate Award. This honor recognizes an ACP Fellow or Master with a long history of excellence and peer approval in the specialty of Internal Medicine, and who has been active with the College at the national or local level. Congratulations to Stephen Brietzke, MD, FACP, an endocrinologist with the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine! Dr. Brietzke's contributions will be recognized at the award's reception during the September Chapter meeting and CME program.

A Local Nomination Committee (LNC) was also appointed this past spring to identify, review, and ultimately select two candidates for the upcoming governor election in October. We have nominated two outstanding individuals for this position, one of which will replace Dr. Goodenberger in the spring of 2023. The candidates will be revealed to membership with a notice of election later in July. Thank you to those who served on the LNC as well as the two candidates who agreed to run for governor: The Missouri Chapter will be in terrific hands moving forward, no matter what the outcome!

HPPC

Due to the COVID pandemic the annual advocacy day was converted to a virtual advocacy week. The event had an introductory session which was recorded. Due to the pandemic our legislative efforts were limited to two issues: efforts to limit public health measures to control the outbreak and Medicaid expansion. Even though Medicaid expansion was passed by a ballot initiative in 2020, the legislature did not provide funding. This occurred even though the Governor's proposed budget included funding for Medicaid. As physicians caring for patients who struggle to get insurance coverage, we see the impact of being uninsured in our state. It has moved to the courts now. There was some good news this last legislative session with the passage of a statewide prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). This was an issue we have supported for many years.