



Summer 2012

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June 18, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

June 30, 2012

ISMS Board of Trustee Meeting

July 23, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting

August 22, 2012

Golf Play Day

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ISMS House of Delegates Meeting

Winnebago County Medical Society (WCMS) delegates attended the Illinois State Medical Society Annual Meeting on April 20-22, 2012 in Oak Brook. Delegates from around the state reviewed and discussed resolutions submitted by member physicians. The Delegates voted to develop legislation or establish policies that will benefit patients and physicians.

Representing you at this year's meeting was:

Dr. Christopher Gibbs
Dr. Binoy Kamal
Dr. Mitchell King
Dr. Frank J. Nicolosi
Dr. Dennis G. Norem
Dr. John J. DeGuede, District 12, Trustee
Dr. William Kobler, AMA Delegate

Dr. Dennis Norem and Dr. Christopher Gibbs served on reference committees.

Elections:

William N. Werner, MD, Skokie, president
Eldon A. Trame, MD, Belleville, president-elect
Steven M. Malkin, MD, Arlington Heights, board chair
William E. Kobler, MD, Rockford, reelected AMA delegate, candidate, AMA Trustee

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Winnebago County Medical Society Awards

UIC Annual Research Day

UIC Annual Research Day was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. The Winnebago County Medical Society is a co-sponsor of this event. Physicians from the medical society serve as judges and review the medical student's research projects. The medical students present their research project to the judges and are available for questions. Judges rate each poster and presentation by giving each a specific score. Judging was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Dr. John Holden, and Dr. Frank Nicolosi served as judges. They appreciated the medical students' involvement in the judging by participating in the presentation and answering questions. Awards went to:

Manda Bischel Notzon for her study of pregnant women and the discussion of weight gain within the recommended parameters during their pregnancy.

Neil Sardesai & Jonathan Twu for their successful flu drive and bringing together multiple organizations in a joint effort to educate and vaccinate members of the community.

Senior Medical Student Award

The Winnebago County Medical Society (WCMS) established the WCMS Medical Student Award at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford in 1981. The award is given to a graduating medical student. The candidates are judged on the following: participation in a community organization or service to a segment of the community to enhance a particular understanding of health care; demonstrating an interest in the WCMS and support or enhance the efforts of this organization, however membership in the medical society is not necessary; an understanding of integrating patient care with community related services and by actively participating in a local service-oriented agency or other medically-related activity.

The awards were presented at convocation to: **Carolina Freire and Divya Bhatt**

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ISMS House of Delegates Meeting

The ISMS House of Delegates was attended by approximately 200 physicians willing to serve as spokespersons for their respective counties in establishing policies and actions for ISMS for the coming year. The following is a brief report on the decisions. For a complete report visit: www.isms.org

Repeal/Revise the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA):

ISMS work for the revision of the PPACA to correct deficiencies and incorporate provisions that place a fair contribution by all stakeholders. It was noted that revising the existing document PPACA was preferable to working with a new document.

Federal Qualified Health Centers - Inpatient Care (FQHC):

Require FQHC's provide both inpatient and outpatient care in order to qualify as a FQHC; or, if the staff cannot provide such care, to require them to have a formal contractual arrangement for the inpatient general admission and care for their patients. Federal regulations do not allow this. Due to the complex nature of this issue, this resolution was referred to the Board of Trustees for decision.

Pay for Performance of the Illinois Health Connect Bonus Payment for High Performance Program:

ISMS to work with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Illinois Health Connect to consider documentation of parent/guardian refusal of immunization as qualification for meeting the age-specific

immunizations benchmark for the bonus program; that the parent/guardian refusal of physician treatment directions in pay-for performance models not count against physicians' benchmarks for the bonus programs.

Ratio of supervision of physician assistants: ISMS to develop or support legislation that would increase the ration of certified physician assistant to 4:1.

Smoking Ban in Cars with Children:

ISMS to adopt a policy in support of a smoking ban in cars and passenger vehicles when children under the age of 18 are present; form partnerships with other stakeholders to seek introduction of legislation to ban smoking in cars when children under the age of 18 are present.

Healthy Lifestyles – Obesity Crisis:

ISMS support the State of Illinois modifying the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to eliminate sugar-sweetened beverages, and consumption of high density caloric foods; implement dietary education to incentivize the increased consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Peer Review: compliance of component society is voluntary; component society shall adopt a policy to conduct peer review; component society shall inform ISMS in writing if component society decides to conduct peer review and must follow the ISMS provisions in the by-laws.

By Laws Definition of a group:

Regular members may be given a dues discount as determined by the Board of Trustees during the first four years of practice. Groups as

defined by the Board of Trustees may be given a reduction in dues.

ISMS Strategic Planning and Restructuring Initiative

Three task forces were charged with examining ISMS roles and structure in three key areas. In addition to their own discussions, assisted by an outside facilitator, they relied on qualitative research data from an independent market research firm to anchor their recommendations. The three task forces were: governance; value, focus and member services and engaging member loyalty. Each task force has submitted their findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees. The House had an opportunity to review and discuss the recommendations and offer testimony. The Board will take into account the testimony of the delegates and alternates. A statewide meeting has been scheduled to discuss how ISMS and county medical societies can move forward to represent Illinois physicians and reposition the Illinois federation of medicine to represent and meet the emerging needs of physicians. The final product will be submitted to the House of Delegates for approval.

No dues increase for 2013.

President's Message



Frank J. Nicolosi, President

This year has been a very exciting year for American medicine. In March, the U.S. Supreme Court heard three days of oral arguments on the constitutionality of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (PPACA). The ruling of the Court is expected in June. This decision is being awaited with great anticipation.

The Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) held its House of Delegates meeting in Oak Brook in April where state and federal issues, including the PPACA were discussed. As one of Winnebago County Medical Society's (WCMS) five delegates to attend this meeting, I can say it was a great learning experience.

The WCMS hosted Dr. Timothy B. McDonald, MD, JD in March as he presented *Seven Pillars Approach: Improving Patient Safety and Decreasing Liability through Transparency*. His approach is unique in responding to patient harm events, changing our relationships with patients and hopefully limiting medical malpractice suits.

The WCMS also has supported UIC College of Medicine Rockford by being a co-sponsor in the annual Research Day. We as judges review and discuss exhibits with the medical students and awards are presented. WCMS also participates in a Medical Student Award that is given to a graduating senior who has been actively involved in a health care project in the community.

The Annual American Medical Association's (AMA) meeting will be held this month in Chicago. Dr. William Kobler is a candidate for the honorable position of AMA Trustee. As an AMA trustee, he will be in the national spotlight. Dr. Kobler has demonstrated his selflessness and dedication over many years of involvement in the WCMS/ISMS/AMA and has been an advocate for physicians and patients alike.

We are looking forward to the rest of this year and invite everyone to participate in the upcoming programs/events: accountable care organization presentation, evening at the Nicholas Conservatory, golf play day and legislative forum.

I would like to thank our members for their support, the time and effort of the Board of Directors, Dr. John DeGuide, District Trustee, Dr. Rick Field, Chair - golf play day and Janet Corirossi, Executive Director for their commitment to our success.

I would like to challenge all of us to live up to a very simple, yet mighty theme: "*Making a Difference*". At the end of the day, we should all ask ourselves: did I make a difference for the betterment for my fellow physicians and patients? Did I at least try to participate in efforts to make improvements for my patients and for the medical profession today? By participating in WCMS/ISMS, and getting other physicians to join us, creates an excellent first step to accomplishing our goals.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Winnebago County Medical Society

ANNUAL GOLF PLAY DAY

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Aldeen Golf Club

Watch for more information!

Welcome New Members!

John Alexander, MD board certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. He received his medical degree at T.D. Medical College Alapuzha in India. Dr. Alexander completed his internship and residency at West Lake Hospital in Illinois.

Azra M. Ali, MD, board certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. She received her medical degree at Deccan College of Medical Sciences in India. Dr. Ali completed her internship and residency at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago.

Anil J. Amin, MD board certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. He received his medical degree at B.J. Medical College in India. Dr. Amin completed an internship at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in New York. He completed his residency at McKeesport Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Pia A. Bangcaya-Ong, MD board certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. She received her medical degree at University of East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center in Philippines. She completed her internship at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. Dr. Bangcaya-Ong completed her residency at Resurrection Medical Center and Mercy Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago.

Rajbir K. Dhillon, MD board certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. She received her medical degree from government Medical College in India. Dr. Dhillon completed her residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Michigan.

Preethi Donakonda, MD board certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. She received her medical degree at Bangalore Medical College in India. Dr. Donakonda completed her internship and residency at West Lake Hospital in Illinois.

Aimee C. Morell-Watton, MD, Internal Medicine, is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. She received her medical degree from Loyola University in Chicago. Dr. Morell-Watton completed her internship and residency at Loyola University in Chicago.

Laxmi V. Mullapudi, MD board certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. She received her medical degree from Guntur Medical School in India. Dr. Mullapudi completed her internship and residency at Easton Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Alpa M. Patel, MD certified in Internal Medicine is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. She received her medical degree and internship from Pramukhswami Medical College in India. Dr. Patel completed her residency at St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center in New York and West Lake Hospital in Illinois. She has completed a fellowship at Loyola University in Chicago.

Bryan P. Tully, MD, Internal Medicine, is affiliated with OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Hospitalist Program. He received his medical degree at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador. Dr. Tully completed his residency at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

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