

# Chapter news

by Rhonda Peebles

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## Update from the Oregon Chapter

The Oregon Chapter conducted its Legislative Symposium March 13–14 in Salem. Designed to build and enhance members' knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for legislative advocacy, the Legislative Symposium featured Brian Boehringer from the Oregon Medical Association, and state Rep. Val Hoyle (D). In addition, Charlotte Grill, American College of Surgeons (ACS) State Affairs Associate, Division of Advocacy and Health Policy, presented and helped plan the meeting. The Oregon Chapter was a recipient of an ACS advocacy grant in 2010.

In addition, the chapter issued a couple of important announcements. First, members are able to stay up-to-date on their chapter's activities by reading the chapter's new online newsletter at <http://www.oregonchapteracs.org/newsletter/newsletter.html>. The other announcement was in response to a request from the Oregon Health Services Commission to help review the prioritized list of health services used by the state health plan, and the following chapter members volunteered to assist in this effort: Erik Swensson, MD, FACS, and Laurel Soot, MD, FACS (general surgery); Dan Herzig, MD, FACS, and John Handy, MD, FACS (cardiovascular surgery); Leon Assail, MD, FACS (oral maxillofacial surgery); and Greg Landry, MD, FACS (vascular surgery). John Mayberry, MD, FACS, noted that a plastic surgeon is still needed for the review; Dr. Mayberry can be reached at 503-494-5300, or via e-mail at [mayberj@ohsu.edu](mailto:mayberj@ohsu.edu).

## Connecticut Chapter hosts first meeting for Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative

On May 3, the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association (CTACSPA) held the inaugural meeting of the Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative (CtSQC), a CTACSPA initiative. The event brought together surgical chairs and quality leaders from 13 hospitals, which together comprise approximately 70 percent of the surgical discharges across the state. The meeting



Connecticut Chapter, left to right: Ms. Grill; Philip Corvo, MD, FACS, Past-President; Susan Bailey, MD; Michael Deren, MD, FACS; Matthew Katzl; and Christopher Tasik.



New York chapters, left to right: Art Cooper, MD, FACS, former chair, Manhattan Council; Howard Sussman, MD, FACS, Governor, Brooklyn-Long Island Chapter (BLIC); Amy Clinton, Executive Director, New York Chapter (NYC); Dan Bonville, MD, FACS, NYC; and Charles Coren, MD, FACS, President, BLIC.

was kicked off by a presentation, via teleconference, with David Hoyt, MD, FACS, ACS Executive Director. Dr. Hoyt discussed the College's quality improvement mission and spoke about the existing quality

collaboratives in the U.S. The CtSQC is poised to be the third largest quality collaborative in the country behind Florida and Michigan. For more information about CtSQC, contact Christopher Tasik, Executive Director, at 203-674-0747, or via e-mail at [info@CTACS.org](mailto:info@CTACS.org).

### Capitol Hill visits focus of spring activities

ACS members headed to their state capitols for visits with legislators to advocate for patient safety and professional liability reform. In Connecticut, ACS members joined with the Connecticut State Medical Society and the Connecticut-based affiliate of the

## Chapter meetings

For a complete listing of the ACS chapter education programs and meetings, visit the ACS website at <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/index.html>.

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Date	Chapter	Location/Information
September 10, 2011 - September 11, 2011	Kansas (AP)	Location: Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park, KS Contact: Gary Caruthers, 785-235-2383, e-mail: <a href="mailto:gcaruthers@kmonline.org">gcaruthers@kmonline.org</a> ACS Representative(s): Mark A. Malangoni, MD, FACS
September 17, 2011	Maryland (AP)	Location: Baltimore Intercontinental Hotel, Baltimore, MD Contact: Jennifer Starkey, 877-904-1915, e-mail: <a href="mailto:maryland@marylandfacs.org">maryland@marylandfacs.org</a> ACS Representative(s): Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS
September 17, 2011	Arkansas (AP)	Location: Jackson T. Stephens Spine and Neurosciences Institute, Little Rock, AR Contact: Linda Clayton, 501-753-3500, e-mail: <a href="mailto:lindac92@comcast.net">lindac92@comcast.net</a>
October 14, 2011	Kentucky (AP)	Location: Boone Faculty Center, Lexington, KY Contact: Linda Silvestri, 859-323-6346, e-mail: <a href="mailto:lsilv2@uky.edu">lsilv2@uky.edu</a>
November 03, 2011 - November 05, 2011	Connecticut	Location: Holiday Inn, Waterbury, CT Contact: Chris Tasik, 203-674-0747, e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@CTACS.org">info@CTACS.org</a> ACS Representative(s): L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS
November 04, 2011	Keystone (AP)	Location: Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA Contact: Lauren Ramsey, 717-558-7850, ext. 2691, e-mail: <a href="mailto:lramsey@pamedsoc.org">lramsey@pamedsoc.org</a> ACS Representative(s): Thomas V. Whalen, MD, FACS
November 04, 2011 - November 05, 2011	Wisconsin Surgical Society - A Chapter of the ACS	Location: American Club, Kohler, WI Contact: Terry Estness, 414-453-9957, e-mail: <a href="mailto:wisurgical@att.net">wisurgical@att.net</a> ACS Representative(s): David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
November 18, 2011	Japan	Location: Tokyo, Japan Contact: Kyoichi Takaori, MD, FACS, 81-75-751-4323, e-mail: <a href="mailto:takaori@live.jp">takaori@live.jp</a>



Argentina Chapter, left to right: Alberto R. Ferreres, MD, PhD, MPH, FACS, Program Chair; Dr. Pellegrini; Eduardo N. Saad, MD, FACS, Governor; and Alfredo P. Fernandez Marty, MD, FACS, President.

Medical Group Management Association (see photo, page 78). In New York, on May 10, ACS members joined with members from various state specialty societies, and the Medical Society of the State of New York, to meet with legislators (see photo, page 78).

Both the Connecticut Chapter and the New York Chapter received ACS advocacy grants to plan and conduct their state capitol visits. For information on or assistance with state capitol hill visits, contact the College's Division of Advocacy and Health Policy at 312-202-5358. For more information, see the Advocacy advisor article on page 57 of this issue.

### Tennessee Chapter supporting tort reform

Along with the Tennessee Medical Association and other state specialty societies, the Tennessee Chapter has been a visible and involved supporter of this year's state Civil Justice Act of 2011 (H.B. 2008/SB 1522). The significant features of this legislation include caps on noneconomic damages up to \$750,000 for pain and suffering, and loss of consortium (future earnings and medical bills are excluded); and punitive damages are capped at twice the compensatory damages or \$500,000, whichever is greater.

The chapter utilized the College's State Legislative Action Center (<http://capwiz.com/sslac/home/>), and as a result, more than 80 chapter members responded to the requests to contact their legislators. At press time,

this legislation was awaiting the Governor's signature. For more information about the state Civil Justice Act of 2011, contact Wanda Johnson, Executive Director, at 931-967-4700, or via e-mail at [wanda@tnacs.org](mailto:wanda@tnacs.org).

### Argentina Chapter conducts annual education program

In late May, the Argentina Chapter hosted the 20th annual education program, which was attended by more than 300 surgeons. Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, Chair, ACS Board of Regents, represented the College, and he presented several clinical sessions, as well as an update on College activities and programs (see photo, this page).

### Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
July	Southwest Missouri	59
	New Jersey	60
	Keystone (PA)	59
	West Virginia	61
	Georgia	61
August	Hawaii	60
	Illinois	61
	Brooklyn-Long Island, NY	61
	Northwest Pennsylvania	61
	Rhode Island	58

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