

# Chapter news

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## Chapters visit Capitol Hill

On April 23, the **Kansas Chapter** conducted its annual visit to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC (see photo, top right). Other chapters that have completed visits this year include Florida, Kentucky, Brooklyn-Long Island (NY), and Tennessee. In addition, 10 other chapters have visits scheduled: Connecticut, Georgia, Metropolitan Chicago, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Southwest Pennsylvania, North Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

To schedule a Capitol Hill Visit for your chapter in 2003, contact Chris Gallagher at 202/337-2701, or at [cgallagher@facs.org](mailto:cgallagher@facs.org).

## 50th anniversaries observed

The **Nebraska Chapter** observed its 50th anniversary May 10-11, at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, NE. John T. Preskitt, Sr., MD, FACS, ACS Regent, presented the special commemorative charter to the Chapter's officers (see photo, bottom right). In addition to this special event, Robert Condon, MD, FACS, served as the visiting professor and as the moderator for "Surgical Jeopardy," an education program for residents at University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University.

In addition, on May 2-3, the **Indiana Chapter** observed its 50th anniversary in Indianapolis. During the two-day education program, a number of papers examining the Indiana trauma system were presented, and a residents' paper competition was conducted. In addition, James Madura, MD, FACS, Governor, presented a report on a survey of Indiana Fellows. In response to questions about services that the chapter could provide, the following suggestions were reported: (1) communicate information about important issues; (2) lobby the state government to improve reimbursement; (3) place more emphasis on the



Kansas Chapter, left to right: Roberta Sonnino, MD, FACS, council member; Jonathan Dort, MD, FACS, council member; Joe Bosiljevac, MD, FACS, President (seated); Adrienne Roberts, ACS Washington Office; and U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran (R-KS).



Nebraska Chapter, left to right: Eugene Waltke, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President; Robert Harry, MD, FACS, Governor; Ronald Ernst, MD, FACS, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dr. Preskitt.

surgical specialties; (4) provide a forum to publish reports on interesting cases; (5) work more closely with the American Medical Association, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and so forth to improve advocacy; (6) encourage the in-



Indiana Chapter, left to right: Richard Graffis, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President; David F. Canal, MD, FACS, President-Elect; Inder K. Seekri, MD, FACS, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. Madura; Robert E. Pennington, MD, FACS, Governor; and L.R. Scherer III, MD, FACS, President.



Northern California Chapter: Dr. Russell (back row, fourth from right) presented a commemorative charter to the chapter, which recently observed its 50th anniversary. Receiving the charter from Dr. Russell is Robert Mackersie, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President. Also pictured are chapter council members, officers, and Governors.

volvement of younger surgeons and residents; and (7) conduct seminars on contract negotiations.

J. Patrick O'Leary, MD, FACS, Chair of the College's Board of Governors, served as the distinguished lecturer and presented the 50th anniversary commemorative charter during the chapter's annual business meeting. In addition to these events, a special dinner honoring Jay Grosfeld, MD, FACS, and Dr. Madura was hosted by the Indiana University School of Medicine (see photo, above left).

Also on May 2-3, the **South Dakota Chapter, in conjunction with the North Dakota Chapter**, conducted its 50th annual meeting. The education program fea-



Dr. Saylor of the South Dakota Chapter.

tured 17 courses that were applicable to Category 1 continuing medical education credit, and nearly 100 Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidates attended. Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, the College's Executive Director, presented a com-

memorative charter to the South Dakota Chapter. In addition, special recognition was extended to Howard L. Saylor, Jr., MD, FACS (see photo, left), who has attended all 50 annual meetings of the chapter. Dr. Saylor became a Fellow in 1951, and he resides in Huron, SD.

## Chapters make more use of Web

The Northern California Chapter went online with its Web site last May. The address is: <http://www.facs.org/chapters/northerncalifornia/>. Included on the Web site is a directory of Fellows residing in the Northern California Chapter, a calendar of future events, and past issues of its newsletter.

Also, the Ohio Chapter, the first to go online, has been completely redesigned its Web site. Now, Ohio Fellows may contact their legislators (both federal and state) directly via the Web site and can access information about continuing education programs sponsored by medical schools and specialty societies. Visit the new Web site at <http://www.ohiofacs.org/index.html>.

Currently, 36 chapters have Web sites, including Alberta, Arizona, Northern California, Metropolitan Chicago, Chile, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, India, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Metropolitan Washington, Mexico (Nor-Occidental), Michigan, Missouri, Ne-

vada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Eastern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, San Diego, South Dakota, Tennessee, North Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington (State), and Wisconsin. To access all the chapter Web sites, go to <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/chapmenu.html>.

## Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
July	<b>Southwest Missouri</b>	<b>50</b>
	New Jersey	51
	<b>Eastern Pennsylvania</b>	<b>50</b>
August	West Virginia	52
	Georgia	52
	Hawaii	51
	Illinois	52
	Brooklyn-Long Island, NY	52
	Northwest Pennsylvania	51
	<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>50</b>

## New York and Texas host education programs

The **New York Chapter** hosted its 2002 education program and business meeting April 25-26, in Cooperstown, NY. The education program featured three sessions on breast cancer (sentinel node biopsies, BRCA1/2 testing, and ductal screenings), and the presentation of two winning papers from the residents competition:

Jay Steinberg, DO, SUNY Upstate: "Metalloproteinase Inhibition Improves Survival following Cecal Ligation and Puncture in Rats."

Adil Ceydeli, MD, MS,\* New York Methodist Hospital: "Delayed Postoperative Pneumoperitoneum: A Case Report."

During the annual business meeting, new officers were elected (see photo, this page), and the members agreed to conduct the following activities: (1) a New York lobbying day in 2003; (2) work with the New York Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to restore trauma funding; (3) submit

\*Denotes Associate Fellow or participant in the Candidate Group.



New York Chapter, left to right: Peter D'Silva, MD, FACS, Treasurer; Peter Max, MD, FACS, President-Elect; Heather Bennett, JD, Executive Director; John Nicholson, MD, FACS, President; and Saqib Chaudhry, MD, FACS, Secretary.

resolutions for consideration at the 2003 annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of NY; and (4) continue to consider establishing a political action committee for New York Fellows.

Previously, on February 22-23, the **North Texas Chapter** conducted its forty-first annual CME program. A total of 212 Fellows, as well as 16 residents from four different training programs, registered for the event. The six guest speakers included: Dan Jones, MD, FACS—Bariatric Surgery; G. T. Shires III, MD, FACS—Radio-Frequency Ablation to Treat Liver Tumors; Rebekah Naylor, MD, FACS—Surgery in India; Patricia Numann, MD, FACS—Thyroid Cancer; Leigh Anne Neumayer, MD, FACS—VA Cooperative Trial on Hernia Repair; and Thomas Russell, MD, FACS—ACS Update.

This year's competition featured 18 scientific papers and 14 posters. The winners included:

**Best overall paper:** A. N. Patel, MD,\* Baylor University: "Clinical Benefits of Leukocyte Filtration during Valve Surgery."

**Best trauma paper:** R. S. Friese, MD,\* University of Texas: "The Modified Multiple Organ Dysfunction Score Is a Reliable Indicator of ICU Death after Trauma."

**Best oncology paper:** J. P. Carroll, MD,\* Baylor University: "Long-Term Results for Cryosurgery after Liver Metastasis from Colorectal Cancer."

**Best poster:** T. O. Moore, MD,\* Baylor Univer-

sity: "Loss of Heterozygosity at 6q22-23.3 in Congenital Nevi, Acquired Nevi, and Cutaneous Melanoma after Laser Capture Microdissection."

## Tracking state legislation

The American College of Surgeons has gone "live" on its Web site with a page devoted to state legislative issues. As reported earlier this year, Fellows and College chapters can keep track of pro-

posed state legislation and regulations via this page's database at <http://www.facs.org/dept/hpa/state.html>. The database includes information on dates of a state's legislative sessions, a link to each state legislature's Web site, and bills and regulations of particular interest to surgeons. For more information and/or assistance with this new database, contact Jon Sutton, State Affairs Associate in the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy, at 312/202-5358, or via e-mail at [jsutton@facs.org](mailto:jsutton@facs.org).

The Candidate and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS) invites all residents, residency program directors, and Associate Fellows to attend a symposium on professionalism and how it is taught in the medical environment during the Clinical Congress in San Francisco. The symposium will be held Sunday, October 6, 2002, from 2 to 5 pm.

The speakers will be Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCS, Director of the College's Division of Education, and Michael E. Whitcomb, MD, Senior Vice-President for Medical Education and Director, Division of Medical Education, Association of American Medical Colleges. Dr. Whitcomb is also Editor-in-Chief of *Academic Medicine*, the leading journal devoted to issues relevant to academic medicine. There will be an open-microphone discussion following their presentations.

For more information about this event or the CAS-ACS, contact Peg Haar at the ACS via email at [phaar@facs.org](mailto:phaar@facs.org) or via telephone 312/202-5312.

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