

Chapter news

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Hawaii hosts OR safety program

The Hawaii Chapter held its Annual Summer Travel Meeting August 1-2 in Oahu. The operating room safety theme of the program attracted a "standing room only" audience of surgeons and operating room nurses. The operating room safety presentations were followed by a special presentation on evidence-based surgery. In addition, the 2003 ACS Hawaii Resident Research Competition winners were announced. They were drawn from 16 submissions and are as follows: first place, Matthew Mayfield, MC, USA; second place: Daniel Judd, MC, USA; and third place, a tie between Alessandra Puggioni, MD,* and Gary Blum, MD.

*Denotes Associate Fellow or participant in the Candidate Group.

Philippine Chapter addresses leadership transitions

The Philippine Chapter held a general meeting last July to address issues related to chapter management and administration. The event was well attended by former officers, Governors, and members. The agenda focused on how to improve the performance of the Philippine Chapter to make it more relevant to the needs of the local Fellows. After much study and discussion, the chapter agreed to amend its bylaws so that the Philippine Governor also will serve as President throughout a period of time that is consistent with the Governor's term. A photo from this important meeting for the Philippine Chapter appears below.

New York announces PAC and program directors group

The New York Chapter recently announced that it has formed a political action committee



The Philippine Chapter officers and members at their meeting in July.

(PAC) that will be managed by Heather Bennett, JD, the chapter's Executive Director. In addition, the New York Chapter has established a Resident Program Directors Committee in an effort to accomplish the following objectives: (1) organize a unified position for the surgical response to the resident work-hour restriction; (2) advance programs for residents sponsored by the College; and (3) coordinate the efforts of and provide representation for medical education institutions in New York State. The New York Chapter intends to convene the initial meeting for the program directors in the near future.

For more information about these activities, contact Heather Bennett at 518/432-7471 or nysacs@nysurgeon.org.

New Jersey members educate public about tort reform

In response to inaction by the members of the New Jersey State legislature, on October 7, members of the New Jersey Chapter went "door-to-door" to talk with voters about the need for tort reform (see photo, this page). In their visits with voters, New Jersey Chapter members discussed the need for a cap on noneconomic damages to prevent surgeons from closing their practices and moving out of state. For more information, see the article on page 43.

New hotline for all ACS members

All College members—Fellows, Associate Fellows, Candidates, and medical students—may use a new toll-free number to contact the College. It is



New Jersey Chapter members rally during their "door-to-door" campaign.

1-800/621-4111. Chapters are encouraged to alert their members to this new service.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
November	Arkansas	51
	Chile	52
	Florida	50
	Indiana	52
	Kentucky	51
	Michigan	52
	Nebraska	52
	Bronx, NY	52
	Southwest Pennsylvania	51
December	Argentina	50
	Missouri	37



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