

Chapter news

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Arkansas Chapter convenes annual meeting

Last September, the Arkansas Chapter met in Little Rock for a day-long educational program that included basic and clinical science reviews as well as financial and retirement planning. Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS, the College's Immediate Past-President, presented an update of the College's federal legislative and regulatory activities affecting surgeons and their patients (see photo, right).

Chapters continue support for the College's funds

During 2007, 17 chapters contributed a total of \$23,000 to the College's Endowment Funds. The chapters' commitments to the various funds support the College's pledge to surgical research and education. Chapters can contribute to several different funds, such as the Annual Fund, the Fellows Endowment Fund, or the Scholarship Fund. The chapters that contributed during 2006 include the following:

*Recipient of the R. Gordon Holcombe, MD, FACS, Chapter Award**: Louisiana

Life Members of the Fellows Leadership Society†: Arizona, Brooklyn-Long Island (NY), Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Texas, Ohio, South Carolina, Southern California

Annual Members of the Fellows Leadership Society: Alabama, Georgia, Hawaii, Keystone (PA), Japan, Maine, Massachusetts, Metropolitan Philadelphia, Montana-Wyoming, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Florida, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Virginia

*The R. Gordon Holcombe, MD, FACS, Chapter Award was established in 2004 for chapters that have contributed \$100,000.

†The Fellows Leadership Society (FLS) is the distinguished donor organization of the College. Chapters that contribute at least \$1,000 annually are members. Chapters that have contributed \$25,000 are Life FLS Members.



Arkansas Chapter, left to right (all MD, FACS): John Burge, Governor; Dr. Copeland; and John Hayes, President.



Dr. Healy (right) presents Mr. Ellenberger with his Honorary Affiliate membership.

Honorary Affiliate Membership for New Jersey Executive Director

In December 2007, during the annual meeting of the New Jersey Chapter, the College honored Arthur Ellenberger by awarding him Honorary Affiliate membership (see photo, this page). The honorary membership was presented to

Mr. Ellenberger by the College's President, Gerald M. Healy, MD, FACS. Mr. Ellenberger has served as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Chapter since 1962, and through the years, he has engaged the chapter's members in continuous, effective advocacy activities at the state and national levels. Through his leadership, the College's members in New Jersey—and their patients—have been well represented in the legislative and regulatory arenas. (See story on page 33 regarding another honor bestowed on Mr. Ellenberger.)

The Residents' Competition was held during the annual meeting as well; see photo (this page) for this year's winners.

Kansas Chapter appoints new Executive Director

In fall 2007, the Kansas Chapter appointed Gary Caruthers, MBA, as its new Executive Director. Mr. Caruthers serves as the director of administrative services for the Kansas Medical Society, where he has been employed for more than 25 years. Mr. Caruthers succeeds Charles (Chip) Wheelen, who left the chapter to head up a statewide professional liability enterprise.

Chapter Executives convene in Chicago

In December 2007, Chapter Executives convened at College headquarters for a day-long



The winning residents of the New Jersey Chapter competition and representatives of the New Jersey Chapter (left to right, all MD): Adam T. Silverman (Resident Member); Mark Mortiz, FACS, Chapter President; Aaron M. Capuano; Carlos Gabriel Martinez; Cheickna Diarra (Resident Member); Harry Agis, FACS, Competition Coordinator; and Chad R. Gordon.



Chapter Executives in Chicago. Left to right, front row: Gary Caruthers, Kansas; Cathy Liebault, Southwest Missouri; Lois Shinall, Georgia; Beth Mahlo, Illinois; and Marcia McIntyre, North Texas.

Back row: Brad Feldman, Ohio; Camille Spenner, Nevada; Christopher Tasik, Connecticut; Janna Pecquet, Louisiana and South Texas; and Bob Harvey, Florida.

Not pictured: Linda Clayton, Arkansas; Carol Goddard, Colorado; and Wanda Johnson, Tennessee.

education program (see photo, page 46). The executives learned about new Internal Revenue Service filing requirements, the benefits of beginning a development program to support education activities, and shared “best practices” concerning membership recruitment, dues collections, and membership communications.

2008 Leadership Conference— Register today

The 2008 Leadership Conference will be held March 9–11 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. Chapters are encouraged to send their Chapter Officers, two or three Young Surgeons (aged 45 years or younger), and their Chapter Administrator

Chapter meetings

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

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Date	Chapter	Location/contact information
February 2008		
February 2	Utah (CS)	Location: The Hotel Monaco, Salt Lake City, UT Contact: Teresa Holdaway, 801/747-3500, teresa@utahmed.org ACS representative: James K. Elsey, MD, FACS
February 16	Alberta	Location: Rimrock Resort Inn, Banff, AB Contact: Philip Mitchell, MD, 403/264-6720, philipmitchell@mac.com
February 21–23	Puerto Rico	Location: La Concha Hotel, San Juan, PR Contact: Aixa Velez-Silva, 787/277-0674, genteinc@prtc.net ACS representatives: Bruce L. Gewertz, MD, FACS, and Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS
February 22	North Texas (CS)	Location: TBA, Dallas, TX Contact: Marcia McIntyre, 314/579-9707, Marcia@lettuceplanet.com ACS representative: Andrew L. Warshaw, MD, FACS
February 28– March 1	South Texas (CS)	Location: Omni Houston Hotel, Houston, TX Contact: Janna Pecquet, 504/733-3275, janna@southtexasacs.org ACS representatives: Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, and Adam J. Cohen, MD, FACS
March 2008		
March 5–7	Peru	Location: Los Delfines Hotel, Lima, Peru Contact: Eduardo Barboza, MD, FACS, 511/219-0051, edbarboza@qnet.com.pe ACS representative: H. Randolph Bailey, MD, FACS
April 2008		
April 25–26	Indiana (CS)	Location: University Place Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN Contact: Carolyn Downing, 317/261-2060, cdowning@ismanet.org
April 26	New York (CS)	Location: Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown, NY Contact: Amy Clinton, 518/283-1601, NYCofACS@yahoo.com ACS representative: Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS

or Executive Director. The College's Washington Office will schedule Capitol Hill visits, to be conducted on Tuesday afternoon, for representatives of all participating chapters. To register, call the chapter hotline at 888/857-7545.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
January	Northern California	56
	Louisiana	56

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February	Arizona	56
	Australia–New Zealand	23
	South Florida	54
	Iowa	40
	Italy	22
	Lebanon	45
	Montana–Wyoming	43
	Eastern Long Island, NY	40
	Peru	31
	South Korea	21
	Washington State	56

American Philosophical Society seeks clinical investigation award nominations

The American Philosophical Society is seeking nominations for the 2008 Judson Daland Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Investigation to recognize excellence in patient-oriented research. This \$20,000 prize will be awarded at the meeting of the American Philosophical Society in November 2008. The Society reserves the right to award a shared prize.

Candidates must be nominated by the chair of a clinical department of a medical school or hospital located in the U.S. The nominator must submit an abstract of the work to be honored, together with the curriculum vitae and bibliography of the nominee. A letter from the nominator must make clear the patient-oriented nature of the investigation. Three additional letters of support for

the nominee should be sent separately to the American Philosophical Society. No more than one of these three supporting letters should be from a person at the same institution as the nominee.

Nominees must have done their work in an institution in the U.S. but they need not be U.S. citizens. Nominees should be no more than 15 years beyond receipt of the medical (MD) degree.

Nominations and all three letters of support must be received by March 15, 2008. Contact Linda Musumeci, research administrator, at 215/440-3429 or e-mail LMusumeci@amphilsoc.org with any questions and/or to verify receipt of materials.

Send nominations to Judson Daland Prize Committee, American Philosophical Society, 104 South 5th St., Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Recent recipients of the Judson Daland Prize

2006

George Q. Daley, MD, PhD, Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital of Boston, MA, and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, for his work in the area of chronic myeloid leukemia and in the application of stem cell biology to the treatment of leukemia and genetic diseases

2005

- Brendan Lee, MD, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine, for his work on skeletal genetics and inborn errors of metabolism
- James A. Levine, MD, Mayo Clinic, for his work on energy expenditure and obesity