

Chapter news

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Chapter execs convene in Chicago

For the last four years, more than 15 chapter executives (see photo, this page) convened at American College of Surgeons (ACS) headquarters for updates on various College programs and activities. The winter learning education program, held December 5–7, 2010, featured presentations by ACS staff on the following topics and/or sections: ACS-accredited institutes; My CME Page (on the ACS Portal); NSQIP and other quality improvement programs; Case Log System; Commission on Cancer/State Chairs; CME program for chapters; federal and state legislative/regulatory updates; and ACS communications programs and strategies.

David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, the College's Executive Director, met with the Chapter executives. Also, the College's legal counsel, Paula Cozzi Goedert, Esq., presented an update on legal issues that may affect chapters, and she was

featured in a session entitled "Ask a Lawyer."

Chapters receive grants for state-level advocacy activities

For the first time in the history of the ACS, the organization has awarded grants to 10 chapters to support their advocacy activities. Each chapter that was awarded a grant will be required to match (or exceed) the College's contribution. The chapters that were awarded grants include Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, Northern California, Ohio, and Virginia.

The Subcommittee on Advocacy and Coalitions—a component of the Governors' Committee on Chapter Activities—helped to review the grant applications. This grant program is managed by the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy-State Affairs (Jon Sutton, Manager; Charlotte Grill, State Affairs Associate; and Alexis Macias, Regional State Affairs Associate). For more information about the grant programs, contact Jon Sutton at jsutton@facs.org, or at 800-621-4111.

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Front row (left to right): Brad Feldman (FL, DC, MD, ME, NH, OH, and NC); Lisa Beard (AL); Kathy Browning (GA); Terry Marks (SD); Linda Clayton (AR); and Wanda Johnson (TN).

Back row: Alice Romano (Metro. Chicago); Jennifer Starkey (FL, DC, MD, ME, NH, OH, and NC); Camille Spenner (UT); Brad Reynolds (FL, DC, MD, ME, NH, OH, and NC); Christopher Tasik (CT); Janna Pecquet (LA and S TX); Nonie Lowry (N TX); Angie Kempainen (MI); Gary Caruthers (KS); and Beth Mahlo (IL).

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>.

(CS) following the chapter name indicates that the ACS is providing *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* for this activity.

Date	Chapter	Location/information
March 4–5, 2011	Florida (CS)	Location: Hyatt Grand Cypress, Orlando, FL Contact: Brad Feldman, MPA, CAE, IOM 877-310-7316, e-mail: brad@executive-office.org ACS Representative(s): Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, FACS
March 25–26, 2011	Metropolitan Washington DC (CS)	Location: JW Marriott, Washington, DC Contact: Brad Feldman, MPA, CAE, IOM 877-835-5809, e-mail: brad@executive-office.org ACS Representative(s): L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS
April 8–9, 2011	North Dakota & South Dakota (CS)	Location: Fargo, ND Contact: Leann Tschider 701-223-9475, e-mail: leann@ndmed.com
April 30, 2011	New York (CS)	Location: TBA, Contact: Amy Clinton 518-283-1601, e-mail: NYCofACS@yahoo.com ACS Representative(s): Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, FACS
May 5–7, 2011	Illinois & Metropolitan Chicago	Location: Loyola Medical Center, Maywood, IL Contact: Beth Mahlo 309-236-6122, e-mail: acsbeth@yahoo.com ACS Representative(s): Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS
May 5–7, 2011	West Virginia (CS)	Location: The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV Contact: Sharon Bartholomew 304-293-1258, e-mail: sbartholomew@hsc.wvu.edu ACS Representative(s): David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
May 6–7, 2011	Ohio (CS)	Location: Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH Contact: Brad Feldman, MPA, CAE, IOM 877-677-3227, e-mail: brad@executive-office.org ACS Representative(s): Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS
May 13–15, 2011	Virginia (CS)	Location: Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa, Richmond, VA Contact: Susan McConnell 804-643-6631, e-mail: smcconnell@ramdocs.org
May 14, 2011	Northern California (CS)	Location: Marines Memorial Hotel, San Francisco, CA Contact: Annette Bronstein 650-992-1387, e-mail: abronst230@aol.com
May 19, 2011	Vermont (CS)	Location: Lake Mansfield Trout Club, Stowe, VT Contact: Jeanne Jackson 802-847-9440, e-mail: jeanne.jackson@vtmednet.org
May 19–20, 2011	Michigan	Location: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI Contact: Angie Kemppainen 517-336-7586, e-mail: akemppainen@msms.org

Changes in chapter managers

After more than 20 years, Carol Russell, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Chapter, has retired. Ms. Russell began providing management services to the North Carolina Chapter while she was employed with the North Carolina Medical Society. Later, she left the society to begin managing North Carolina-based specialty societies from her home. The College wishes Ms. Russell a successful and happy retirement.

BLF Management, Ltd., an association management firm located in Columbus, OH, recently reported that it will be managing seven ACS chapters, including North Carolina. The other chapters to be managed by BLF Management, Ltd., will include Florida, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Washington, DC.

2011 Leadership Conference

The 2011 Leadership Conference will be held March 26–27 at the JW Marriott in Washington, DC. The theme for this year's Leadership Conference is "Leading with Impact," and the meeting will focus on negotiation skills, management skills needed for difficult situations, and volunteer leadership opportunities with the College.

Chapters are encouraged to send their chapter officers, two to three young surgeons (age 45 or younger), and their chapter administrator or executive director to the conference. Immediately following the Leadership Conference, the Joint Surgical Advocacy Conference (JSAC) will convene, March 27–29, and will also be held at the JW Marriott. The tentative schedule of events includes:

- Saturday, March 26 (5:00–7:00 pm): Welcoming reception hosted by the Washington, DC Chapter
- Sunday, March 27 (all day): ACS Leadership Conference for Chapters and Young Surgeons and JSAC opening reception and individual society briefings
- Monday, March 28: Congressional speakers and Capitol Hill reception
- Tuesday, March 29: Capitol Hill meetings (scheduled by ACS staff)

The College's DC Office will schedule Capitol Hill visits for all of the Chapters that participate. These visits will be conducted on Tuesday, late morning or early afternoon. To register, call the

Chapter Hotline at 888-857-7545, or visit <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/index.html>. To reserve a room at the JW Marriott, go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/acs2011wasjw>.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
January	Northern California	59
	Louisiana	59
February	Arizona	59
	Australia-New Zealand	26
	South Florida	57
	Iowa	43
	Italy	25
	Lebanon	48
	Montana-Wyoming	46
	Eastern Long-Island, NY	43
	Peru	34
South Korea	24	
Washington State	59	

Donor recognition: ACS chapters step up

The ACS recognizes the chapters for their vital role in promoting quality care, education, and communication, and gratefully acknowledges their generosity. During the past year, a number of chapters have made donations to the ACS Foundation in support of the College's mission and programs. ACS chapters that have made donations include the following: Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Japan, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Metropolitan Philadelphia, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, South Florida, South Texas, Southwestern Pennsylvania Tennessee, and Wisconsin Surgical Society—A Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Many chapters make unrestricted gifts, which support the current operations of the College; others support specific programs. Over the past 10 years, chapters have donated a total of \$247,588.