

Chapter news

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College and New York Chapter form Manhattan Council

In May 2004, the ACS Board of Governors' Executive Committee officially created the Manhattan Council and assigned members of the College with a Manhattan mailing address to the New York Chapter. The Manhattan Council was developed to remedy problems with the College's organizational structure in the area. The New York Chapter will manage the Manhattan Council through an affiliation agreement that provides for:

1. Complying with all federal and state laws regarding organizational matters including: Internal Revenue Service regulations; state tax, finance, and lobbying laws; and rules established by the New York Department of State and Attorney General.
2. Staffing the office and facilitating communications among the Fellows.
3. Participating in coalitions with medical societies.
4. Maintaining a database of members in New York State, which can be used to facilitate communications among the members through e-mail, fax, or standard surface mail.
5. Conducting lobbying activities.
6. Administering a political action committee to augment the chapter's advocacy activities.

ACS members in Manhattan who would like more information or to volunteer should contact Heather G. Bennett, JD, Executive Director, at 518/433-0397, or via e-mail at bennett@bennettfirm.com.

In other news, on June 4, the NY Chapter hosted a meeting of program directors, which was chaired by James Peacock, MD, FACS, University of Rochester. The purpose of the meeting, which was held in New York City, was to familiarize program directors with the audit process for resident work hours and with resources available from the New York State Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
October	Alabama	53
	Belgium	5
	San Diego (California)	31
	Manitoba (Canada)	48
	Colombia	38
	Jacksonville (Florida)	47
	France	17
	Delaware	47
	Hong Kong	9
	India	11
	Kansas	53
	Jamaica	12
	Japan	17
	Federal District (Mexico)	44
	North Carolina	48
	Ohio	48
	Panama	7
	Metropolitan Philadelphia	18
	Saudi Arabia	13
	South Carolina	54
	Switzerland	5
	Tennessee	52
	North Texas	34
	South Texas	34
	Thailand	7
	Utah	53
Virginia	39	
Venezuela	38	
Vermont	54	


Alabama Chapter meets

The Alabama Chapter met at Point Clear, June 10-12, and N. F. McGowin III, MD, FACS, was elected President. This year's program was coordinated by Charles B. Rodning, MD, PhD, FACS. It featured guest speakers from Washington, DC, and North Carolina, as well as visiting professors from Brown University, Providence, RI, the University of California-San Francisco, and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Lebanon Chapter publishes first newsletter

Under the direction and leadership of Michel Daher, MD, FACS, the Lebanon Chapter has published its first newsletter. Dr. Daher serves as President of the Lebanon Chapter, and, during his term, he hopes to increase communications among

the Fellows in Lebanon. The first edition of the newsletter featured a brief history of the Lebanon Chapter, which was founded by Farid Sami Haddad, MD, FACS, in 1963; the Lebanon Chapter received its charter in 1964. A copy of this chapter's first newsletter has been placed in the College's official Archives, and is available online at <http://www.facslebanon.org>.



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