

Chapter news

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Alabama Chapter hosts lobby day

The Alabama Chapter's first "A Day at the Legislature" program took place May 3 in Montgomery (see photo, this page). The advocacy day was presented in collaboration with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Office of State Affairs and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA). Leaders of the Alabama Chapter met with state legislators, representatives of the governor's office, and R. Bob Mullins, Jr., MD, commissioner of the state's Medicaid agency. In addition to funding for critical access hospitals, the Alabama Chapter leaders addressed the need for funding a trauma system for Alabama. (The chapter was awarded a state advocacy grant from the College in 2010.)

Senior Surgeons Committee hosted by Connecticut Chapter

As a result of its 2010 strategic planning session, the Connecticut Chapter hosted its first Senior Surgeons Committee meeting on June 8 at the well-known Mory's Club in New Haven. The guest speaker was Horace Laffaye, MD, FACS, who discussed the history of polo, both internationally and in Connecticut. Also, the Senior Surgeons Committee discussed how the newly formed group might be of service to the chapter, as well as how it could serve the needs of senior surgeons in the state (see photo, this page).

Annual Meeting and Young Surgeons Dinner

The Brooklyn-Long Island Chapter (BLIC) conducted its Annual Meeting and Young Surgeons Dinner on June 14 at The Garden City Hotel, Long Island, NY. David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, Executive Director, presented an update on College activities to members of the BLIC, the Manhattan Council (NY), the Eastern Long Island Chapter, and the Nassau Surgical Society. (See photo, page 56.)

Missouri Chapter holds three-day CME event

The Missouri Chapter conducted its 44th annual meeting at the Country Club Hotel and Spa in Lake Ozark, MO. Topics presented during the three-day



Alabama Chapter, left to right: Charles Rodning, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President; Mark Jackson, MASA Director of State Legislative Affairs; Randy Buckner, MD, FACS, Governor; W. Keith Adkins, MD, FACS, Treasurer; and Robert Willett, MD, FACS, President.



Connecticut Chapter, left to right (all MD, FACS): Seated: V. K. J. Lee; and Frank Scarpa, Chair. Standing: Joseph Bardenheier III; Orlando Kirton, President; James Guthrie; David Crombie; Edward Tracey; and Dr. Laffaye.

event included trauma surgery, wound care, and continuing medical education (CME). In addition, various competitions for residents and medical students were presented. Winners included the following:

- *Paper competitions.* Best papers for medical students: Jennifer Yu, MD, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Compromised Margins following Mastectomy for Stage I – II Breast Cancer; and Ioanna Mazotas, MD, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Errors in Pediatric Burn Wound Size Estimates

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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>.

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Date	Chapter	Location/Information
November 03, 2011 - November 05, 2011	Connecticut	Location: Holiday Inn, Waterbury, CT Contact: Chris Tasik, 203-674-0747, e-mail: info@CTACS.org ACS Representative(s): L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng(Hon), FRCSEd(Hon), FWACS(Hon)
November 04, 2011	Keystone (AP)	Location: Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA Contact: Lauren Ramsey, 717-558-7850 Ext. 2691, e-mail: lramsey@pamedsoc.org ACS Representative(s): Thomas V. Whalen, MD, FACS
November 04, 2011 - November 05, 2011	Wisconsin Surgical Society— A Chapter of the ACS	Location: American Club, Kohler, WI Contact: Terry Estnes, 414-453-9957, e-mail: wisurgical@att.net ACS Representative(s): David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
November 05, 2011 - November 06, 2011	Arizona (AP)	Location: Scottsdale Plaza Resort, Scottsdale, AZ Contact: Joni Bowers, 602-347-6904, e-mail: jonib@azmedassn.org ACS Representative(s): Thomas V. Whalen, MD, FACS
November 18, 2011	Japan	Location: Tokyo, Japan Contact: Kyoichi Takaori, MD, FACS, 81-75-751-4323, e-mail: takaori@live.jp
December 03, 2011	Massachusetts (AP)	Location: Westin Copely Place, Boston, MA Contact: Elizabeth Chouinard, 978-927-8330, e-mail: echouinard@prri.com
December 03, 2011	New Jersey (AP)	Location: The Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center, Iselin, NJ Contact: Andrea Donelan, 973-539-4000, e-mail: njsurgeons@aol.com ACS Representative(s): David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS
January 20, 2012 - January 22, 2012	Southern California (AP)	Location: Four Seasons Biltmore, Santa Barbara, CA Contact: C. James Dowden, 310-364-0193, e-mail: jdowden@prodigy.net
January 20, 2012 - January 22, 2012	Louisiana (AP)	Location: Ritz Carlton, New Orleans, LA Contact: Janna Pecquet, 504-841-0145, e-mail: janna@laacs.org ACS Representative(s): J. David Richardson, MD, FACS
February 17, 2012 - February 18, 2012	North Texas (AP)	Location: City Place Conference Center, Dallas, TX Contact: Nonie Lowry, 913-402-7012, e-mail: nonie@lp-etc.com



BLIC, left to right (all MD, FACS): Charles Coren, President; Dr. Hoyt; James Rucinski, President-Elect; and Michael Setzen, Clinic Day Director.

within a Regional Trauma System: Potential Impact on Patient Outcome and Burn Center Resources.

- *Abstracts of distinction.* Residents: Carla Fisher, MD, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Is Associated with Improved Survival Compared with Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Patients with Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Only after a Complete Pathological Response; Christopher Aldridge, MD,* St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, Access to Minimally Invasive Surgery: Regional Variation and Geographic Differences of Laparoscopic Partial Colectomy in the United States; and Andrew Wheeler, MD,* University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO, Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Results in Greater Weight Loss than Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy—But with Greater Numbers of Major Complications.

- *Best oral abstract.* Derek Wakeman, MD,* Washington University, St. Louis, MO, Deletion of P38Alpha MAPK within Enterocytes Promotes Colon Tumor Genesis.

New officers were elected for the Missouri Chapter, including Mark Wakefield, MD, FACS, President; Julie Magenthaler, MD, FACS, Vice-President; Stanley Augustin, MD, FACS, Secretary-Treasurer; and William Hawkins, MD, FACS, Immediate Past-President.

Tennessee passes tort reform

Tennessee is the latest state to enact a law setting limits on noneconomic damages in lawsuits, including medical liability cases. The new law, signed

*Denotes Resident membership in the College.

by Gov. Bill Haslam on June 16, imposes a cap of \$75,000 on medical liability awards. In certain cases involving serious injury, the limit rises to \$1 million. Members of the Tennessee Chapter showed their support for passage of the legislation by contacting their legislators via the ACS State Surgery Legislative Action Center. For more information about the new law, contact Wanda Johnson, Tennessee Chapter Executive Director, at 931-967-4700 or wanda@tnacs.org.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
October	Alabama	60
	Belgium	12
	San Diego (California)	38
	Manitoba (Canada)	55
	Colombia	45
	Jacksonville (Florida)	54
	France	24
	Delaware	54
	Hong Kong	16
	India	18
	Iran	7
	Jamaica	19
	Japan	24
	Kansas	60
	Federal District (Mexico)	51
	North Carolina	55
	Ohio	56
	Panama	14
	Metropolitan Philadelphia	25
	Saudi Arabia	21
South Carolina	61	
Switzerland	12	
Tennessee	59	
North Texas	41	
South Texas	41	
Thailand	14	
Turkey	8	
Utah	60	
Virginia	46	
Venezuela	45	
Vermont	61	

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