

President

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2004 * AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LEGAL MEDICINE

I want to begin my message by saying what a pleasure it is for me to serve as your president this term. The challenges and opportunities to enhance the College are rewarding. This is my last "Notes from the President." I'll state from the outset that the College is very healthy. The Board of Governors, the Committees, the leadership – Executive Committee – are all functioning well and in harmony. In addition, our publications continue to do well. (By the way, don't forget to purchase the 6th Edition of *Legal Medicine*. The availability date is February 2004.) ACLM is healthy because the leadership is working together, paying particular attention to details, and carefully working the budget with our outstanding support staff, W.J. Weiser and Associates. They are simply the best.

There are several positive events on the horizon. First and foremost, our Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, March 4 – 7, 2004, at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino. Program Chairman, Gary Birnbaum, has developed an exceptional program. Registration brochures have been mailed out. And for your convenience, registration is available online at www.aclm.org.

Next, we have scheduled a Mid-Year Meeting in New Orleans, September 30 – October 2, 2004. "Cancer and the Law" is the theme. Dale Cowan is the program chair, and this promises to be a special, educational experience for all those interested and involved in this area of Law and Medicine. We have wanted to resume the Mid-Year Meeting for some time, and now we are pleased that we are finally able to make it a reality.

On another front, I'm happy to report that LegalMedNet is getting more and more traffic. It's a great way for members to communicate, engage in discussions, and exchange opinions. I encourage you all to weigh in. And, it's all in real time.

Now let me share with you the wonderful time I had the weekend of Nov. 7 – 9, 2003. As president of the College it was my privilege and pleasure to serve as judge for the final round of the 12th Annual Health Care Law Moot Court Competition. This annual event is held at Southern Illinois University, School of Law in Carbondale, Ill. What an experience! What a pleasure! This competition is co-sponsored by the American College of Legal Medicine. Ted LeBlang and Eugene Basanta are largely responsible for this very successful and popular program. Ted and Gene, on behalf of the College, I thank you both. I also want to express my special thanks to Marshall Kapp. Marshall is at SIU this year as a visiting professor, and he was kind enough to give me a tour of the SIU campus. And what a tour! Medical School, Law School, Library, and Undergraduate School. Thank you, Marshall, I thoroughly enjoyed your company and the tour.

And now, allow me to repeat what I have stated so many times in the past year. The strength and health of the College depends upon the active participation of our membership. I urge members to get involved; join the committee of your choice, roll up your sleeves and go to work. Reach out to new members. Mentor them and help them get involved in College affairs. Finally, my perennial exhortation... RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!

I hope to see many of you at our Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.

Farewell, and warm personal regards to each and every member of our organization.

Your president,
Phil Cifarelli

Call for Submission of Abstracts for Poster Session Presentations
at the 44th Annual Conference on Legal Medicine
The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada – March 5 - 7, 2004

**Deadline has
been extended!**

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: JANUARY 15, 2004

The American College of Legal Medicine encourages you to participate in our scientific program by submitting a paper for the annual meeting Poster Presentations.

Poster Presentations involve:

- Selecting a scholarly topic or area of Legal Medicine that interests you
- Researching the legal opinions, medical literature or case studies
- Preparing PowerPoint slides, tables, graphs, or other exhibits that educate and inform the attendee about the topic
- Discussing your work with other experts in law and medicine in a friendly, collegial way

The Program Committee hopes that this format will: (1) encourage more presenters to submit abstracts, (2) permit papers that might have avoided selection due to time constraints to be presented, (3) broaden the scope of presented topics, (4) increase the opportunity for conference attendees to personally interact with other faculty members and presenters, and (5) provide more time for discussion and questions.

The American College of Legal Medicine invites members of the College, non-members and medical and law students who receive sponsorship from a College member, to submit an abstract of a paper for possible presentation as a "Poster Paper" at the 44th Annual Conference on Legal Medicine to be held March 5 - 7, 2004, at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, in Las Vegas, Nev. This is your opportunity to report an interesting case or prepare a scholarly analysis of a medical, legal or ethical issue that is of particular interest to you. Then, you get to discuss your opinions and conclusions over breakfast with the brightest minds in legal medicine.

David M. Benjamin, Ph.D., FCLM
Poster Session Moderator

Instructions for Authors

Abstracts should be typed, double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" paper and should be limited to two pages. Non-members of the College are required to have their abstract sponsored by a College member, and the sponsor's name should be stated in the cover letter accompanying the abstract. At the top of the abstract, indicate the author's name, professional degrees, affiliation and address. Authors will be expected to prepare a "Poster Presentation" consisting of approximately 8-10 pages of outlined or bulleted statements (extensive narratives are discouraged). Presentations should be printed in 14 pt. type or larger, or using PowerPoint or other computerized presentation programs. The presentation format should be: Approved Abstract, Introduction (Background or History), Major Points, Graphs, Tables, Supporting Literature or Case Law, Brief Discussion, Conclusions, and References.

Submit abstracts to:

Abstracts/ACLM Executive Office

1111 N. Plaza Drive, Suite 550, Schaumburg, IL 60173

Telephone: (847) 969-0283 E-mail: info@aclm.org

All papers become the property of the ACLM. Accepted papers will be published in the conference syllabus. Presented papers can be expanded into longer manuscripts and submitted to the *Journal of Legal Medicine* for consideration.

The deadline for abstract submission is January 15, 2004. Non-members must include a statement in the cover letter indicating a College member whom they have contacted, who has agreed to serve as a "sponsor." For those individuals who have questions about their submissions, or non-members who require a referral to a College member in their vicinity who could serve as a sponsor, please contact Dr. Benjamin by phone at (617) 969-1393 or e-mail at medlaw@doctorbenjamin.com. You will be notified about the Program Committee's decision on your paper in January 2004.

Breakfast Poster Session Schedule for the ACLM 2004 Annual Meeting

Breakfast Poster Session I:

Friday, March 5, 2004

7:00 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.

Breakfast Poster Session II:

Saturday, March 6, 2004

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Press Release – New Editor for *Journal of Legal Medicine*

The American College of Legal Medicine announces that on January 1, 2004, after 22 years of stalwart leadership as editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine*, Theodore R. LeBlang, JD, will assume the position of Editor Emeritus. LeBlang is Professor and Chair of the Department of Medical Humanities at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, a faculty member at SIU's School of Law, and Fellow and President-Elect of the American College of Legal Medicine.

The new editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine* will be Marshall B. Kapp, JD, MPH, the current Deputy Editor. Kapp, a Fellow of ACLM, is Professor in the Departments of Community Health and Psychiatry at the Wright State University School of Medicine and a member of the adjunct faculty at the University of Dayton School of Law. During the 2003-04 academic year, he is serving as the Arthur W. Grayson Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law and Medicine at the Southern Illinois University School of Law.

Incorporated in 1960, the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) is a major national professional organization having as one of its objectives the fostering and encouragement of research and study in the field of legal medicine. The ACLM represents the specialty of legal medicine in the American Medical Association Specialty and Service Society.

To: ACLM Members
From: Miles J. Zaremski, Nominations Committee Chair
Re: Nominations for the 2004-05 ACLM year

Dear Colleagues:

I. Effective immediately, the Nominations Committee will entertain nominations for the following positions for the College's 2004-05 year. Only nominations that are submitted according to the guidelines below, through and including January 15, 2004, will be considered by the committee. The positions for which nominations are being sought include:

1. Secretary
2. Member in Medicine Board of Governors Seat
3. Board of Governors Seat (Dual Degree per Section 1.2)
4. Board of Governors Fellow seat (Section 3.1)
5. AMA Delegate seat
6. AMA Alternate Delegate seat

Notes:

- ☞ The position of Secretary must be a Fellow this year whether a Fellow is defined in Section 1.2 of the bylaws or not.
- ☞ Dr. Noguchi sits in the Member in Medicine seat and is filling out the term held by Dr. Lewis; he is eligible to be reelected for another term, if he chooses to submit an application for nomination and then is nominated. This seat does not require the holder to possess either an MD/JD degree or any other dual degree. The seat shall be occupied by a Medical Member, as defined in Section 1.6 of the bylaws.
- ☞ Dr. Cowan presently occupies an MD/JD seat on the board (a "section 1.2" seat). He is finishing his first term. He is eligible to sit for another term, if he chooses as well to submit an application to be considered and then is nominated.

- ☞ Dr. Buckman occupies a seat occupied by a member of the College within the group consisting of Dental Members, Science Members, Affiliate Members and International Members, per Section 3.1 of the bylaws. Dr. Buckman is finishing his first term and is eligible to be reelected if he wishes to be considered and then nominated for another term.
- ☞ The terms of the AMA delegate and alternate will be for a one-year period, from annual meeting to annual meeting. Dr. Wilbur is our current AMA delegate. Both the AMA delegate and alternate can continue their terms if they wish to be considered and are nominated for these positions.

II. The members of this year's College Nominations Committee are the following:

Miles J. Zaremski, Chair, JD, FCLM, and Immediate Past President
Sal Fiscina, MD, JD, FCLM
Melissa Beth Gruen, MD, JD, FCLM
Norman H. Leffler, MD
Victor R. Scarano, MD, JD, FCLM

III. Process to be considered:

Each person interested in being considered by the Nominations Committee shall undertake the following:

No later than the close of business on December 31, 2003, submit no greater than one 8½ x 11 page, single-spaced and typed, detailing pertinent background, education, training, experience and participation in College activities. List on the top of the page the position(s) for which you wish to be considered by the Nominations Committee. Include a short statement of why you feel you are qualified for the position you are seeking. If you wish, you may also list no more than two references who are College members in good standing, with contact information.

This document may be submitted by hard copy or via e-mail to Ms. Sue O'Sullivan at staff offices. Her e-mail address is: sueo@wjweiser.com. She has been instructed not to forward onto the Nominations Committee any submission greater than one page. This will be strictly enforced.

Thereafter, she will distribute all submissions to the Nominations Committee for consideration. The Nominations Committee will decide who to slate for the various positions from those College members submitting a request for consideration and nomination. This slate will be posted no later than commencement of the annual meetings in Las Vegas next year.

Finally, should anyone have further questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The World Association for Medical Law invites you to attend the

15th World Congress on Medical Law

1 - 5 August 2004

Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre
Sydney, Australia

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Invited to submit abstracts on the following topics:

- ♦ Allocation of Health Resources, Ethics and Justice in a World Without Borders
- ♦ Health Care Regulation, Liability, Rewards and Research
- ♦ Forensic Medicine and its Role in the Judicial Process
- ♦ End of Life Decision-Making: Death, Dying and the Law
- ♦ Reproductive Health Law and Issues in Genetics
- ♦ Issues Involving Organ Transplantation and Human Tissue
- ♦ Distance Medicine in the Net Village
- ♦ Pacific Rim Forum: Health Law Issues for the 21st Century
- ♦ Medicine in the Policy Makers Mindset
- ♦ The Future of Nursing and the Allied and Complimentary Health Professions
- ♦ The Impact of Terrorism and its Challenges for Health, Law and Ethics

Program Outline

A cutting edge and extensive Scientific Program has been arranged by the Congress Program Committee which embraces both topical and controversial issues in the medical and legal fields.

The program will consist of plenary sessions held at the beginning of each day with oral and poster presentations and workshops held concurrently throughout the remaining sessions of the Congress.

Critical Dates

Abstract Submission	Deadline has been extended to 12 January 2004!
Author Registration	31 March 2004
Full Paper	30 April 2004

(Accepted abstracts only)

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Submission Method

All abstracts must be submitted online at:

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Further instructions regarding paper format and guidelines are available on the website.

