

President

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Dear Colleagues,

We have had a busy and eventful summer so far. Fortunately, we evaded Hurricane Dennis in Southern Florida, but as we all know, the storm has to strike somewhere and cause some damage.

The financial state of health of the College is excellent due to increased membership and dues collection. We are fortunate, as well, to benefit from our professional and highly competent staff, as well as the oversight of our new financial managers (Mediquis).

We had a successful meeting at Paradise Point in San Diego. The College is planning a 2005 Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago from September 30 – October 1, 2005. Please check the website for the excellent program and other information. Francois Blaudeau and his co-chairs deserve a great deal of credit for their hard work and imagination.

Our 2006 Annual Meeting is scheduled and confirmed at the newly renovated Harrah's in Las Vegas. Program Chair, Mike Raskin, has pulled together an outstanding and diverse program. Please check the ACLM website for details. The 2006 Mid-Year Meeting is also tentatively scheduled for Chicago, an excellent venue for October meetings. The program is not yet firm, but is contemplated to be Neurology, Risk Factors and Vascular Disease. We expect great things to happen planning this program.

Dick Wilbur is hard at work pursuing the 2007 Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled as a combined meeting of the ACLM and WAML (World Association of Medical Law). This would be an international meeting, chiefly aimed at colleagues in South and Central America. The tentative location is Orlando, Fla.

We continue to look for opportunities to collaborate with other groups, which will be mutually beneficial. David Benjamin brought the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants to our attention again, and the Executive Committee agreed to encourage its members to register and attend our Annual Meeting at the member rate. We trust that this action will further increase attendance at our meetings and perhaps lead to an increase in membership.

Our affiliation with the AMA is well maintained by Dick Wilbur, who attends the specialty society meetings as our Delegate. Ken Harshbarger is our Alternate Delegate, who reported on the Student Session at the AMA and reported great interest in Legal Medicine.

We continue our close but separate relationship with the American Board of Legal Medicine. The ABLM will be holding a review course in conjunction with the ACLM Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago.

We are also proud to announce that the ACLM, with Dr. Sandy Sanbar as Editor, will author a new book to be published in 2006 by Elsevier, called *The Medical Malpractice Survival Handbook*. We expect it to be well and widely received in the medical and hospital communities.

Enjoy the balance of the summer.

Philip A. Shelton, MD, JD, FCLM
ACLM President

SAVE THE DATES!

2005 ACLM Mid-Year Meeting
Obstetrics/Gynecology and the Law
September 30 - October 1, 2005
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

46th ACLM Annual Conference
March 2 - 5, 2006
Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

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