



ACLM WEBSITE

Have you been there? Did you know that you can find out almost everything you need to know about the ACLM on its website. There is a listing of all committees, including the members of each committee. You will also find an Organizational Chart that shows the relationship of various committees. The latest bylaws can also be found on the website. You can look up the address, phone number, and email address of any member, or even look for a member in a certain specialty or area of expertise. The newest members for the year are also listed there! You can pay your dues, register for a meeting, and change your address. Future meeting dates and locations are also listed, as well as so much more. Staff tells us that four out of five calls are for information that is already displayed on the ACLM website. Try it, you'll like it—www.aclm.org is all you need.

ACLM 50th ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN 2010

The ACLM was founded in 1960 and 2010 will mark our 50th anniversary. We plan to celebrate this in a BIG way. More on this later, but for now, mark your calendars for March 4 - 7, 2010, at the Caribe Royal Suites in Orlando, Florida. You don't want to miss this one!

LAS VEGAS ANNUAL MEETING IN 2009

The Annual Meeting will be at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas February 27 through March 1, 2009. Vicky Trompler, MD, JD, FCLM, is the program chair and has put together an excellent and knowledgeable group of speakers on emerging topics under Government, Law, and Medicine. The resort has been completely refurbished and is situated right in the middle of all the action. Check out the resort at: www.planethollywoodresort.com.

2008 MID-YEAR MEETING

Marty Stillman, MD, JD, FCLM, and Chris White, MD, JD, FCLM, have planned an innovative meeting on Primary Care and the Law for our Mid-Year Meeting on September 27 - 28, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois. If you haven't made plans to attend, now is the time to do so. This is a weekend meeting, starting on Saturday morning and ending early on Sunday afternoon. The complete program is on the ACLM website.

BOARD CERTIFICATION REVIEW COURSE American Board of Legal Medicine

and

American Board of Medical Malpractice

Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., September 26, 2008

W Chicago City Center

172 W. Adams Street

Chicago, IL 60603

- The American Board of Legal Medicine (ABLM) and the American Board of Medical Malpractice (ABMM) Board Certification Review Course will be presented on the day prior to the start of the ACLM Meeting
- The Program Coordinator of the ABLM Board Review Course is the ABLM Chairman and ABMM President S. Sandy Sanbar, MD, PhD, JD, FCLM
- Sue O'Sullivan, associate director of ACLM, will be assisting with the registration of attendees. She may be contacted at ACLM Headquarters. Please visit the ACLM Website regarding the ACLM meeting at: www.aclm.org

DROPPED MEMBERS

I recently sent out letters to 77 members of the College informing them that they were being dropped for lack of payment of dues. This is something that no president likes to do, but it is necessary and I am required to do so in accordance with our bylaws. Before anyone was dropped, the Board of Governors attempted to personally contact each and every member. This was done with serious demeanor; emails were sent and personal phone calls were made by at least two members of the BOG for each delinquent member. Unfortunately, several had non-existent phone numbers, addresses, or emails. Not much you can do with that! Out of those who dropped, 41 of these members were fellows, 18 were medical members, 13 were law members, four were science members, and one was a dentistry member. Since January of 2008, we have added 11 fellows, 7 medical members, 4 law members, and 3 science members. ACLM's total membership remains at 1105.

USE OF THE DESIGNATION “FCLM”

Are you a Fellow of the American College of Legal Medicine? If so, congratulations! You worked hard to earn that distinction and honor. Why would anyone want to throw that away? Well 41 former Fellows did just that when they didn't pay their dues. Section 1.18 of the Bylaws state that: *Anyone not in compliance with the bylaws of the American College of Legal Medicine and the conditions for membership in the American College of Legal Medicine, including payment of dues, shall not be authorized to use the designation “Fellow of College of Legal Medicine,” “FCLM,” or their equivalent.*

LEGAL-MEDICAL CRUISE IN JANUARY

The American Board of Legal Medicine and International Conferences have agreed to combine their efforts and resources to present a 7-day Seminar on Legal-Medical Issues (legal medicine and medical malpractice seminar), in conjunction with an Eastern Caribbean cruise aboard Liberty of the Seas, on January 17 - 24, 2009. The seminar is approved for 18.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™, 18 AAFP prescribed hours, and 18 continuing legal, nursing and dental education credits. It is an excellent review for those ACLM Members who desire to apply for ABLM or ABMM Board certification. The Legal Medicine Seminar topics and speakers are listed on the ACLM web site at www.aclm.org.

S. Sandy Sanbar, MD, PhD, JD, FCLM, chairman, American Board of Legal Medicine and president, American Board of Medical Malpractice, has put together a wonderful educational cruise in the Caribbean this January. Now is the time to plan for this, as it will be very cold this winter (except in Florida, of course). Also, if you reserve by August 15, 2008, you will receive a \$75 per cabin onboard credit. And, as Yogi Berra says, that's as good as cash! This is a great opportunity to relax with colleagues and maybe even learn something new. I hope to see you on board!

UPDATE YOUR DATA!

Every year the ACLM has emails to members that bounce back, as well as letters that are returned. Your ACLM membership is important to us, but we can't know when you have changed your email or address unless you tell us! The best way to do this is to go to the ACLM website and log on. You can then make any changes in your profile and you will continue to remain up to date on all ACLM functions and activities. There is also an opportunity to do so on your dues announcement, but by then it's probably too late if we have your old mailing address!

This will be my last *President's Notes* until the Mid-Year meeting in Chicago. I hope to see many of you there.

Michael M. Raskin, ACLM President

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