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2010 50th Annual ACLM Conference



**ACLM 50 Years Later:
Advances in Medicine
2010 Annual Meeting
Includes a 2-day Legal
Aspects of Dentistry
Special Symposium**

March 5 - 7, 2010
Caribe Royale
Orlando, Florida

Online registration coming soon! Check the ACLM website and future email communications for more details.

**Comments from
ACLM Members:**

Notes from the President:
Melvin A. Shiffman, MD, JD

PROGRAM FOR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

The Program for the March 5 - 7, 2010 Annual Meeting is nearing completion and should be available fairly soon. Perhaps, in the near future, the syllabus for the annual meeting will be in disk form rather than in the large printed form. There will be at the meeting a written history of ACLM from 1960 to the present time that should be interesting to all members and even non-members. A short history of ACLM will hopefully be published in Orlando newspapers at the time of the meeting. ACLM will be honoring our past presidents and we expect a large turnout of these very special members.

JOURNAL OF LEGAL MEDICINE 5-YEAR INDEX

The Five Year Author, Title, and Subject Index of the Journal of Legal Medicine from 2004 to 2009 (Volumes 26 to 30) will be available at the Annual ACLM Meeting, March 5 - 7, 2010

GOLD MEDAL AWARD

The Honorary Membership and Gold Medal Award Committee nominated Richard Wilbur for the ACLM Gold Medal Award with approval from the Board of Governors. The Gold Medal is awarded to "members who have provided outstanding and distinguished service to the American College of Legal Medicine."

HEALTHCARE REFORM LEGISLATION

There has been a profusion of material on Obama's healthcare reform that points out the controversies involved in the legislation. ACLM has been asked to get involved but the decision has been not to enter the fray because of the controversial nature of the pending legislation. The Executive Committee believes that there are members of ACLM on both sides of the issue and it would be a disservice to the College if ACLM were to take one side or the other. The policy of ACLM has always been to avoid taking a stand or becoming involved in problems where it is believed that most of the members would be taking different sides of the issue(s).

REPORT LEGISLATION OF CONCERN

ACLM is interested in obtaining new proposed legislation, either state or federal, on healthcare subjects. We are asking members to forward to us any legislation (only the legislation and the arguments for and against) that is of concern. It should be sent to the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, addressed to Dale Cowan and the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee at cowandh@gmail.com.

HISTORY OF ACLM

We are still in the process of putting together a history of ACLM for the 50th Anniversary of ACLM in 2010. Anyone who has information on historical events of ACLM please send them to Kent Harshbarger at harshbargerke@mcoho.org.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in ACLM is the organization's best asset. New members are important as a source of fresh ideas as well as possible speakers for meetings. It takes our active members to introduce to other possible members (not only MD JDs but also MDs, JDs, DOs, RNs, DDSs, and other health care professionals) the positive aspects of membership in ACLM. Have potential members go to the website (aclm.org) and read

If you have thoughts or opinions on articles in either the ACLM *Q & A* or *LMP* that you would like to share with the membership, please email them to Lisa Oesterreicher at lisao@wjweiser.com

the History of ACLM (under About Us). A membership application is also available on the website (under Membership).

INTRODUCING THE NEW ACLM RESOURCE CENTER

The ACLM executive office is pleased to announce a new web-based feature for our members. The ACLM Resource Center is now under development at www.aclm.org. In this section of the website, users will be able to search an extensive list of medical and legal journal links, all combined in one place for a convenient way to access professional articles. This section of the site will also house ACLM Members in the News and Links from Members. If you have anything that you would like to contribute to this new section, please contact Lisa Oesterreicher at the ACLM executive office at lisao@wjweiser.com or by calling (847) 264-5918.

CALL TO ALL ORLANDO, FLORIDA AREA ACLM MEMBERS

The ACLM would like to put a call out to all its members residing in the Orlando, Florida area for assistance in advertising and promoting the upcoming 2010 ACLM Annual Meeting. If you are interested in assisting with these efforts, please contact Sue O'Sullivan at the ACLM executive office at sueo@wjweiser.com or (847) 969-0283.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit the Bylaws page on the ACLM website for the proposed bylaws changes that will be voted on at the 2010 ACLM Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida on March 5 - 7, 2010. (Proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on by ACLM fellows ONLY.)

2010 CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER SESSION PRESENTATIONS

Deadline: January 15, 2010

The American College of Legal Medicine encourages you to participate in our annual program by submitting an abstract for a poster. This is your opportunity to report an interesting case or prepare a scholarly analysis of a medical, dental, legal, or ethical issue that is of particular interest to you. Then, you get to discuss your opinions and conclusions with the brightest minds in legal medicine over breakfast. The deadline for abstract submission is **January 15, 2010**. For submission instructions and details, please visit www.aclm.org. You can submit an abstract by replying to this email or emailing info@aclm.org.

2010 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

This year we are again offering 4 legal medicine writing competitions for students. The deadline for submission to all competitions is **January 11, 2010**. The awards offered are as follows:

1. **The Letourneau Award** - for law students
2. **The Hirsh Award** - for Dentistry, Podiatry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Science, Health Care Administration, or Public Health Student
3. **The Schwartz Award** - for medical students
4. **The Bioethics Award** - for students currently enrolled in an accredited law, medical, podiatric, nursing, dental, health science or health care administration program in the United States or Canada

For complete details, visit www.aclm.org.

POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will be considering potential candidates for the following positions to be presented to the membership for voting at the 2010 ACLM Annual in Orlando, Florida on March 6, 2010:

1. Fellow position on the Board of Governors
2. Member in Medicine position
3. Executive Committee position of Secretary

In order to maintain transparency of elections, if you are interested in being considered for any of these positions, please indicate so by sending an email to Sue O'Sullivan (sueo@wjweiser.com), ACLM Associate Director, and she will notify the Nominating Committee of your desire. You may also suggest any member for consideration for the Board, as long as you have determined that they agree to be considered. Please refer to the Bylaws (online at www.aclm.org) for requirements and duties of the available positions. If you wish, you may submit a one-page synopsis of your ACLM activities. In the one-page synopsis, please identify what you believe are the most important issues facing the ACLM, and what you would do to respond to them. This synopsis must be sent to Sue as a one-page Word attachment, single-spaced, in 12 point, Times New Roman font, with no less than 1" margins. Any synopsis that does not meet this requirement will not be forwarded to the Nominating Committee. No other supporting documents will be considered. Remember that some members of the Nominating Committee may not be aware of your accomplishments and this may be the only opportunity to inform them. This synopsis is optional for those seeking nomination for the Board of Governors, but is required for those seeking the position of Secretary. In addition, for the position of Secretary, candidates must send two supporting letters, from non-Board members, or members of the Nominating Committee, must be sent to Sue. Neither candidates nor sponsors should directly contact members of the Nominating Committee. Please direct all inquiries and/or correspondence to Sue O'Sullivan.

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Chair, Nominating Committee

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