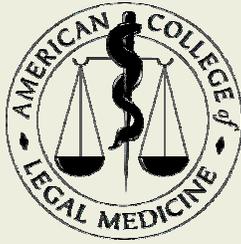


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Notes from the President:

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Each year the Board of Governors selects one individual who has rendered outstanding service to the College to be the recipient of the Board of Governors Award. It is with great pleasure that I report to the members and Fellows of the College that the nominee for the 2011 Board of Governors Award is Karin W. Zucker, JD, LLM, MSF, FCLM. Karin has been in charge of the poster sessions for the annual meetings for the past several years. During her tenure the poster session has attracted an increase in the number and quality of papers presented at the Annual Meeting. Karin has provided yeoman service to the College in overseeing this important activity. Her nomination for the Board of Governors Award is richly deserved.

The 2011 Annual Meeting agenda has been finalized and is being submitted to the Education Committee for its review and approval. Kent Harshbarger, MD, JD, FCLM, has put together an outstanding program comprised of nine plenary or general sessions beginning first thing in the morning on Friday, February 24, 2011, and concluding at 12 Noon on Sunday, February 26, 2011. Additionally, Bruce Seidberg, DDS, MScD, JD, FCLM and past president of the ACLM has arranged for a parallel program for dentists on Friday, February 24, 2011. The dentists will join the other attendees for the program on February 25 - 26. Among the features will be the Cyril Wecht Luncheon on Saturday, February 25. Cyril has arranged for the luncheon address to be given by Mark Geragos, Esquire. His talk is entitled "Forensic Experts: Don't Leave Home Without Them." Another feature is the S. Sandy Sanbar Lecture. This year Sandy has arranged for Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACR, FACOI, FACP, dean and professor at Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine, to deliver a lecture on "Predictive Parameters of Professionalism: How to Identify and Remove the Bad Apples." This promises to be an outstanding program and one which should be of special interest to all.

At its mid-year meeting, the Board of Governors approved the concept of establishing interest sections within the College. The purpose of the special interest sections would be to promote collaborative activities among members with particular interests and expertise in one or another area of health law. The Board established an ad hoc committee to develop the criteria for establishing interest sections. It is chaired by Christopher White, MD, JD, FCLM. The members of the committee are James Hubler, MD, JD, FCLM, Victoria Green, MD, JD, FCLM, Joel Kornberg, MD, JD, FCLM, and Howard Morgan, MD. Any member of the College interested in offering ideas pertaining to this issue should feel free to contact Dr. White or any member of the committee. This can be done directly or by emailing Sue O'Sullivan at the ACLM Executive Office.

Brochures have recently been distributed soliciting papers for the Student Writing Competition. This year the Board voted to combine the different competitions into one and open them up to students in law schools, medical schools, and other health science schools. The first prize will be designated the Hirsh Award and will be funded by the bequest provided by the late Harold Hirsh, MD, JD, FCLM. The second and third prizes will be funded by the College. The winning papers will be referred to Ross Silverman, JD, MPH, editor of the *Journal of Legal Medicine*, for consideration of publication in the JLM.

In an effort to attract new members to the College, Bill Hinnant, MD, JD, FCLM, chair of the Marketing Committee, has drafted a letter to be sent to individuals with MD and JD degrees who are not members describing the College and inviting them to become members. The letter is brief yet informative. It will be posted on the College's website when finalized. All members and Fellows should feel free to use it or draft their own to recruit new colleagues to the College.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Thomas Noguchi, MD, FCLM, was elected president of the World Association for Medical Law (WAML) at its recent biannual meeting. Tom is the first American to serve as president of that international organization.

As before, I wish to conclude this note with the standing invitation to contact Sue O'Sullivan at the ACLM office, or myself, regarding any questions, suggestions, comments or criticisms you may have regarding any of the activities of the College.

Respectfully,
Dale

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