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SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING 2009

*U.S. Army Host's 64th Annual Meeting
November 15-20, 2009*

This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting being held in St. Louis, MO. CME Credit hours will be available. Continuing education forms may be obtained at the Continuing Education Desk.

Committees will meet on Tuesday evening during the scheduled SMCAF reception.

Tuesday night November 17th there will be a reception, where spouses and guests are invited.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



More details on the conference, registration, and hotel reservations may be found in this newsletter.

From The President

Our annual Spring Council Meeting April 24 was very productive. I invite your attention to the minutes. We were most encouraged by the services recent successes in filling HPSP quotas! In the business meeting, particularly interesting was Dr. Howe's Committee Report. Randy's issues of ethics are so pertinent to today's military medical world, and they invite areas for SMCAF study and action.

We were saddened to learn from Dr. Tom Peters that two of his partners have departed him suddenly, leaving him in a real practice lurch, and necessitating his resignation as SMCAF President-Elect. We reconvened the Nominating Committee, and we selected Dr. Fred Cecere. Council approved Fred's nomination, and, subject to your approval in November, he will become your next President. I wish Fred the very best as he assumes his duties for SMCAF!

Most of the meeting was absorbed by the coming partnership with AMSUS. The SMCAF/AMSUS Ad Hoc Committee presented its proposals to Council in bullet form, and all were approved. These will go to the general membership for action in November, many as proposed changes to our By-laws.

One of these changes will involve the elimination of the SMCAF Candidate Group. We have proposed that all SMCAF Candidate Members automatically become AMSUS Student or Full Members, depending on their educational level. I have sent personal letters to each SMCAF Candidate Member, informing him/her of this transition. All of our students and residents will still have full access to all SMCAF meetings .

Another change will involve our Associate or Active Duty members. Council decided to recommend that we change their annual SMCAF dues from nothing to \$40.00. We thank you for your support and your understanding!

We are hard at work on the SMCAF portion of the AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting, which will be in St Louis from Nov 15-20, 2009. Our portions will begin on Tuesday Nov 17. Council will meet at 3 PM. Then at 6 PM, we'll have a Membership Reception followed by brief Committee breakouts. On Wednesday, Nov 18, SMCAF will host the AMSUS Physician Section as our Annual Scientific Meeting. This will include the first SMCAF Physicians Luncheon. Our luncheon will feature The First Annual Enrique Mendez Lecture. These SMCAF functions will be at the Hyatt Hotel, for your hotel planning. All St Louis rooms will be at the military per diem rate, much less expensive than Bethesda. Then, on Wednesday evening, we'll all enjoy the Annual Formal Awards Banquet. A copy of the Wednesday program is enclosed in this letter. Please plan to be with us in St Louis!!

This summer one of my final acts as your President will be a trip to San Antonio to meet with the Army Surgeon General's Consultants at their meeting in conjunction with the AUSA Annual Meeting. This get-together is at the request of LTG Schoemaker, and it should lay groundwork for increased interaction between SMCAF and the Army Consultants. Needless to say, I'll journey with lots of SMCAF Membership application forms in hand, as these are the physicians who will form the backbone of future SMCAF membership. When I announced this at our Spring Council Meeting, the SG Representatives from Navy and Air Force asked for similar SMCAF representation at their Consultants Meetings. At this writing, BG Byron Hepburn, Chief Medical Corps, USAF, has already asked us to join their Annual Consultants Meeting in Washington this December. This will be one of Fred's first jobs.

See you in St Louis!

Respectfully,
A. Mason Ahearn, M.D.
President, SMCAF

**MINUTES FROM THE SPRING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SOCIETY OF MEDICAL CONSULTANTS TO THE ARMED FORCES**

Friday, April 24, 2009

President Mason Ahearn called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24th in the Board of Regents Room at the Uniformed Services University. The morning session commenced with informal reports by representatives of our three SG's and the ASD-HA.

The ASD-HA Representative was Gary N. Matteson, M.D. Gary is a SMCAF member. He commented that the Secretary of Defense was especially concerned about casualty care, and he felt presently casualty care was the best in the history of the services. Dr Matteson highlighted the use of the military medical facilities for humanitarian assistance. Thirdly, he commented that the SECDEF was interested in continuation of training and research in the three major services. Concerning military education, he mentioned that the residency positions had remained constant over the last two years. Cooperative coalition with neighboring civilian medical facilities and residency programs was encouraged. Civilian academic centers had been very helpful in residency education. He mentioned that there were no cardiothoracic surgeons at Walter Reed at present, and that essentially no thoracic surgery was being done there except for minor procedures such as chest tubes and biopsies performed by general surgery. He said there had been a good deal of change in the staff at the Department of Defense for Health Affairs coinciding with the change in administration. He discussed individual personnel changes. Dr. Matteson mentioned that the Department of Defense for Health Affairs administered health care to 9.2 million beneficiaries at a cost of approximately \$45 billion annually. The Department has approximately 129,000 employees, and also provides healthcare to these employees. There are 63 medical hospital facilities in the system. He mentioned a great deal of improvement in the transition from the Department of Defense to the Veteran's Administration had taken place. Beneficiaries were generally much happier with the transition. Especially in the District of Columbia, the Veterans Administration was working well with Walter Reed and Bethesda Medical Centers. He stated that the majority of the military medical research was being concentrated in the District of Columbia. An exception was the Air Force which continued their research activities at their two major teaching institutions, Wilford Hall in the San Antonio and Wright-Patterson in Ohio.

The next presenter was COL John Powers, the Director of Medical Education for the US Army, and a member of SMCAF. Dr. Powers again mentioned the loss of thoracic surgery at Walter Reed. He felt this may be reversed in the future. The HPSP (Health Professions Scholarship Program) was discussed. He mentioned that there was presently a \$20,000 bonus for students signing for a four-year scholarship program. He mentioned that retention in the Army Medical Corps had been quite good, and that all the army residency training programs had been fully reaccredited for five years. There were 1512 soldiers in graduate medical education in the Army in various fields, many were in reserve programs. He mentioned that like the other services, the Army training programs were associated with nearby civilian training programs. The medical budget for the Army was 33% of the Army's total budget. Every effort was being made to make the medical deployments for physicians six months rather than 12 months. The Army offers a total of 150 fellowship positions and most had filled this year with a few exceptions in pediatrics, internal medicine, and general practice. The ratio of M.D.s to osteopaths in the Army was approximately 65 to 35. The MCAT and GPA scores of applicants this year were the highest ever, and they enabled the Army to set a minimum eligibility cut-out of MCAT 21 and GPA 3.2 for HPSP acceptance. This indicator of quality plus the high retention caused Col. Powers to be quite positive about the status of Army Medical Corps.

Minutes Continued

The report from the Office of the Navy Surgeon General was given by RDML William Roberts. He extended best personal regards from Vice Admiral Robinson. He emphasized the worldwide mission of the Navy Medical Services. He said the hospital ships Mercy and Comfort had been on humanitarian missions during the past year, and they had treated over 100,000 patients primarily in humanitarian missions in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. He mentioned one additional hospital ship; an LDEC with up to 50 beds had been obtained and was now in service. The Navy is emphasizing mental health and trying to decrease operational stress, but there exists insufficient psychiatric personnel to care for all the stress disorders. He mentioned that the Navy was in the process of early detection for posttraumatic stress disorders. He felt that social workers were pivotal in this process. He mentioned that the Navy Medical Corps had 38,000 personnel but there was some maldistribution in medical specialties. He mentioned that all physicians in the military must be specialty trained including general practitioners. He was concerned about skill erosion for some specialists who were functioning as general medical officers. He mentioned similar to the Army, the Navy was very pleased with recent retention. It is higher these past years, possibly due to decline in civilian medical positions. The Navy, like the Army, was partnering with civilian training programs. For example, the San Diego Naval Medical Center had partnered with Scripps Medical Center. Despite temporary civilian hires in some specialties and a shortage of nurses, the naval medical strength was quite good. In some cases, civilian medical hires had accepted commissions into the Navy Medical Corps.

Report of the Air Force Surgeon General was given by Brig. Gen. Byron Hepburn, Commander of the Air Force Medical Support Agency and a SMCAF member. He did mention that Maj. Gen. Bruce Green will be the new incoming Surgeon General of the Air Force. During the past year, air evacuation of casualties had been a major concern of the Air Force. Over 10,000 patients had been evacuated from military sites to treatment areas especially Ramstein, Germany. Many of these patients he emphasized were critically injured. Dr. Hepburn mentioned the Air Force had initiated steps for suicide prevention and family strengthening programs. He said retention and recruiting in the Air Force was going well, and that the Air Force, like the other two services was partnering with civilian facilities for their training programs. At present, the Air Force has four medical centers and 12 hospitals. The medical centers are partnering with the Veterans Administration. Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas has partnered with a nearby local hospital. Travis Air Force Base has partnered with the nearby VA Hospital and is instituting a thoracic surgery program. Scott Air Force base had partnered with a nearby St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. He said that the interface with the Veterans Administration had been going seamlessly and he was quite happy with it. He mentioned that a co-location of the Surgeon Generals to a single location in Northern Virginia was planned. The official site has yet to be announced.

Secretary Matteson, COL Powers, RDML Roberts, and Brig. Gen. Hepburn were thanked by Dr. Ahearn for their excellent reports.

SPECIAL WORKING SESSION ON SMCAF/AMSUS PARTNERSHIP

Dr. Ahearn then called to order the annual SMCAF business meeting. Dr. Ahearn mentioned that Dr. Tom Peters, president-elect, would be unable to assume the presidents position. Dr. Fred Cecere has been proposed as president elect. Discussion followed, and Dr. Cecere was elected unanimously by the council members present.

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The main order of business was the evolving partnership between SMCAF and AMSUS (Association of Military Surgeons of the United States). Dr. Enrique Mendez presented an overview containing the history and goals of SMCAF, and how they relate to the AMSUS partnership. It was very well received by the councilors. Dr. George Anderson, Executive Director of AMSUS, outlined the position of AMSUS and the ways in which AMSUS could benefit SMCAF. He mentioned that a conjoint meeting of the two organizations was planned in St. Louis, November 16 to 20. A bullet synopsis of the terms of the merger with AMSUS is included in this Newsletter. It represents the proposals of the Ad Hoc SMCAF committee on AMSUS partnership. Also, much of Dr. Ahearn's Presidential Report covers this material. Dr. Ahearn went over the "bullets" one-by-one, and each was carefully discussed. The first bullet proposal was voted on and unanimously approved separately. The counselors then passed all the other proposals of the committee unanimously with one exception, the change in dues structure to request \$40.00 annual SMCAF dues from our Associate members, which has been incorporated into the current "bullet proposals."

SPRING COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

During the working lunch Dr. Ahearn discussed developments with the Allgood Memorial Project. Two proposals for a memorial statue had been obtained. Projected costs were between \$20,000 - \$100,000 for a large attractive outdoor statue. Further alternatives were discussed such as an indoor statue and a less expensive memorial. Finally, Dr. Fred Sanford suggested that we contact "Friends of USHUS" to see if they would like to work with us on this project, perhaps assisting us in substantive fund raising.

Minutes from the previous council meeting were read and approved. One change in the wording concerning the naming of the Bethesda Medical Center was made. The society had voted to refrain from commenting on the naming issue. Walter Reed had been proposed by the Army for the name of the medical center. The society had elected to remain mute on this particular issue. The new wording in these minutes was proposed by Dr. Lichtman.

President Ahearn discussed the forthcoming conjoint meeting in St. Louis. He mentioned that Dr. David Lichtman had put forth a great deal of work in arranging an academic program for the SMCAF section of the meeting. A copy of proposed agenda is included. Many outstanding speakers from throughout the United States have been recruited for the November 18 academic sessions during the St. Louis meeting. Your Council urges you to attend this historic first SMCAF/AMSUS Meeting!

Dr. Bryce Redington gave the Jackson Foundation update. He reassured the counselors that the Jackson Foundation would continue their financial support of the society and the annual meeting in St. Louis.

Dr. Ahearn introduced Col. Elspeth C. Ritchie, MC USA. Drs. Ritchie and Ahearn are the Chairpersons for the Physician Section Scientific Program November 18. Dr. Ritchie, a new SMCAF member, was Physician Section Chairperson at AMSUS last year, and she is giving her expertise to our new joint venture.

Dr. Ahearn mentioned the positive membership report and encouraged individual initiatives to solicit new members. Dr. Ahearn reminded the counselors that the Uniformed Services University Graduation would be held May 16, 2009, and the counselors were invited, and encouraged to participate in the ceremonies.

Dr. Joel Labow presented the committee report on Graduate Medical Education. He described a robust state of the medical educational programs, even though they had been decreased in number. He proposed that the

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chiefs of graduate medical education within the services be invited to the AMSUS/SMCAF meetings yearly. The Navy has agreed to this and other services will probably follow.

Dr. Cathy Nace reported on our AMA activities. SMCAF will host its usual reception at the AMA Annual Meeting in June. SMCAF will maintain its position on the House of Delegates of AMA. Dr. Nace's travel expenses were discussed. It was decided that SMCAF would pay these this year. We determined that SMCAF would retain its seat in the AMA after the partnership. Leadership will look into subsequent years funding for our AMA delegate, perhaps military TDY, while our representative is on active duty.

Dr. Randy Howe reported on activities of the Medical Ethics Committee. He remains active in the arena of the medical aspects of detainee management and interrogation. There was discussion of a suggestion to combine physicians and chaplains in approaching commanders with any ethical problems. There will be more study on this subject. Dr. Howe also reported that the Institute of Medical Issues and Health Affairs was being established.

Discussion ensued about the payment of speakers for the Scientific Program at the St. Louis Meeting. Dr. Anderson informed the group that AMSUS usually draws from its own for speakers, and mentioned that most are covered by military TDY for their appearances and cannot accept other monies. However, we agreed for at least this year, to request Jackson Foundation to attempt to secure some meeting funds and to offer financial assistance to those who were unfunded by either the military or their parent institutions. Dr. Lichtman will arrange this later this summer and contingent upon Jackson's success. Council did approve modest funding and an honorarium for our SMCAF Luncheon Speaker.

Dr. Herb Alexander did update the society on the electronic media and communications. The society was moving forward in completing their complete computerization of files.

Dr. Ken Swan, Membership Chairman, commented on the five new members. They were unanimously approved. The age for emeritus members was discussed. It was generally felt that it should be 70 years old.

Dr. Stanford reported on The Medical Coalition, TMC. He mentioned that Tri-Care fees will be increased, and Tri-Care for life was being modified somewhat. Tri-Care eligibility was discussed at length.

Admiral Zimble presented a suicide prevention plan for the military and also a plan for treatment of gastrointestinal problems in the military was reviewed. The plans had been developed through the USU Medical School.

The financial report was given by Dr. Clarke. A copy of it is enclosed with the minutes. It was noted that the annual meeting continued to lose money. The financial report was accepted.

Dr. Ahearn opened a forum for discussion of SMCAF's future. Counselors, especially the president elect, Dr. Cecere, outlined their thoughts for the future of the Society. Dr. Ahearn mentioned that leadership positions in SMCAF would be coming open, and requested a new Nominating Committee. Council determined to seat the same committee that nominated Dr. Cecere.

Council observed a moment of silence in remembrance of our departed members.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m. by President Ahearn.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Clarke, M.D. F.A.C.S.

64TH SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING

The 64th SMCAF Annual Meeting 2009 will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 115th Annual Meeting at the Convention Center, St. Louis, MO Nov 15-20. Registration and housing, which open July 13th, will be handled by AMSUS, and only through their website, Housing must be procured through the AMSUS Housing Bureau in order to get the military per diem rate. While we are encouraging SMCAF members to attend the entire AMSUS meeting, hotel rooms and meeting registration will be available for just the SMCAF portion of the meeting, November 17th and 18th. The SMCAF Hotel will be The Hyatt Regency. SMCAF members may register there for just Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The meeting registration fee for current AMSUS members will be determined by your membership category in AMSUS. If you wish to register as a SMCAF member for the time period noon Tuesday through all Wednesday events, the fee will be \$110.00 and will cover admission and one ticket to the SMCAF Luncheon. Spousal lunch tickets and banquet tickets will be extra. **A specific procedure is required for this special registration. Please send an e-mail message to Maj Gen George Anderson, USAF, MC Retired, george.anderson@amsus.org to request registration for this limited attendance.** Badges for those registering in this manner will be available at the Convention Center on Tuesday November 17th. To ensure that all SMCAF attendees receive full CME credit for their attendance at the SMCAF Physician Section on Nov 18, Margo Cabrero will confirm the proper badge issuance to each member.

All additional meeting registration information is immediately available on the AMSUS website: www.amsus.org

We look forward to seeing you 15-20 November in St. Louis, Missouri for the 64th Annual Meeting. All information regarding the 2009 Annual Meeting will be available in July.

- Registration will open 13 July. All member, non-member, early bird and onsite rates will be made available at that time.
- Housing will open on 13 July. In order to receive the prevailing government per diem rate you must book through the AMSUS website. All properties will be listed when housing is available.

To register and find information visit the AMSUS web site at:
<http://www.amsus.org/home.shtml>

SMCAF AWARD



At the Graduation Awards Ceremony on 15 May for the Class of 2009 at the School of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the SMCAF award was granted to the student who had achieved the highest level of academic performance over all four years. This year Fred A. Cecere, M.D. presented the award to; ENS Anthony Allen Giberman, MC, USN and 2nd Lt Nicole Marie Hsu, USAF, MC.

**ACTIVE
MEMBERS**

Dues Notice

If you received a dues notice included in your newsletter, you are, according to SMCAF records an "Active Member".

Active members are physicians who served on active duty in one of the branches of the Uniformed Services of the United States and who have served as Medical Consultants to a component of the Uniformed Services. Physicians in the reserve components who are consultants are also qualified for Active Membership. All active members are required to pay dues in the amount of \$100 on a yearly basis.

If you have any questions in regard to your membership status, contact the Executive Director at smcaf@usuhs.mil

DRAFT AGENDA: ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15- 20, 2009**SUBJECT TO CHANGE****Tuesday: November 17, 2009**

Council meeting: Hyatt Regency, Sterling Studio 4 1400-1700

SMCAF Reception and Committee Meetings:
Hyatt Regency, Grand Ballroom B/C 1800-2000

Wednesday: November 18, 2009**AMSUS/SMCAF PHYSICIANS SECTION:**

Introduction	Cam Ritchie, MD	0800-0815
Presidential Address	Mason Ahearn MD	0815-0830
Medical Lessons Learned in Iraq War	John Holcomb, MD	0830-0915
Break		0915-0945
The Army Senior Visiting Surgeon Program	Jay Johannigman, MD	0945-1030
Epidaurus Program	Fred Foote, MD	1030-1100
US/UK Medical Integration in Operation Bastion	Louis P. Lillywhite MD	1100-1200
	Lieutenant-General: UK Surgeon General	

SMCAF LUNCHEON:

The First Enrique Mendez Annual Lecture:		1200-1400
Thomas J. Nasca, MD MACP, CEO ACGME: "Resident Duty Hours"*		
Presentation SMCAF Seal Award		
SMCAF Annual Business Meeting		
Break		1400-1415
SG Roundtable		1415-1515
Break		1515-1530
What's Hot at Army Institute of Surgical Research*		1530-1700
Introduction	David Lichtman, MD	1530-1535
Overview of Research Projects at AISR	Joseph Wenke, PhD	1535-1600
The Impact of Clinical Research Consortiums on Orthopaedic Trauma Care		
Hand Transplantation – Progress, Challenges, Potential	Michael Bosse, MD	1600-1630
	W.P. Andrew Lee, MD	1630-1700

Some are temporary titles, which reflect the topics to be covered. Speakers will furnish final titles later.
We envision Dr. Mendez introducing Dr. Nasca

Proposals of Ad Hoc SMCAF Committee on AMSUS Partnership April 23, 2009

- That SMCAF become first a Provisional Section then a Section of AMSUS, Provisional effective January 1, 2010. Final Section designation will require an amendment of AMSUS' by-laws at their Annual Meeting in 2010
 - That a letter of understanding to this effect be drafted before November, presented to both governing bodies, then executed in St Louis
 - That President, SMCAF be Chairman, SMCAF Section, AMSUS
 - That by-laws of each organization be studied immediately to ascertain necessary changes
 - That all SMCAF members join or remain in AMSUS. One year suspense from adoption by general membership in November. This includes Emeritus but not Honorary Members.
 - That current SMCAF Candidate members become either student or full members of AMSUS depending upon educational level. This will be done automatically and will not require additional application process.
 - That Candidate membership in SMCAF is discontinued.
 - That **all** AMSUS medical student and GME members are invited to Physicians Section, AMSUS Annual Meeting
 - That AMSUS begins collecting SMCAF dues.
 - That AMSUS collects from each SMCAF active member \$50. 00 annually and from each Associate member, \$40.00, as well as whatever AMSUS' dues requirements are for that member, i.e. current annual dues of \$60.00 (\$65.00 in 2010) or life-membership.
 - That AMSUS assumes the administrative infrastructure functions of SMCAF
 - That all SMCAF members will receive *Military Medicine* as members of AMSUS
 - That Margo Cabrero's title be changed to "Executive Assistant to the President" and that she work on an hourly basis at a rate and pace to be negotiated. This will become effective January 1, 2010 and then reviewed annually.
 - That AMSUS will be repository of SMCAF funds but keep them in a separate internal account subject to SMCAF control, i.e. AMSUS will pay bills and disburse funds subject to SMCAF approval. AMSUS will accomplish approved auditing function.
 - That AMSUS will make available to SMCAF an office at AMSUS Headquarters for a SMCAF " Home Address" and local Washington "hang-out." SMCAF will furnish and decorate this office and may be asked to pay some minor maintenance charges. A voice mail site may be added to AMSUS telephone answering directory. Mail delivery and fax capability will be provided.
 - That Jackson Foundation will continue its support of SMCAF this year. The future role of Jackson will be reviewed in light of its relationships with both organizations.
 - That SMCAF will retain its delegate to TMC and AMA and to fund AMA delegate at meeting and to fund SMCAF AMA reception
 - That SMCAF present the Physicians Section of AMSUS Annual Meeting as scientific portion of SMCAF Annual Meeting. This is in progress for St Louis and will occur on Wednesday Nov 18.
 - That SMCAF institute the first ever AMSUS Physician Luncheon, featuring an annual "Enrique Mendez Lecture". Scheduled speaker this year is Dr. Thomas Nasca, CEO ACGME. Luncheon would also feature presentation of the Seal award, and it would conclude with brief Annual Business Meeting, passing of gavel, and "moment of silence".
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Proposals Continued

- That Dr. and Mrs. Mendez and Dr. Nasca be honored guests at SMCAF Luncheon
- That SMCAF offer a small honorarium to Dr. Nasca and try to help unfunded speakers this year, consistent with financial results of Jackson Foundation's efforts.
- That in future, SMCAF function consistent with AMSUS policies, in that we offer travel and lodging expenses, if possible, to our unfunded speakers, cognizant that most are funded by TDY or their parent organizations
- That SMCAF Committees meet Tuesday evening Nov 17, first at a general membership and recruiting reception (cash bar, SMCAF funds hors hors d'oeuvres), then brief break-out Committee meetings for introductions and re-organization this year. Plan to begin formal Tuesday afternoon SMCAF Committee meetings in 2010.
- That SMCAF have a booth next to AMSUS at Annual Meeting, booth run by Margo and Jose
- That SMCAF pay for travel, lodging, SMCAF Luncheon and Awards Banquet for Margo and Jose for their function at AMSUS Annual Meeting in St Louis
- That SMCAF President writes Editor, *Military Medicine* to formally request that SMCAF be added to other section logos on cover of journal.
- That all physician members on Editorial Board of *Military Medicine* be proposed for SMCAF membership immediately by SMCAF Board representative, Dr. Tom Peters.
- That SMCAF and AMSUS maintain their separate websites for present with each carrying a link to the other
- That SMCAF appreciate fully that we will probably lose the attendance of many of our elder Washington area members at regional AMSUS Annual Meetings and that we make immediate preparations to expand our Spring Council session to include them, perhaps expanding it to include a social function Thursday night...running over into weekend...golf tournament..."SG's Dinning Out"...open to any and all suggestions!
- That, after Spring Council meeting approval of items above, SMCAF President send a hard-mail letter to each member explaining steps being taken by Council and reasons why, emphasizing that formal vote on these items will occur at Annual Business Meeting and requesting any input, especially by those who might not attend St Louis
- That spouses be urged to attend SMCAF Luncheon and Tuesday evening reception in addition to AMSUS Awards Banquet Wednesday evening
- That next meeting of SMCAF Council occur in St Louis Tuesday November 17, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Be prepared to discuss and vote upon these proposals, some of which will require bylaws changes at this years 64th Annual SMCAF Meeting in St. Louis.

FINAL REMINDER

ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SMCAF 64TH/ AMSUS 115TH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HANDLED BY AMSUS: MEETING REGISTRATION; HOTEL REGISTRATION; SMCAF LUNCHEON; AWARDS BANQUET. TUESDAY EVENING RECEPTION WILL INCLUDE OPEN CASH BAR AND WILL OTHERWISE BE FREE. AMSUS WEBSITE IS WWW.AMSUS.ORG AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE THROUGH THAT WEBSITE. ALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN ON THAT WEBSITE JUL 13. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER MAIL-OUTS FROM SMCAF REGARDING MEETING REGISTRATION.

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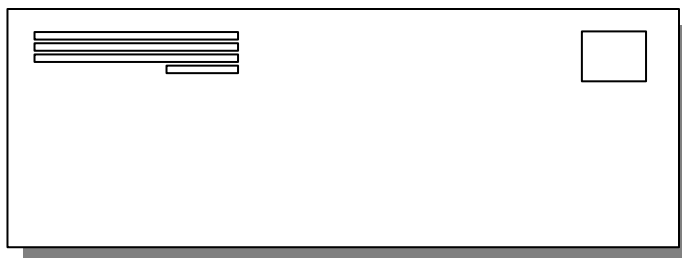
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