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SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING 2010

Navy Host's 65th Annual Meeting October 31 - November 5, 2010

This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 116th Annual Meeting being held in Phoenix, AZ. CME Credit hours will be available. Continuing education forms may be obtained at the Continuing Education Desk.

Tuesday night, November 2ND, new this year, AMSUS is having the exhibit hall open from 4pm-8pm. At that time they will have poster sessions in the back of the hall as well as complimentary hors d'oeuvres. In lieu of a reception, as we had last year, SMCAF members will meet at this time.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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

From The President

As many of you are aware, our officers, committee chairmen and invited members met in Washington DC on April 23rd and 24th to discuss the future of the Society and its changing role in support of Federal Medicine. The roundtable that was tentatively scheduled for that time period was postponed as events and circumstances dictated that the leadership of the Society convene a workshop focused on the preservation of the Society's ethos while finding ways to enhance performance of its mission.

A. The workshop covered many topics including:

- a. More efficient organizational structures for the new SMCAF.
- b. The Society's role in enhancing GME within Federal Medicine, embracing "requirements-based GME" and encouraging the incorporation of military global medicine experience into military GME programs.
- c. The Society's responsibility to recognize potential problems, just over the horizon, like the changing role of military health care in the era of Federal Health reform.
- d. Discussion of the current membership.
 - i. Strong desire to remain a society made up exclusively of physicians, but examining the merits of extending membership from the uniformed services to include VA physicians.
 - ii. The attendees believed that one of the first reviews conducted should be to evaluate the current structure of the Society, the membership definitions and criteria for membership. Also discussed was support for the creation of a value proposition that is clear to our current and future members.

B. Follow on work groups

- a. A "value proposition work group" will be appointed to take the workshop output and refine it to be presented to the membership in the Fall.
- b. A Membership/Lexicon work group will also be appointed to expand on the workgroup's preliminary definitions and propose any bylaws changes to the full membership.
- c. Finally, there will be a review of our current committee structure and proposed modification.

The work will continue all summer in order to present meaningful changes to the membership as soon as possible. The leadership promises that the changes will be evolutionary and remain consistent with our tradition and commitment to Military Medicine.

The Society is now and will remain committed to preserving the integrity of and fostering continuous improvement in Military Medicine. For the society to grow and prosper it must change. We must attract new and vigorous members to carry on the work of our current and past leaders and members. The Society must be capable of identifying and supporting the needs of our Federal physicians and working effectively as an informed and enlightened proponent of Military and Federal Medicine.



Minutes Continued From The President Continued

As most of you are now aware, to accomplish these ends, SMCAF has become a provisional section of AMSUS. SMCAF members are now required to be members of AMSUS. Physician members of AMSUS, who have served in a uniformed service as a senior physician (0-5 and above) and are recognized as "consultant level" by their peers may apply for SMCAF membership. Currently, active duty members can apply only for Associate membership. They have all of the rights and privileges of members except they cannot vote or hold office.

Currently, the application process requires a visit to our web site, www.smcaf.org, where an applicant can download and complete the application, and submit it along with a copy of his/her resumé. The Society dues are in addition to AMSUS dues and are currently \$50 per year for non-active duty members and \$40 per year for active duty members. Beginning in 2011, AMSUS will collect both SMCAF and AMSUS dues.

Respectfully,
 Fred A. Cecere, M.D.
 COL, MC, USA (Ret)
 President, SMCAF

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

The spring council meeting of the Society of Medical Consultants was held in The Board of Regent's room at the Uniformed Services University.

The meeting was called to order by the president Dr. Fred A. Cecere at 1100 hours. A majority of the Councilors were in attendance including: Drs. Clarke, Taylor, Lichtman, Ahearn, and Zimble. Committee Chairs in attendance included: Drs. Blanck, Howe, Swan and Sanford. Invited guests included: Dr. Michael Kussman the recent Seal Award Winner.

Business meeting

1. Minutes of the Annual meeting November 17, 2009 were reviewed and approved.
2. Following a moment of silence for our deceased members, the President welcomed the attendees and described the workshop that would follow the business meeting to set the course for SMCAF for the next ten years.
3. Membership committee report on new members and emeritus members approved:

NEW MEMBERS	EMERITUS MEMBERS
Michael Bosse, M.D.	Howard E. Fauver, M.D.
Bryan Gamble, M.D.	David Burris, M.D.
Baltazara G. Lotuaco, M.D.	Joseph W. Sokolowski, M.D.
Thomas W. Travis, M.D.	
Harry Ward, M.D.	
Jane B. Ward, M.D.	
Jonathan Woodson, M.D.	
Michael J. Yaszemski, M.D., Ph.D.	

4. Financial report approved. Currently in the operating account the Society has \$5,075.79 and \$35,913.70 in the mutual funds. Discussed was the fact that the accounts are reducing fast and the major factor for this is the lack of members paying their dues. SMCAF relies on it members paying their dues annually and on time as the major source of income.
5. Nominating committee selected as follows: Dr. Cecere, Dr. Ahearn, Dr. Koenig and Dr. Alexander to nominate
 - a. 1 councilor
 - b. Committee chair for:
 - i. Archives and medical history
 - ii. Ethical issues in military medicine
 - iii. Membership
 - iv. Recruitment and retention
6. CAPT James J Chun USN MC presented the council with current concepts of the November 3rd Meeting in conjunction with AMSUS in Phoenix, Arizona.
 - a. The council agreed with the theme and composition of the meeting.
 - b. They referred Dr. Chun to Dr. George Weightman to support a scientific session highlighting Regenerative Medicine.
 - c. Dr. Cowan has agreed to moderate a discussion of Humanitarian Assistance and International Disaster Response.
 - d. The council agreed to expand the Surgeons General roundtable to be a Federal leadership roundtable and to invite the Undersecretary for Health of the VHA to attend.
 - e. Dr. William Duncan, Associate Deputy Undersecretary for Health Quality and Safety of the Veterans Health Administration will present the Enrique Mendez Lecture at the noon luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours and the Workshop on SMCAF future was convened.

65TH SMCAF ANNUAL MEETING

The 65th SMCAF Annual Meeting 2010 will be held in conjunction with the AMSUS 116th Annual Meeting at the Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ Oct. 31 – Nov. 5. Registration and housing, which open's on August 2, 2010, 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. The SMCAF meetings will be held at the Convention center. SMCAF members may register at the hotel of their choice and still have easy access to all SMCAF meetings and functions at the convention center. The meeting registration fee for current AMSUS members will be determined by your membership category in AMSUS. Spousal lunch tickets and banquet tickets will be extra. Badges will be available at the Convention Center.

All additional meeting registration information is immediately available on the AMSUS website:
<http://www.amsus.org/index.php/annual-meeting>

We look forward to seeing you 31 October - 5 November in Phoenix, AZ for the 65th Annual Meeting. All information regarding the 2010 Annual Meeting will be available in July.

- Registration will open 2 August. All member, non-member, early bird and onsite rates will be made available at that time.
- Housing will open on 2 August. 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/index.php/annual-meeting>

The SMCAF Meeting is taking place on November 3, 2010 in the convention Center, Room 124A. The Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D lecture and luncheon is also being held at the convention center, Room 124B.

Grand Canyon Side Trip

AMSUS is negotiating either a code or special trip for AMSUS attendees to reduce the cost. More information will be available around the 2nd week of August. If you are interested in this trip you may visit the AMSUS web site at <http://www.amsus.org/index.php/annual-meeting> to obtain further information.

SMCAF AWARD



At the Graduation Awards Ceremony on 15 May for the Class of 2010 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 Edward R. Utz, MC, USN. ENS Utz is one of only a handful of students to earn all A's in his MSIII year. As His medicine evaluation so aptly stated, he is a gifted and talented student who's personal, professional, and academic qualities clearly set him apart and allow him to embrace the complexity of patient care yet act simply. He will clearly excel in any residency program of his choosing.

ACTIVE & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dues Notice

If you are an "Active or Associate Member" of SMCAF, you are required to pay dues annually.

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 \$50 on a yearly basis.

Associate Members are those of similar qualification to Active Members, currently on Active Duty. All associate members are required to pay dues in the amount of \$40.00 on a yearly basis.

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

FINAL REMINDER

ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SMCAF 65TH/ AMSUS 116TH 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 <http://www.amsus.org/index.php/annual-meeting> AND ALL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE THROUGH THAT WEBSITE. ALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN ON THAT WEBSITE August 2nd. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER MAIL-OUTS FROM SMCAF REGARDING MEETING REGISTRATION.



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DUES NOTICE

Michael S. Clarke, M. D. Secretary-Treasurer

Annual Dues: ___ Active Member \$50.00 ___ Associate Member \$40.00 \$ ___ (Associate members = active duty)

SMCAF Education Fund _____ \$ _____

Please make check payable to SMCAF TOTAL \$ _____

Address Correction: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Specialty: _____

Current AMSUS Member: Yes _____ No _____

SMCAF Members will need to be AMSUS Members by January 1, 2011.

If you are not an AMSUS Member do you intend to join?

Yes _____

No _____ I wish to resign my membership in SMCAF

AMA Member Yes _____ No _____

If yes please supply your AMA Member number _____

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