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Pennsylvania, was granted a charter in 2014. Hofstra North Shore—LIJ School of Medicine at Hofstra University was approved for a charter pending final LCME accreditation. Dr. Byyny and Dr. Tooker introduced the strategic priorities discussion.

Dr. Pershing presented her report on the resident initiative during the strategic priorities discussion.

Dr. Paauw presented his report on the Edward D. Harris Professionalism Award during the strategic priorities discussion.

Dr. Higginbotham and Dr. Byyny presented the report on the Fellow in Leadership Award during the strategic priorities discussion.

Dr. Tooker and Dr. Byyny introduced the diversity policy statement derived from the constitutional nondiscrimination statement. The diversity statement is as follows:

The primary criteria for board positions and programs and awards will be merit and achievement. AΩA supports diversity among its officers and board and in its programs and awards, including: race, ethnicity, gender, geography, academia, community, organizations, institutions, specialties, professional activities, physical disability, and sexual orientation.

The policy was adopted unanimously.

Ms. Lancaster presented her report on *The Pharos*.

Dr. Stubbs and Mr. Nichols presented the proposed 2014/2015 budget. It was approved unanimously.

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Dr. Tooker announced the dates for the 2015 board of directors meeting: October 2-3, 2015, to be held in Colorado.

Dr. Tooker recognized the incoming officers: Douglas Paauw as incoming President and Robert Atnip as incoming President Elect.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard L. Byyny, MD, Executive Director

Alpha Omega Alpha elects new officers and directors

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society is pleased to announce the election of its officers and directors for the 2014/2015 year.

Officers

President—Douglas S. Paauw, MD, MACP (AΩA, University of Michigan, 1983) joined the AΩA Board of Directors in 2005 as a Councilor Director for the University of Washington. Dr. Paauw has been Councilor at the Alpha Washington Chapter at the University of Washington since the early 1990s. He is Director of Medicine Student Programs, a Professor of Medicine, and the Rathmann Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Patient-Centered Clinical Education. Dr. Paauw has received many teaching awards, including the AΩA Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award in 2001. Dr. Paauw is also co-chair on the AΩA professionalism committee. His specialty is internal medicine.

Immediate Past President—John Tooker, MD, MBA, MACP (AΩA, University of Colorado, 1970) is beginning his second term as Member at Large. He joined the AΩA Board in 2009 as the Medical Organization Director, representing the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Tooker is the Emeritus Executive Vice President and CEO of the ACP. He served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of ACP from 2002 through July 2010 and remains active in supporting ACP's mission of excellence and professionalism by representing ACP to external organizations. Currently, Dr. Tooker also serves on the boards of NCQA, the National Quality Forum, and the Advisory Committee of Health Level 7 (HL7). His specialty is internal medicine with a subspecialty in pulmonology and critical care.

President-Elect—Robert G. Atnip, MD, FACS, RPVI (AΩA, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 1976) is beginning his third term as Member at Large on the Board of Directors. He first joined the Board in 2006 as a Councilor Director. Dr. Atnip has been the Councilor at the Eta Pennsylvania Chapter at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine since 2002 and is a Professor of Surgery and Radiology. He is ABS certified in surgery, vascular surgery, and surgical critical care. His specialty is vascular surgery, vascular ultrasound, wound care, and hyperbaric medicine.



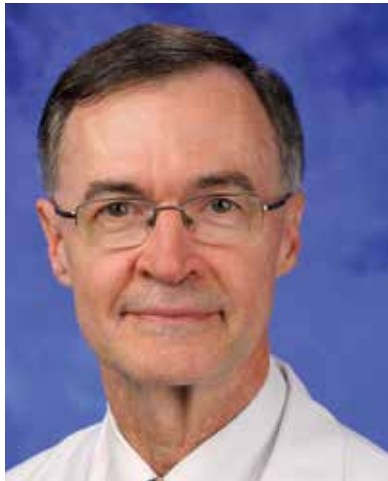
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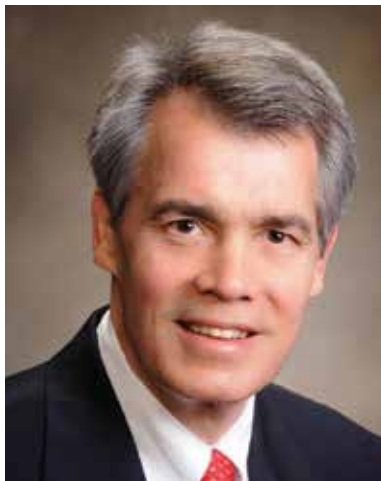
Douglas S. Paauw, MD, MACP



John Tooker, MD MBA, MACP



Robert G. Atnip, MD, FACS, RPVI



Joseph W. Stubbs, MD, MACP



Charles Griffith III, MD, MSPH, FACP



Holly J. Humphrey, MD



Richard Latuska, MSIV



Griffin P. Rodgers, MD, MBA, MACP



Secretary Treasurer—Joseph W. Stubbs MD, MACP (AQA, Emory University, 1978) joined the Board of Directors in 2008 as a Member at Large and is now beginning his third term. In 2011, he became the Secretary Treasurer, an office he still holds. Dr. Stubbs is a private physician in Albany, Georgia. He is past president of the ACP (2009–2010) and currently the medical director of South Georgia ACO. His specialty is internal medicine/geriatrics.

Directors

Councilor Director—Charles Griffith III, MD, MSPH, FACP (AQA, University of Kentucky, 2000, Faculty) currently serves as the Councilor to the Beta Kentucky Chapter at the University of Kentucky, a position he has held since 2004. Dr. Griffith is the Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education. He received the AQA Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award in 2004. His specialties are internal medicine and pediatrics.

Member at Large—Holly J. Humphrey MD (AQA, University of Chicago, 1983) is currently the Dean for Medical Education at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, and the Ralph W. Gerard Professor

in Medicine. From 2001 through 2011, she served as AQA Councilor to the Beta Illinois Chapter at the University of Chicago. Her specialty is internal medicine.

Student Director—Richard Latuska, MSIV (AQA, Vanderbilt University, 2014) is a fourth-year medical student at Vanderbilt University. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa in 2011. Mr. Latuska is the son of a nurse and a gastroenterologist. He plans to specialize in pediatrics.

Medical Organization Member—Griffin P. Rodgers MD, MBA, MACP (AQA, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, 2008, Alumnus) has served as the Director of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) since 2007. He is widely recognized for his contributions to the development of the first effective (FDA-approved) therapy for sickle cell anemia. He performed basic research that focused on understanding the molecular basis of how certain drugs induce fetal hemoglobin gene expression. He was also a major collaborator in developing a modified blood stem-cell transplant regimen that is highly effective in reversing sickle disease in adults with relatively low toxicity. His specialty is hematology.

Letters to the editor

“The care of the patient”

I greatly enjoyed reading your editorial in the recent issue of *The Pharos* (Autumn 2014, pp. 2–3). It summarized my current struggles with medicine. I’m an intern in Pediatrics and just finished a month of general inpatient pediatrics. To sum it up, I feel as if I just spent a month in the twilight zone. The paragraph regarding Dr. Marr’s article perfectly summarized many of my qualms. Two points I would also include are the redundant notes (both I and the fellow/attending must write daily progress notes) as well as the barriers to great nursing-physician communication. But the penultimate frustration I am running into is that it seems as if our current medical system has the severe side effect of eroding any idealism a young resident may carry. Multiple times I have attempted to go beyond acting like the “shark” and offered to care for a patient more intimately post-discharge (with home visits for example), only to be told that it doesn’t fit proper protocol. I’m worried that the “caring”

component our MD title carries has been transformed from its older idyllic form to one that must fit in the constraints of for-profit medicine. My single goal has become to finish residency with my “caring” and “idealism” intact. The next step would be to find/create a system that highlights these characteristics rather than the “bottom-line.”

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“David Seegal”

I loved Dr. Dans’ article about David Seegal in the Autumn *Pharos* (Autumn 2014, pp. 4–9). It brought back memories, and I have an anecdote to share.

I was a visiting student (from Harvard, at the suggestion of John Loeb, who preceded me there two years earlier) on the Goldwater Memorial Hospital service, where I had the joy of working under Dr. Seegal and Dr. Arthur Wertheim. Indeed, I credit my experience there with the origin of my

career in chronic illness.

My introduction to the Columbia way of doing things began with the first patient I presented to Dr. Seegal. I started my presentation in the casual (Boston) way I knew: foot on a dropped bed rail, notes in hand. I was immediately instructed to stand straight, remove the foot, and dispense with the notes. To be certain that I understood, Dr. Seegal called for a strip of gauze bandage, whereupon he proceeded to tie my hands behind my back. (The things that we accepted in those days!)

The lesson stuck, and I kept the bandage in my drawer as a reminder for years thereafter.

The other side of the story is that, later, when I did a fellowship at Columbia, I saw a lot of residents make up data rather than say *ic ne wat*. On the other hand, the CML2 reflex stays on to this day.

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