



# National and Chapter News



Left to right: William E. Bynum IV, MD; Joseph W. Stubbs, MD, FACP; Lynn M. Cleary, MD; Jane Kimball; John Tooker, MD, MBA, MACP; Don W. Powell, MD; Douglas S. Paauw, MD; Suzann Pershing, MD; N. Joseph Espat, MD; Ruth-Marie Fincher, MD, MACP; Alan G. Robinson, MD; Carol Aschenbrener, MD; Richard L. Byyny, MD, FACP; Tonya Cramer, MD; C. Bruce Alexander, MD; Rae-Ellen W. Kavey, MD, MPH; Alicia Alcamo, MD; Eve J. Higginbotham, SM, MD; Christopher Clark, MSIV; Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD; Debbie Lancaster; Candice Cutler; Barbara Prince. Photo courtesy of William E. Bynum IV, M.D.

## 2012 meeting of the AΩA board of directors

The annual meeting of the board of directors of Alpha Omega Alpha was held in San Francisco, California, on October 6, 2012. Present were:

Officers: President Ruth-Marie Fincher, MD, MACP; President Elect C. Bruce Alexander, MD; Immediate Past President Rae-Ellen Kavey, MD, MPH; Secretary-Treasurer Joseph W. Stubbs, MD, FACP.

Members at large: N. Joseph Espat, MD; Eve J. Higginbotham, MD; Douglas S. Paauw, MD; Don W. Powell, MD; Alan G. Robinson, MD.

Councilor directors: Lynn M. Cleary, MD, State University of New York Upstate Medical University; Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD, Indiana University

School of Medicine.

Student directors: Alicia Alcamo, MD, the Ohio State University College of Medicine; William E. Bynum IV, MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine; Christopher Clark, MSIV, University of Mississippi School of Medicine; Tonya Cramer, MD, Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

Medical Organization Director: Carol Aschenbrener, MD, Association of American Medical Colleges.

Coordinator, Residency Initiatives: Suzann Pershing, MD.

National office staff: Executive Director Richard L. Byyny, MD; Assistant Treasurer William F. Nichols; Managing Editor Debbie Lancaster; Programs



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Administrator Candice Cutler; Membership Administrator Jane Kimball; Controller Barbara Prince.

Attending by teleconference were: Councilor director Sheryl Pfeil, MD, the Ohio State University College of Medicine; Councilor director Alan G. Wasserman, MD, George Washington University School of Medicine.

Absent: Member at large Robert Atnip, MD.

New to the board are: Alan G. Robinson, MD, elected to a three-year term as member at large; Lynn M. Cleary, MD, elected to a three-year term as councilor director; Christopher Clark, MSIV, elected to a three-year term as student director. Councilor director Sheryl Pfeil, MD, was elected to a three-year term as member at large.

Retiring from the board are: William Bynum IV, MD; Rae-Ellen Kavey, MD, MPH; Don W. Powell, MD.

Renewed for a three-year term is: Suzann Pershing, MD.

### Constitutional changes

The board voted to approve the following constitutional changes:

#### Article IV. Membership and General Considerations

##### Section 3: Resident and Fellow Memberships

Residents and fellows who were elected as medical students to the Society are automatically members of the chapter of the medical school sponsoring the educational programs in which they are enrolled. In addition, each chapter may nominate for membership in the Society each year residents or fellows who have completed a first year of residency or fellowship. Their election shall be based on continued academic achievement, leadership, professionalism, service, teaching, research and promise referred to in Article II and Article IV, with special emphasis on commitment and excellence in teaching of medical students. The numbers eligible to be nominated and elected will be related to the size of the medical school class and the number of students eligible to be nominated to membership in AΩA in the school. The minimum will be three residents or fellows. The numbers related to size and the increment will be determined by the Executive Director periodically.

##### Section 4: Alumni/Alumnae and Faculty Memberships

The provision for nomination by each chapter of alumni/alumnae members and faculty members each year provides a means of recognizing and honoring individuals who have distinguished themselves in their professional careers. Such election shall be based on continued achievement, leadership, professionalism, service, teaching, research and promise referred to in Article II and

Article IV. Inasmuch as the number of individuals eligible for selection in these two categories is limited, chapters should evaluate carefully the professional and personal stature of nominees.

a. Alumni/Alumnae: Graduates of medical schools in which a chapter exists, who were not elected as students, residents, or fellows, but who, after ten years or more following graduation are judged on the basis of academic and professional achievement, leadership, professionalism, service, teaching, research and promise referred to in Article II and Article IV to be qualified, may be nominated for membership in the chapter of the medical school from which they graduated.

b. Faculty: Members of the sponsoring school's Faculty of Medicine who hold an earned doctoral degree (M.D., Ph.D., or equivalent) and have demonstrated continued academic and professional achievement, leadership, professionalism, service, teaching, research and promise referred to in Article II and Article IV, and a commitment to scholarly excellence and medical education may be nominated for membership in the chapter of that school.

The numbers eligible to be nominated and elected in each category will be related to the size of the medical school class and the number of students eligible to be nominated to membership in AΩA in the school. The minimum in each category will be two faculty and two alumni. The numbers related to size and the increment in these categories will be determined by the Executive Director periodically.

#### Article V. Organization and Central Administration

##### Section 3: Executive Director and National Office

The national office shall be directed by an Executive Director, chosen by the Board, who shall be the chief executive officer of AΩA and shall be responsible for implementation of all activities of the society, for maintenance of all society records, and for reports to the Board each year on the state of the society. The Executive Director shall serve *ex officio*, without vote, on the Board of Directors.

##### Section 5: President

The President shall be the senior elected officer of the AΩA Board of Directors, shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall have general supervision and direction of the activities of the Board. The President shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws or as may be assigned by the Board. The term of



the President shall be one year, beginning and ending at the conclusion of the Annual Board meeting. At the end of the term the President shall become the Immediate Past President.

The relevant changes to the constitution may be seen on AΩA's web site: [www.alphaomegalpha.org/constitution.html](http://www.alphaomegalpha.org/constitution.html).

### Elections

The following members of the board were elected as officers for a one-year term:

1. C. Bruce Alexander, MD, President
2. John Tooker, MD, MBA, President Elect
3. Ruth-Marie Fincher, MD, MACP, Immediate Past President

Two honorary members were proposed this year. Both were elected to honorary membership for their distinguished contributions to medicine. Profiles of these honorary members will appear in a future issue of *The Pharos*:

1. Giovanni Romeo, MD
2. Slavomir Majewski, MD

### Reports

Dr. Fincher and Dr. Byyny presented their reports for the year, summarizing the year for AΩA programs, new medical school chapters, chapter visits, fundraising, the membership directory and database, communications and public relations, and staffing.

The financial review was presented by Mr. Nichols and Dr. Stubbs. A presentation on AΩA's investment program was given by Jennifer Ellison and Diana Lieberman of Bingham Osborn & Scarborough.

Mr. Nichols and Dr. Stubbs presented a proposal for a dues increase in 2013, which was passed by unanimous consent. Dues were last raised in 2010.

Dr. Byyny and Dr. Fincher reported on the site visit to Florida International University, which has petitioned for an AΩA charter. They recommended that a charter be granted. The motion was passed contingent on the school receiving full LCME accreditation.

A report on the Professionalism Award was presented by Dr. Paauw and Dr. Maxine Papadakis of the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine.

A report on the work of the committee for the proposed Leadership Award was presented by Dr. Tooker and Dr. Byyny.

A report on *The Pharos* was presented by Ms. Lancaster. Dr. Pershing presented a report on the Residents

Initiative project and the first year results of the newly offered Postgraduate Award. She proposed a motion that the award be opened to all residents and fellows at institutions affiliated with an AΩA chapter. The motion was passed and will be implemented in the 2013/2014 academic year.

### Miscellaneous

The minutes of the 2011 board meeting were approved. A final budget was also approved.

### Instructions for *Pharos* authors

We welcome material that addresses scholarly and nontechnical topics in medicine and public health such as history, biography, health services research, ethics, education, and social issues, as well as philosophy, literature, the arts, professionalism, leadership, and humor. Poetry is welcome, as well as photograph/poetry combinations. Photography and art may also be submitted. Scholarly fiction is accepted. All submissions are subject to editorial board review. Contributors need not be members of Alpha Omega Alpha. Papers by medical students and residents are particularly welcome.

Submissions must meet the following criteria:

1. Submissions may not have been published elsewhere or be under review by another journal.
2. Essays should have a maximum of 15 pages (approximately 5000 words), and be submitted in 12-point type, double-spaced, with one-inch margins. They should be accompanied by a covering letter and a title page with the word count (or page count), return address, and e-mail address. References should not exceed 20 unique items (see below).
3. Poems or photograph/poetry combinations should be in 12-point type, with one-inch margins, with the author's name, address, and e-mail address on the first page.
4. Electronic submissions are preferred. Send them to [info@alphaomegalpha.org](mailto:info@alphaomegalpha.org). Or send by mail to Richard L. Byyny, MD, Editor of *The Pharos*, 525 Middlefield Road, Suite 130, Menlo Park, California 94025.
5. After peer review, comments on the manuscript will be sent to the author along with an editorial decision. Every attempt is made to complete preliminary reviews within six weeks.
6. The editors of *The Pharos* will edit all manuscripts that are accepted for publication for style, usage, relevance, and grace of expression, and may provide appropriate illustrative material. Authors should not purchase illustrative material because the editors cannot guarantee



that it will be used.

7. In accordance with revised copyright laws, each contributor will need to sign an Author's Agreement, which will be sent with the edited galleys. Information on copyright ownership and re-publication of articles is detailed in the Author's Agreement.

#### **Reference information**

Authors are responsible for the accuracy of citations and quotations in their papers. Once a manuscript has been accepted for publication, therefore, the author will be required to provide photocopies of all direct quotations from the primary source material, indicating page numbers. (Please mark the quoted material on the photocopies with highlighter.) In addition, the editors will require photocopies of all references: the title page and copyright pages of all books cited, the first and last pages of book chapters cited, and the first and last pages of journal articles cited, as well as the Table of Contents of the particular issue of the journal in which the cited article appeared. PubMed or MedLine citations are also acceptable. The foregoing items will be used to verify the accuracy of the quotations in the text and the references cited, and to correct any errors or omissions. The photocopies will not be returned.

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**Journal:** Zilm DH, Sellers EM, MacLeod SM, Degani N. Propranolol effect on tremor in alcoholic withdrawal. *Ann Intern Med* 1975; 83: 234–36.

**Book:** Harris ED Jr. *Rheumatoid Arthritis*. Philadelphia: WB Saunders; 1997.

**Book chapter:** Pelligrini CA. Postoperative Complications. In: Way LW, editor. *Current Surgical Diagnosis and Treatment*, Ninth Edition. Norwalk (CT): Appleton & Lange; 1991: pp 25–41.

Each reference should be listed in the bibliography only once, with multiple uses of a single reference citing the same bibliography reference number. Examples are available at our web site: [www.alphaomegaalpha.org](http://www.alphaomegaalpha.org).

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#### **Leaders in American Medicine**

In 1967, as a result of a generous gift from Drs. David E. and Beatrice C. Seegal, Alpha Omega Alpha initiated a program of one-hour videotapes featuring interviews with distinguished American physicians and medical scientists.

The collection has been donated to the National Library of Medicine, which will maintain it for permanent use by scholars visiting the library. The collection has been digitized and excerpts will be featured on AΩA's web site in the future. A listing of videos available for loan as DVD or VHS tape can be found on our web site: [www.alphaomegaalpha.org](http://www.alphaomegaalpha.org), or by contacting Debbie Lancaster at [d.lancaster@alphaomegaalpha.org](mailto:d.lancaster@alphaomegaalpha.org) or (650) 329-0291. Those wishing to purchase copies may do so by contacting Ms. Nancy Dosch, manager, Historical Audiovisuals, History of Medicine, Building 38, Room 1E-21, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20891. Telephone (301) 402-8818, e-mail [nancy\\_dosch@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:nancy_dosch@nlm.nih.gov).

**The Physician at the Movies is on leave for this issue. Dr. Dans will return in the next issue.**