

Richard L. Bynny, MD, FACP – A legacy of leadership and professionalism



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Volunteering to serve on the Board of Directors of a not-for-profit organization is a labor of love when you believe in its mission and it is led by an exceptionally talented individual. Such has been the case under the leadership of Alpha Omega Alpha's Executive Director, Richard L. Bynny, MD, FACP (AQA, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, 1964). Earlier this year, Dick announced his retirement after nearly 13 years in the position. When I received his letter of resignation, my response to him included the following:

For more than a dozen years, your leadership of Alpha Omega Alpha has been exemplary. Your tenure is full of noteworthy and far-ranging accomplishments, including, to name just a few, transitioning the national office to Colorado; reorganizing and hiring outstanding staff; superb financial management; solidifying and growing the membership; expanding the range

of programs and other offerings; and positioning the organization to reflect the nation's diversity. Above all, you have served as an exemplar and effective spokesperson for the value and meaning of professionalism: what "Worthy to Serve the Suffering" really means.

If one of the hallmarks of outstanding leadership is positioning the organization to attract future leadership, Dr. Bynny has certainly done his part. AQA represents what is best in medicine. Its focus on professionalism is sorely needed given current and future challenges in medical education and practice.

I am confident that the future for AQA will continue to be in excellent hands. Please join me in thanking Dr. Bynny for his service and wishing him a fulfilling retirement.

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