

**Report to the Leadership Assembly
CHEST 2008
ACCP United States and Canada Council of Governors**

The United States and Canadian Governors are the official link between the ACCP Board of Regents and the ACCP members in their state, province, or region. Historically, each Governor has been responsible for the recruitment and retention of members, dissemination of membership information, and the review of applicants for Fellowship (FCCP) within the Governor's district. Their role has recently expanded to include advocacy activities.

2007-2008 officers:

Vera A. De Palo, MD, FCCP, Chair
Loren W. Greenway, PhD, FCCP, Vice-Chair
William H. Goodman, MD, FCCP, Vice Chair-Elect
Norman J. Wilder, MD, FCCP, Immediate Past Chair

Staff:

Lynne Marcus, VP Health Affairs
Christine Derbes, Manager Membership Development

2007 – 2008 Accomplishments

- At CHEST 2007 in Chicago, Illinois:
 - Fifty-four current and incoming Governors participated on the Dais during the Convocation Ceremony honoring the new Fellows.
 - Ten Governors participated in The CHEST Foundation's 9th Annual Making a Difference Awards Dinner.
 - Thirty-Eight Governors participated at the Leadership Booth in the Exhibit Hall during CHEST 2007, to talk with fellow members about pursuing a leadership role and to share their knowledge and experience with colleagues.
- Reviewed and made recommendations to the Membership Committee on 465 applications for Fellowship (FCCP) since November 1, 2007.
- Monthly activity reports were sent to all US and Canadian Governors, which detail new, delinquent, dropped, and deceased members. The Governors are asked to contact new members to congratulate them and encourage delinquent/dropped members to return to the ACCP. This report is sent by e-mail, and most of the Governors regularly participate in this activity.
- Twenty-two US and Canadian Governors participated in the Capitol Hill Caucus in April, 2008.
- During the ACCP Caucus, the Governors held their mid-year meeting. They discussed advocacy initiatives as a part of their responsibilities. They also agreed to participate in a Government

Relations Committee pilot project – ACCP 1st At Home – which focuses on developing relationships with Congressional representatives in their local district offices. Drs. Henri Colt (California-south), Robert DeMarco (Ohio), Francis Podbielski (Massachusetts) Paul Sammut (Nebraska) and Momen Wahidi (North Carolina) agreed to participate as the first 5 states in this program.

- It was also decided at this meeting that the Governors meeting at CHEST would be divided into two parts. The first 1 1/2 hours would be focused on US/Canadian Governors' business, and the second 1/1/2 hours would be a joint meeting with the ACCP Government Relations Committee. During the joint meeting the five Governors participating in the 1st At Home Pilot Project would give an update on their activities.
- Based on the candidate nominations received from the sitting ACCP US and Canadian Governors, the Nominations' Committee has slated the following officers for a 1-year term:

Loren Greenway, PhD, FCCP

Chair of the Council of Governors

William H. Goodman, MD, FCCP

Vice-Chair of the Council of Governors

Vice-Chair-Elect of the Council of Governors

The Governors Council Representatives to the Nominations Committee

Rex C. Yung, MD, FCCP

Robert Aranson, MD, FCCP

Respectfully submitted,



Vera A. De Palo, MD, FCCP

Chair of the Council of Governors