

**Report to the Leadership Assembly
CHEST 2009
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 as its principal focus.

2008-2009 officers:

Loren W. Greenway, PhD, FCCP, Chair
William H. Goodman, MD, FCCP, Vice-Chair
Henri G. Colt, MD, FCCP, Vice Chair-Elect
Vera A. De Palo, MD, FCCP, Immediate Past Chair

Staff:

Lynne Marcus, VP Health Affairs
Tracy Goode, VP, Member Activities
Christine Derbes, Manager Membership Development

2008 - 2009 Accomplishments

CHEST 2008 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

- Forty-four current and incoming Governors participated on the Dais during the Convocation Ceremony honoring the new Fellows.
- Thirty-Four Governors participated at the Leadership Booth in the Exhibit Hall during CHEST 2008, to talk with fellow members about pursuing a leadership role and to share their knowledge and experience with colleagues.

Membership:

- Reviewed and made recommendations to the Membership Committee on 414 applications for Fellowship (FCCP) since November 1, 2008.
- 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.

Advocacy:

- In May, the role of the US/Canadian Governors was formally changed to include a primary focus for advocacy and its importance as a tool in educating decision makers both in the United States and Canada.
 - The ACCP US/Canadian Council of Governors would take on a new focus on advocacy with clear roles and responsibilities delineated. The Governors' Handbook would be redrafted to reflect these changes.
 - Approval of membership applications, and recruitment of new ACCP members would continue to be a small part of their job description.
 - The function of this Council would be to support legislative and regulatory advocacy issues approved by the Board of Regents. The Council would also participate in GRC and PMC meetings, activities, and conference calls when appropriate. The Council would work closely with both committees.
 - Governors would be asked to also recruit participants for the ACCP 1st At Home Advocacy Program, and to actively participate in the legislative and regulatory process when appropriate.

- In May, an email from Loren Greenway, PhD, FCCP, Chair, and William Goodman, MD, FCCP Vice Chair of the US/Canadian Council of Governors, was sent to all current and incoming Governors asking if they were still interested in being considered for ACCP Governor. 100% said that they remained interested.

- Have further involved the ACCP Governors through expanding the *1st at Home Program* to all 50 states to encourage growth in the ACCP grassroots advocates program. The program also encourages each ACCP Governor to begin to establish a relationship with their Congressional representatives.
 - Governors have sent letters to their state members encouraging grassroots participation.
 - Governors sent welcome letters to new Hill staff members introducing ACCP as a trusted resource.
 - All ACCP Governors were notified when town hall meetings were scheduled in their districts and asked to attend.

Capitol Hill Caucus:

- Twenty-three ACCP Governors participated in the Capitol Hill Caucus in March, 2009.

- During the ACCP Caucus, the Governors held their mid-year meeting. They discussed the current advocacy initiatives as a part of their responsibilities, and also how best to engage the members in their states in the ACCP 1st At Home Project. Lynne Marcus demonstrated the advocacy tools available on chestnet.org.

- It was agreed for the Governors to continue to meet with the Government Relations

Committee at Chest. They will also be invited to participate in GRC conference calls.

Based on the candidate nominations received from the sitting ACCP US and Canadian Governors, the ACCP Nominating Committee has slated the following officers for a 1-year term:

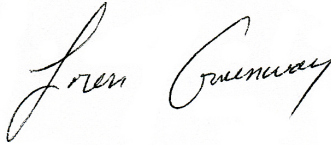
William H. Goodman, MD, FCCP
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Vice-Chair-Elect of the Council of Governors

Momen M. Wahidi, MD, FCCP
The Governors Council Representative to the Nominating Committee

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loren Greenway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Loren Greenway, PhD, FCCP
Chair of the Council of Governor