



Delaware Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons

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Presidents Message By: Paul C. Kupcha, MD

As we are halfway through 2009, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the Society's activities for this year.

DSOS held their first legislative event in May. This was a pivotal event for DSOS as we look to increase our advocacy efforts and expand our presence in Dover at Legislative Hall. With grant support from the American Academy

of Orthopaedic Surgeons, DSOS will be developing a Key Contact Program. DSOS has completed a membership survey and is in the process of completing a membership directory.

We are anxiously anticipating the Second Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium to be held in October. I hope that all DSOS members will plan to attend this outstanding



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event and show their support for DSOS. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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DSOS Hosts First Legislative Event in Dover

The Delaware Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons held their first legislative event on May 7, 2009 at Frazier's Restaurant on the Waterfront in Dover. The event was held in conjunction with a fundraiser for Delaware Senator Michael Katz, MD. The evening provided an opportunity for DSOS members to meet their local representatives. Ten Delaware Senators attended the event, including: the late Senator Thurman Adams, Senate President Pro Tempore; George Bunting, D-Bethany Beach; Brian Bushweller, D-North Dover; Nancy Cook, D-Kenton; Anthony DeLuca, Senate Majority Leader; Bruce Ennis, D-

Clayton; Bethany Hall-Long, D-Glasgow; Margaret Rose Henry, D-East Wilmington; Harris McDowell, D-North Wilmington; and David Sokola, D-Newark. Past Medical Society of Delaware President, Stephen R. Permut, MD, JD also attended the event. Dr. Permut recently campaigned for a position on the American Medical Associations Board of Trustees and brought great recognition to Delaware physicians.

DSOS presented Senator Katz with a book entitled "The Burden of Musculoskeletal Disease in the United States". This book was a

joint project with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and was produced by experts in orthopaedic surgery, rheumatology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and other musculoskeletal specialties to provide a better understanding of the extent and burden of current and future musculoskeletal diseases as the proportion of the U.S. population over the age of 65 increases.

DSOS looks forward to holding similar legislative events in the future and will continue to work alongside our Delaware legislators to ensure DSOS' presence is known in Dover.

Leadership Fellows Program



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The AAOS is looking for an AAOS Fellow, age 45 years and younger, who is interested in interacting with their contemporaries while learning about leadership, communication skills, and legislative advocacy, while also learning more about the organization and operation of the AAOS. Apply to become a member of the AAOS Leadership Fellows Program class of 2010-2011. More information is available online at www.aaos.org/LFP.

Membership Update

The Delaware Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons seeks to unite orthopaedic surgeons from around the state in promoting information to our members, policymakers, and the public about issues that affect the orthopaedists' ability to provide timely and top quality musculoskeletal health care services to their patients

The Delaware Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons welcomes the following new member:

Stephen Malone, MD

If you know of someone who is not currently a member and is interested in joining DSOS please contact the DSOS Office by telephone at (302) 744-9267 or email at Meaghan@managetool.com

2009 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons ~ National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference ~

More than 300 orthopaedic surgeons from across the country attended the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) held in Washington D.C., April 29-May 2, 2009.

The NOLC provides AAOS members with the opportunity to be briefed on the current political climate of Washington as it relates to health care and the orthopaedic profession. The NOLC also gives orthopaedic surgeons the opportunity to meet with their local members of Congress and advocate on behalf of the orthopaedic community. The conference featured speakers who emphasized the importance of communicating the serious issues that physicians face to legislators. Among the

top priorities for this year's NOLC was the AAOS' "Access to America's Orthopaedic Services Act of 2009." This proposal is aimed at improving research, diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal diseases, injuries, and conditions. Dr. Joseph D. Zuckerman, current AAOS President, states, "This bill will increase the awareness of musculoskeletal health issues and provide the opportunity for the AAOS to serve as an authoritative source for knowledge and leadership."

The NOLC holds a State Society Strategy Meeting, a "how to" session for state leaders and staff of state orthopaedic societies, as a part of the conference. The meeting featured a number of excellent speakers and topics including the effects

of the Obama stimulus plan, workers' compensation issues, evidence-based guidelines, attacks on ancillary services that are currently going on in other states, recruitment techniques for state societies, and a presentation on risk purchasing groups.

Brian Galinat, MD, DSOS Representative to the AAOS Board of Councilors, attended the conference and prepared a concise report summarizing topics that were discussed over the course of the NOLC. This summary was sent via email to the DSOS membership. If you would like to request a copy of Dr. Galinat's report please contact the DSOS office.

Mark your calendars now. The 2010 NOLC is scheduled for April 28-May 1, 2010.

REMINDER

DSOS will be distributing a "Membership Directory" in the upcoming weeks. If you have not yet updated your contact information and need to do so, please contact Meaghan Jerman by e-mail at Meaghan@managetool.com or telephone at (302) 744-9267.

DSOS to Develop a Key Contact Program

Thanks in part to a grant from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, DSOS will be developing a key contact program. The purpose of a key contact program is to identify and foster relationships between DSOS members and local Delaware legislators. This program will be beneficial as DSOS looks to improve advocacy efforts. Among the many goals of the program, DSOS hopes to develop a direct route to local legislators who affect public policy decisions, localize and personalize the political impact of legislation, and enhance the representation of the orthopaedic community to legislators and the public.

Information regarding the program will be distributed within the next few weeks.



SAVE THE DATE

The 2nd Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009.

Medical Society of Delaware's 220th Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance will be held on October 24, 2009

The American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons will present "International Symposium on Shoulder and Elbow Arthroscopy" on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

This is your newsletter!

Please forward your comments and/or information for inclusion in upcoming issues to Paul Kupcha, MD at inthekup@comcast.net or Meaghan Jerman at Meaghan@managetool.com