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Dear ACR Councilor/Alternate Councilor:

It has been a very busy summer for the ACR Council Steering Committee. The information that follows is an update of our activities and beginning plans for the 2010 AMCLC to be held at the Washington Hilton on May 15-19, 2010.

**ACR Launches AMCLC Meeting Portal — Your Official 2010 AMCLC Preparation Site:**

As you may know, this past spring (during the AMCLC) we introduced some significant technological changes to enhance our already outstanding meeting. These changes included introduction of a meeting web portal, jump drives to replace the 3” thick agenda books, e-mail stations to enhance communications both among attendees and back home, extended cell phone use in the ballrooms and meeting rooms and an on-line commenting tool for preparing amendments for open reference committee hearings.

We have challenged Work Group II, chaired by Christoph Wald, MD, PhD (other members include Kenneth Chin, MD, Geoffrey Ibbott, PhD, and Paul Chang, MD) to come up with further enhancements to make the meeting even more valuable. We will be reporting on some of these enhancements as we get closer to the meeting. This month, we are introducing the new AMCLC Web portal which we hope you will use before, during and after each annual meeting.

The AMCLC Meeting Portal can be found at <http://amclc.acr.org>. The site is full of outstanding information referencing the 2009 meeting and preparations for the 2010 meeting.

***Front Page***

The front or landing page for the site includes items such as:

- News (find out the latest items you need to know about the 2010 AMCLC);
- Councilor resources (includes: description of the CSC, 2010 AMCLC Committee Volunteer Form);
- Councilor and Alternate Councilor Orientation PowerPoint slide set;
- New Councilor Handbook;
- 2009 ACR Council Procedures; and
- Archived copies of the Speaker letters from 2009

***Presentations***

As you enter the site, you will notice several sections on the top tool bar. Under the “Presentations” bar you will have access to slide presentations, videos and documents highlighting the 2009 AMCLC agenda conveniently broken down by date. Highlights include video of the Presidential Address

delivered by Arl Van Moore, Jr., MD, ACR Chair's report given by James H. Thrall, MD. Please note that you can also see the ACR Convocation video from the site.

### ***Resolutions and Guidelines***

The Resolutions and Guidelines section includes the *2009 Resolutions Action List* providing a breakdown of Council actions from the 2009 AMCLC. In addition, the page highlights the most current ACR Bylaws and new *2009 Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards*. The *2010 Digest of Council Actions* will be available later this fall/winter.

### ***RADPAC and Hill Visit***

This section provides a recap of the highly successful 2009 Capitol Hill Day along with a summary of RADPAC activities and links to pertinent advocacy and RADPAC information.

### ***RFS***

The RFS tab provides information on the RFS schedule from last year as well as direct access to the ACR RFS Web page.

### ***Feedback***

We clearly want to hear from you on ways to improve both the site and ongoing communications with ACR Councilors and Alternate Councilors, chapter leaders, specialty society representatives, ACR members and guests. Your input will be vital in improving both the content and functionality of the site.

### **Work Group I AMCLC Recommendations:**

The Council Steering Committee greatly appreciates your feedback and takes your input very seriously in planning for next year's meeting. As is traditional, we had one of the three CSC work groups focus on the evaluation of the 2009 meeting and recommendations for improvements to the 2010 meeting. Some of the recommendations of the work group included:

### **Capitol Hill Visits and Briefings:**

- The work group recommended that the GR staff provide a more robust, specifics-oriented briefing with easy to understand talking points and takeaways. ***The ACR Government Relations staff has been provided with Councilor feedback to help plan for visits in 2010.***
- The Speaker has suggested that the Capitol Hill briefings include an update on state legislative activities. ***The suggestion has been forwarded to ACR Government Relations staff.***

### Logistical Improvements:

- In general, respondents liked having the boxed lunch, open-microphone session on Monday and a traditional invited lunch speaker on Tuesday afternoon. *The CSC will keep this same pattern for 2010.*
- Several respondents noted that the space provided for the President's Reception for New Fellows was insufficient. *While there will be limitations in space for 2010, the hotel will have a new expanded interior space starting in 2011 that will ameliorate this problem.*
- Several respondents wanted expanded networking opportunity. *While the CSC is sensitive to the valued contributions that increased networking provides, we are also sensitive to the content needs of the program. This issue will be considered for 2010.*

### Concurrent Sessions:

- Work Group I considered the prospects for greater inclusion in programming for other groups including practice leaders, radiation oncologists, young physicians and non-traditional groups such as business managers. *While further expansion and better representation are important goals, due to space and time limitations, these goals will be considered for 2011 and beyond.*

### Young Physicians:

- The luncheon meeting of young physicians was a success in 2009 with great turnout and lively discussions and should be continued in 2010.

### IT Improvements:

- USB drives were determined to also be successful. Some members commented that the USB drives be sent in advance of the meeting. *The work group has recommended that the USB drives be sent four weeks prior to the meeting. The cost and feasibility are currently being evaluated. Please note that all relevant meeting materials will be posted on the AMCLC Web portal in advance of the meeting.*
- Several respondents noted the need for free internet access in the hotel rooms. *ACR staff will work with hotel staff to determine whether that is feasible.*
- Many respondents stated their concern about having internet access linked to the ACR Web portal only in the ballroom. *Unrestricted internet access will be provided in the ballroom for 2010.*
- The work group recommended broader networking capability for 2010, providing electronic tools for finding others at the meeting and facilitating getting in touch with individuals and groups during AMCLC. Registrants may be asked which of their preferred contact information can be used for this purpose. *Work Group II will consider ways to broaden the electronic networking capability for the meeting.*

- Several respondents suggested the use of immediate electronic feedback for use during the meeting. *Work Group II will work with staff to find an easy way on the web portal to incorporate an electronic “suggestion box.”*

**State Recognition Program:**

- Some respondents believed that it would be helpful to better educate the Council on the process for obtaining chapter recognition awards. *This suggestion has been forwarded to the Committee on Chapters.*

**Washington Hilton Remains under Construction:**

- All renovations to the hotel rooms will be completed by our meeting.
- Concourse level (main meeting level) will also be renovated.
- Brand new swimming pool and health club will be available.
- The remodeling of the restaurant will be completed on lobby level.
- A Starbucks store will be added to the lobby.
- Renovations to meetings rooms on the Terrace level will be ongoing with a completion date of June 2010 (after our meeting).

**Early Dates to Remember:**

- **January 1, 2010** – Committee Volunteer Forms due
- **January 2010** – Electronic and paper registration brochures available
- **January 29, 2010** – Names of sponsored residents to be submitted by chapters
- **February 15, 2010** – All proposed resolutions due

Sincerely,



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