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STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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I. Membership

The Academy has increased its student membership to a whopping 580 members. We welcome the Staten Island Student Society, the Galveston Society, and the Western Michigan University Student Chapter as new members. There are presently over twenty societies and the number is growing by the month. The roster includes societies at the University of Alabama, U.S. Air Force at Wichita, Alderson-Broadbudd College, Medical College of Georgia, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, Drew Medical School, Duke University, Emory University School of Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, George Washington University, Baylor University College of Medicine, Indiana University, Mercy College of Detroit, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Northeastern University, University of Oklahoma, St. Louis University, and Yale.

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Concerning recruitment of new student members this fall, each society should have available a supply of Academy brochures and application forms. If these items are needed, please contact Mr. Bill Stanhope's secretary at Oklahoma. (TEL: 405-271-5048, 721 N.E. 14, Post Office Box 26901, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73190) Any program wishing to establish a student society should contact Bill Stanhope.

II. Student Dues

In spite of what is indicated in the Academy brochure, yearly dues for a new student is set presently at \$20.00 instead of \$17.00. The breakdown of dues is as follows:

First Year Student:	\$15.00 National Dues
	5.00 Application Fee
	\$20.00 Total

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Second year students would pay the same figure less the application fee, and local fees are left up to the discretion of individual societies. The \$3.00 increase will be destined for the national student account to help defray expenses incurred by Student Executive Board members in student correspondence and travel to and from Board of Director Meetings. We are recommending to society officers that dues from new and present members be collected as early this fall as possible. Present members, your anniversary date will remain the same if you elect to pay dues early. The reason for this request is that the account needs an early boost. Student expenses are ever increasing, especially in the area of correspondence, and we would eventually like to mail direct to each member rather than just society presidents.

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III. National Office

After several months, requests for grants to fund the National Office in Washington D.C. have been approved with the bulk of the money coming from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in New Jersey. The funds should be available in early September. The job of hiring an Executive Secretary will be given to a five member Search Committee comprised of Academy members and members at the Association of Physician's Assistant Programs, the office being shared by both groups.

IV. Continuing Medical Education

As you should already be aware, the Academy Bylaws stipulates that fellow members to remain fellow members must complete a given number of hours of post graduate medical education. The first substantial efforts in this direction were initiated at Wichita with one full convention day devoted to medical topics and testing. Little information has been received since, concerning advancement in planning for continuing medical education, but hopefully after the National Office is organized, we can expect more progress in this vital area of interest. A summary of guidelines as to the various resources which may be utilized and accepted as fulfilling the requirements is badly needed.

As Bill Stanhope stated in his most recent newsletter, the Academy is sponsoring a two day workshop for those members who desire review for the first National Board Exam to be given December 12. If any of your students will be eligible for this exam and wish to take part in the review session but have not received reservation forms from Mr. Stanhope's office, contact him. Mr. Kevin Soren has been appointed as Coordinator of this workshop and checks and application forms are to be mailed to him at the Physician's Associate Program, George Washington University Medical Center, 2150 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

V. The American College of Physician's Assistants

The Academy at its last Board of Directors Meeting decided to accept the 130 members of the College, and apparently the College will soon dissolve. This is not a merger, and the Academy will not be accepting any College debts. The College did present several requests to include: (1) The two existing student chapters in Cleveland and Cincinnati be accepted as Academy members, (2) The Advisory committee be expanded to accept two people from the College, (3) College members be allowed to sit in committees, specifically the Bylaws and membership committees. (4) A College member be kept in consideration should a Board seat be available.

VI. Board of Directors, June 29

Bill Stanhope should have the minutes to each society president very soon, making a complete survey unnecessary in this newsletter. A few highlights, however, deserve emphasis. Two changes in the Bylaws have made it possible to delete the one year membership requirement for eligibility for nomination to an Academy Board seat and to expand the Board of Directors to include two students instead of one. Those two student Board seats are held by Mr. John

McElligott of Duke and Mr. David Terp of Alabama, President and Vice-President of the Student Executive Board. Also, as a result of the change, Mr. Steven Turnipseed, MEDEX, was seated as a fellow member on the Board. Some of us have been wondering when the Academy would be able to negotiate for a group insurance package, and this project will receive considerably more attention once the National Office is established. The next annual meeting will be in New Orleans at the Monteleone Hotel from March 27 to the afternoon of March 30. Bill Stanhope's office will be sending reservation forms in the near future. There was brief discussion on the possibility of regionalizing the Academy into chapters in preparation for the increasing number of members. Clara Vanderbilt and Mr. Steve Turnipseed have been assigned to conduct a feasibility study of this project. Many thanks to Mr. Dave Terp for assuming my duties as the student secretary at the Board of Directors meeting.

VII. Communication

There has been some feedback from societies that they are not receiving student correspondence. Augusta and St. Louis have had such problems. If your society has just been organized within the last couple of months, be patient. Our mailing list is constantly changing. For those societies that have existed since at least last spring, you should have by now received a student memorandum in June, the recent newsletter from Bill Stanhope, copies of the Wichita Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting minutes to mention the main items. If you have not received any of this material, please contact one of the members of the Student Executive Board. Mailing will be to program addresses in the future in hopes of bypassing the situation that occurs when a student changes addresses during clinical rotations. Hopefully, your program will do its best to see that student representatives and society presidents get their respective mail.

VIII. Society News

Mr. Tom Summers, student representative at Mississippi has indicated his organizations enthusiasm in recruiting new members as well as an interest in establishing a state chapter. In regards to the state chapter, it would be wise to coordinate activities with Clara Vanderbilt and Steve Turnipseed. If other societies are wishing to participate in this regionalization study please make your desires known. Certainly Clara Vanderbilt and Mr. Turnipseed will be happy to have student input.

Beverly Mathis, Oklahoma, is interested in having students coordinate efforts toward nationwide job placement with each student society contributing lists of physicians desiring to employ Physician's Assistants. This is an excellent suggestion but one that will not be acted upon immediately until we are able to coordinate with the National Office. Another suggestion centered with current legal status of each state. Students should be kept abreast of current legislation in all states should they desire employment out of their resident state. With society cooperation and some minimal research, such a body of reference seems realistic. According to Beverly, Tennessee has finally passed an exemption to the Medical Practice Act allowing Physicians to delegate duties to Physician's Assistants. In this regard, Indiana has had two bills defeated and a third has been prepared

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Respectfully submitted,

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