

## COMMITTEE BRIEFS

### Administrator Special Interest Group

Marsha J. Fountain, R.N., M.N.  
*Chairperson*

The Administrator Special Interest Group held an open forum on September 25, 1986, during the ACCC Fall Leadership Conference in New Orleans. The two most popular topics of discussion were reimbursement issues and how to manage a cancer program.

Several suggestions were made as a result of the discussions at this meeting. First, it was recommended that a session on product line management be included in the program of the ACCC annual meeting in March. It was also suggested that a questionnaire be developed to determine some of the reimbursement issues facing cancer program administrators. During the forum discussion, it became apparent that reimbursement issues were not the same at all cancer programs, primarily because charges for cancer care vary among the hospitals. We hope to develop, distribute, and analyze this questionnaire by the March meeting.

### Clinical Practice Committee

Albert B. Einstein, Jr., M.D.  
*Chairperson*

The Clinical Practice Committee met during the ACCC Fall Leadership Conference in New Orleans. Discussions centered around reimbursement issues for medical oncologists in private practice.

The committee has recommended to the Board of Trustees that a session at the ACCC annual meeting be devoted to discussions of optimizing reimbursement through appropriate use of the coding system as well as other management techniques to improve reimbursement.

### Membership Committee

Irvin D. Fleming, M.D.  
*Chairperson*

The Membership Committee met during the ACCC Fall Leadership Conference in New Orleans and reviewed and recommended 12 hospital-based cancer centers and two freestanding cancer programs to the Board of Trustees for approval.

The process of reviewing applicants for ACCC membership was considered by the committee to determine what should be an acceptable method of evaluation. The evaluation of freestanding cancer programs not based in hospitals generated considerable discussion, and the committee submitted several recommendations on this issue to the Board of Trustees.

An offer from the Communications Committee to assist in the recruitment of new members and the evaluation of new programs was accepted by the Membership Committee. A mechanism will be developed to incorporate this assistance in the promotion of new membership cancer programs.

### Nursing Special Interest Group

Linda Kennelly, R.N., M.A.  
*Chairperson*

The Nursing Special Interest Group met during the Fall Leadership Conference in New Orleans and enjoyed a dynamic and productive discussion involving nurses from a variety of healthcare settings.

In addition to discussing the specific interests and needs of the members in attendance, suggestions and ideas regarding nursing issues were generated for the ACCC annual meeting.

### Freestanding Cancer Center Special Interest Group

Thomas G. Sawyer, M.D.  
*Chairperson*

The Freestanding Cancer Center Special Interest Group meeting at the ACCC Fall Leadership Conference was a well attended and active session. Significant feedback has been received from session participants, and plans are underway for the next session to be held during the ACCC annual meeting in March.

Participants expressed particular interest in the development of standards and accreditation for freestanding cancer centers, and the FCC Special Interest Group may pursue this area of interest.

### HMO/PPO Special Interest Group

James S. Unglerleider, M.D.  
*Chairperson*

Discussion at the HMO/PPO Special Interest Group meeting held in New Orleans in conjunction with the ACCC Fall Leadership Conference included concerns and anecdotes from the partici-

pants and a brief discussion from ACCC President Paul Anderson. Major areas of concern included: disinterested "gatekeepers"; physicians being removed from control; primary care facilities as HMO participants; the desire to make the oncologist the "gatekeeper"; and a demonstrated need for actuarial skills. ■

## BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The ACCC Bylaws, adopted by the House of Delegates in March, 1984, states: "These Bylaws may be amended by the vote or written assent of two-thirds of the Delegate Representatives voting. Written notice of proposed Bylaws amendments must be sent to voting members at least 30 days prior to the meeting to which they are to be acted on."

Any Delegate Representative who wishes to suggest a Bylaws change, must inform the ACCC Executive Office no later than January 1st, 1987, for consideration of the House of Delegates in March, 1987.

All suggested amendments should be sent to the attention of Eileen Cahill, Associate Executive Director, ACCC Executive Office, 11600 Nebel Street, Suite 201, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. ■

## NOMINATIONS FOR ACCC OFFICER AND TRUSTEES

The ACCC Nominating Committee is soliciting your nominations for the following Board positions:

- President-Elect
- Five Trustees

The term of President-Elect is one year. The Trustee positions are a two year term. While nominees are not required to be the voting representative from their institution, they *must* represent an ACCC Delegate institution.

Letters of nominations should be sent to the ACCC Executive Office citing the nominees' names, their respective Delegate institution, along with a copy of their curriculum vitae. **NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 19, 1986.**

Further information about the nominations process may be obtained from Lee E. Mortenson, Executive Director, ACCC Executive Office at (301) 984-9496. ■