

ACCC APPROVES USE OF BLACK-BORDERED CARDS

During the annual meeting of ACCC, the House of Delegates approved the sponsorship of black-bordered cards for use by physicians to notify legislators of each tobacco-related patient death.

Dr. Leonard Brubaker, professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, introduced the idea to the ACCC Board earlier this year. Doctors Ought to Care, ("DOC") an anti-smoking organization of American physicians, has copyrighted a "DOC" line of cards, but offered to allow ACCC to adopt the cards and distribute them to ACCC members. The concept of black-bordered cards was originated by the British Medical Association in an effort to halt cigarette advertising and promotion in the United Kingdom. "DOC" has launched a similar campaign with the black bordered cards, aimed at U.S. congressmen.

Hopefully, the cards will dramatize to Congress the number of deaths due to tobacco-related diseases in the U.S. The ACCC will make available, free of charge to Association members, black-bordered cards and mailing labels preaddressed to Congressional representatives. For further information, contact the ACCC Executive Office at: (301) 984-9496. ■

COMMITTEE BRIEFS

Bylaws Committee

Jennifer File Guy, R.N., B.S.

Chairperson

The ACCC Policy and Procedures Manual has been updated, thanks to the hard work of Ann Martin of Dayton. The manual will be prepared for presentation to the Board at the Fall Leadership Conference.

At the recent House of Delegates' meeting, the committee was urged to look at the issue of length-of-service on the Nominating Committee, as suggested by Dr. Gilbert Friedell and will do so at the next committee meeting. Also, the committee will be reviewing the Bylaws in its entirety this year in keeping with the requirement that Bylaws be re-examined every three years.

Ad Hoc Committee on Standards

Linda O'Halloran, R.N., M.N.

Chairperson

Under the leadership of Dr. Robert Enck, two open forums were held for the membership's response to proposed ACCC Standards for Cancer Programs. Approximately 125 people attended the sessions. With the revisions suggested by the membership, the Standards were accepted by the ACCC House of Delegates. Additional Standards will be prepared for Cancer Data Registry, Education, and Surgical Oncology.

Dear _____

I wish to inform you that one of your constituents, who was a patient of mine, has died. The death was due to the following disease:

- lung cancer
- chronic obstructive lung disease
- coronary heart disease
- other tobacco-related cancer or vascular disease

This person was a smoker. Tobacco smoking is the major avoidable cause of this disease.

From time to time, I know you are approached by representatives of the tobacco industry requesting support for some legislation that would benefit them. I hope you will keep this death in mind as you consider whether or not to support the legislation.

Sincerely, _____

Signed _____

Address _____

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