

COMMITTEE BRIEFS...

Ad Hoc Committee on Standards

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

Chairperson

The Ad Hoc Committee on Standards met in conjunction with the ACCC Fall Leadership Conference in Chicago on October 1st. We reviewed two new standards: Cancer Data System and Cancer Teaching Program. The revised standards will be circulated by mail for the review and vote of the membership.

The committee will continually identify key elements of cancer programs. The next project of the committee will be to develop self-assessment tools for programs to examine compliance with the ACCC standards.

Administrator Special Interest Group

Claudia Lee

Chairperson

At a room-filled meeting in Chicago, the Administrator Special Interest Group discussed a new national cancer program administrator's survey; the problems, cost, impact, and follow-up of hemocult screening; and fundraising development.

Considerable interest was expressed in developing an organized resource network. The network would identify resource experts in specific areas of cancer program administration. To complement this effort, a bibliography on cancer program development and management is being compiled. If you have any suggestions, or articles to be included, please contact Claudia Lee via the ACCC Executive Office.

Bylaws Committee

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

Chairperson

The Bylaws Committee has completed and revised the ACCC Policy and Procedures Manual.

At the 1987 Fall Leadership Conference, the Bylaws Committee discussed the number of terms that an individual may serve on the Nominating Committee. It was recommended that a Bylaws amendment be sent to the membership, which will suggest limiting the number of terms an individual may serve on the Nominating Committee.

At their upcoming meeting in January, the ACCC Board will review each committee's structure. The Bylaws Committee will assist by bringing any changes for recommendation to the House of Delegates in March.

CCOP Special Interest Group

Lloyd K. Everson, M.D.

Chairperson

Medical, surgical, and radiation oncologists, oncology nurses, and cancer program administrators met at the ACCC Fall Leadership Conference in Chicago to discuss strategies for securing additional funding for the Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP). Dr. Lloyd Everson chaired the meeting.

The CCOP SIG has requested that a Congressional hearing be convened in the spring of 1988 to discuss securing additional funds for CCOPs from the NCI's cancer control budget. The hearing will address the need of greater public exposure for CCOP programs while providing an opportunity for Senators and Representatives to go on record in support of additional CCOP funding.

Furthermore, the CCOP SIG requested that ACCC host a Congressional breakfast for key health legislative aides. The breakfast, which will be held during the annual meeting, will provide ACCC members a chance to meet and inform Congressional staff members on CCOPs and other pertinent community cancer program issues.

Membership Committee

Irvin D. Fleming, M.D.

Chairperson

At the September committee meeting, the current review mechanism of community cancer center and program applications was evaluated and found to be satisfactory.

Assessing ways to review applications received from freestanding cancer centers (FCCs) was a topic of discussion. It was recommended that all FCC applicants be required to submit each physician principal's curriculum vita to better inform the Membership Committee of the FCC's quality and activity.

In conclusion, the following institutions and organizations were submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval as Delegate members of ACCC. The Board unanimously approved each applicant:

- Bay Medical Center
Bay City, MI
- Beverly Oncology & Imaging
Centers Medical Group, Inc.*
Montebello, CA
- Decatur Memorial Hospital
Decatur, IL
- The Queen's Medical Center
Honolulu, HI
- West Nebraska General Hospital
Scotts Bluff, NE
- The Arlington Hospital
Arlington, VA
- South Fulton Hospital
East Point, GA
- Glendale Memorial Hospital
Glendale, CA
- Hollywood Radiotherapy
Hollywood, FL
- Memorial Medical Center
Savannah, GA
- Mobile Infirmary Medical Center
Mobile, AL
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Chicago, IL
- St. Francis Memorial Hospital
San Francisco, CA
- St. Margaret's Hospital
Spring Valley, IL
- Western Reserve Care Center
Youngstown, OH
- Sioux Valley Hospital
Sioux Falls, SD
- Medical Center at Princeton
Princeton, NJ
- Inter-Community Hospital
Covina, CA
- St. Luke's Hospital
Milwaukee, WI

*Denotes a community cancer program

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Nursing Special Interest Group

Catherine M. Hogan, R.N., M.N.

Chairperson

The fall meeting of the Nursing SIG in Chicago was well attended. The group strongly supported the integration of all Oncology Nursing Society-related standards and guidelines into the ACCC Standards in order to both strengthen the ACCC effort and minimize confusion among oncology nurses.

The Nursing SIG also re-evaluated its role in view of the increasing number of nurses who identify with the Administrator SIG. Nevertheless, the Nursing SIG expressed the belief that the role of nursing in terms of oncology unit management, program development, and cancer control activities is not necessarily represented in administration.

Program Committee

Alphonse L. Gallitano, M.D.

Chairperson

The program for the 1988 annual meeting is nearly complete. The focus of the meeting will be on the development of clinical indicators. The program will also feature the usual cancer control and cancer product line sessions. Yet, in response to the growing demand for more scientific and inter-disciplinary sessions, the Program Committee has organized a broader range of specialty topics. ■

BYLAWS AMENDMENT

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 15th, 1988, for consideration by the House of Delegates in March, 1988.

All suggested amendments should be sent to the attention of Lee E. Mortenson, Executive Director, 11600 Nebel Street, Suite 201, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. ■

HOUSE OF DELEGATE CONSIDERATIONS

At the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Association, the following recommendations were made for consideration and confirmation by the House of Delegates at the annual meeting. Each recommendation will be on the agenda for the House of Delegates Meeting on Friday, March 18, 1988, in Washington, D.C.

The Association has accelerated its leadership pace in the areas of socioeconomic, cancer patient management, and clinical indicators as exhibited by the number of new memberships, participants at the fall meeting, number and frequency of complimentary comments on the journal and conferences, and the success of the Association co-sponsored conferences on FCCs in New York and San Diego. Interest in the Reimbursement Research Project has increased. The Association has been honored with a major role in assisting the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations in the development of clinical indicators.

The Board recommends:

1. Discontinuing the special assessment for the Reimbursement Research Project.
2. Increasing the dues to \$650 per year.
3. Aggressively marketing sales of the Delegate Roster.
4. Continuing lobbying efforts to increase funding for CCOPs. ■

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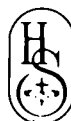
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