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UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Each year ACCC presents regional seminars that focus on the key issues affecting the oncology team at both the state and national levels. Over the past six years, the Association has cosponsored close to ninety such meetings. These regional reimbursement meetings are intended to help physicians, hospital administrators, and oncology practice managers deal with the increasingly complex business of serving cancer patient needs. Among this year's topics are: using guidelines to preserve quality cancer care, developing capitation and case rates, challenges to use of oncology specialists, and how managed care is affecting clinical research.



Look what's happening! ACCC's 14th National Oncology Economics Conference is fast approaching—September 17-20, 1997, in La Jolla, Calif. It's the perfect place to network with your colleagues, learn about the dramatic changes affecting cancer care, and position yourself "a neck above" the competition. Plus, visit nearby San Diego and its world-famous zoo. Three regional meetings have already taken place, one each in Austin, Tex.; Little Rock, Ark.; and Oklahoma City, Okla. These meetings were sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company and Ortho Biotech Inc.

Although this year's fall schedule has not yet been completed, two meetings have been confirmed: October 14, San Francisco, Calif. (sponsored by Ortho Biotech Inc. and Eli Lilly and Company) November 5, Natick, Mass. (sponsored by SmithKline Beecham Oncology and Genetics Institute).

All meetings are free of charge! Once meeting sites have been determined, readers of Oncology Issues residing in those selected areas will be notified. Check your mail in late summer for a brochure with meeting dates, agenda, and registration form.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The ACCC Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for the following 1998-1999 board positions:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Five Board seats

The term of President-Elect is one year. The Secretary and Trustee positions are two-year terms. Although nominees are not required to be the voting representative, they must represent an ACCC member institution or chapter.

Letters of nomination should be sent to the ACCC Executive Office, citing the nominee's name and his or her respective membership affiliation (institution or chapter), along with a copy of the curriculum vitae. Nominations must be received no later than December 1, 1997.

For information about the nomination process, contact the ACCC Executive Office at (301) 984-9496; Fax: (301) 770-1949.

CALL FOR AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Any delegate representative who wishes to suggest a bylaws change must inform the ACCC Executive Office of that intent no later than December 1, 1997, for consideration by the House of Delegates in March 1998. According to the ACCC Bylaws, adopted March 1984 by the House of Delegates, "Bylaws may be amended by the vote or written assent of two-thirds of the Delegate and Chapter Representatives voting. Written notice of proposed Bylaws amendments must be sent to voting members at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted on."

All suggested amendments should be sent to: ACCC, 11600 Nebel St., Suite 201, Rockville, MD 20852-2557. Phone: (301) 984-9496; Fax: (301) 770-1949.

WELCOME ABOARD

ACCC would like to welcome seven new Institutional members. In May 1997 the Board of Trustees approved: St. Vincent's Cancer Center, St. Vincent's Mercy Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio; Cancer Care Center at Garden City, Garden City Hospital, Garden City, Mich.; Rex Cancer Center, Rex Healthcare, Raleigh, N.C.; Norman Regional Hospital, Norman, Okla.; Tulane Cancer Center, Tulane University Hospital & Clinic, New Orleans, La.; Storz Cancer Institute, Omaha, Nebr.; and Columbia Spring Branch Medical Center, Houston, Tex.

SURFING THE WEB

Have you visited ACCC's website (www.assoc-cancer-ctrs.org) lately? The site is now receiving more than 25,000 hits each month. Each ACCC Institutional member has its own profile page.