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Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE TMCMS PRESIDENT

By Kevin Roscoe, MD

Although Punxsutawney Phil predicts six more weeks of winter, I get the sense spring will be here soon!

Thank you for trusting me as the new TMCMS President. Allow me to introduce myself. I've been a radiologist working for South Sound Radiology at Mason General in Shelton for the past six years. Prior to that, I completed my residency in Boston, Massachusetts at the Lahey Clinic from 2004 to 2008. Previously I worked as a family medicine physician from 1993 to 2004 during which time I served four years in the US Navy reserves, and five years in the active-duty Air Force as a flight surgeon and emergency room physician.

I joined the medical society five years ago working to stop the Adage biomass incinerator from being built less than a mile from our hospital in Shelton. A plant that would have caused significant air pollution.

It is an honor to serve as the president of the Thurston Mason County Medical Society for 2014. My first duty as president is to thank Dr. Rachel Reeg, our immediate past president. Rachel worked tirelessly for the medical society throughout the year, from navigating the transition to our new executive director to personally writing and working to pass the Good Samaritan Resolution at the WSMA annual meeting. She also expanded the board of trustees, updated our bylaws, and reached out to the physicians of Grays Harbor County and Lewis County. Oh and don't forget during this time she had a baby! Thank you Rachel.

I am looking forward to our board's strategic planning for the upcoming year, the leadership conference, planning CME opportunities, and participating in legislative opportunities in support of our medical providers in Washington State.

TMCMS WELCOMES 2 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

TMCMS is pleased to welcome Dominique Coco, MD and Rachel Wood, MD to the TMCMS Board of Directors.

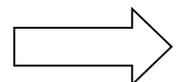
Dominique Coco is an Anatomic and Clinical Pathologist with Cellnetix Pathology and Laboratories and has been practicing medicine for 5 years in the greater Olympia area. He has been an active member of the WSMA, particularly with the Young Physicians Section where he is currently serving as Vice-chair, and is on the Board for the Washington State Society of Pathologists. Dr. Coco moved from Boston, Massachusetts with his family. He has two young boys and his wife is a practicing veterinarian in the area. He is excited to have the opportunity to serve on the board of the TMCMS and looks forward to addressing the needs of the medical community and making sure that our community is well represented at the state level.

Rachel Wood is the new Health Officer (public health physician) for Thurston County. She has been the Health Officer for Lewis County for the past 6 years and will be dividing her time between Lewis and Thurston Counties. Prior to working in Lewis County she worked for 12 years as the Evergreen State College physician. "I look forward to being on the TMCMS Board because it is more important than ever for public health, primary care and specialty health care givers to work as a team to improve the short and long term health of our citizens and community. There will be successes and kinks in the implementation of the ACA in the months and years to come and our close partnership will ease the transitions as they unfold."

TMCMS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND DINNER

A big thank you to all who attended the TMCMS annual meeting and dinner at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club earlier this month. At the meeting members voted in our 2014

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Board of Directors and approved changes to our society's bylaws. The highlight of the meeting was a talk by Dennis Stillman. Mr. Stillman provided up-to-date information on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, focusing on how this new law affects physician's practices and forecasted trends for the future.

TMCMS would also like to thank our event sponsor, **First Citizens Bank**. First Citizens Bank has been active in the local community and is a leader in providing financing to medical and business professionals. They can identify strategies to help maximize your time and money in ways that make the most sense for your practice. They can tailor solutions to help you:

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: THE GOOD SAMARITAN ACT

At the WSMA annual meeting last September, Rachel Reeg and the TMCMS delegates introduced and were successful in getting passed Resolution C-9 – Treatment of Exposed Person for Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Occurring When Acting as a Good Samaritan. As part of the WSMA's legislative agenda for 2014, the Good Samaritan Bill HB 2530 was introduced and on February 18 was unanimously passed out of the House. It now heads over to the Senate.

WSMA LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

Physicians from across the state participated in the WSMA Legislative Summit on February 10. The TMCMS was well represented with several member physicians in attendance.

Governor Jay Inslee, Representative Matt Manweller, from the House Health Care & Wellness Committee, and Senator Andy Hill, the Chair of the House Ways & Means Committee spoke in the morning session.

Participants then went to the capitol to meet with legislators from their home districts to advocate for WSMA's legislative priorities.



The four legislative priorities were; to maintain fair Medicaid compensation to primary care physicians, support for graduate medical education funding, support Bill 6016 dealing with physician notification regarding exchange patients in insurance grace periods, and support house Bill 1448 to ensure access to health services through telemedicine.

It is not too late to get involved! Please contact your legislative representatives to voice your support for these issues. If you need contact information for your representatives or would like a copy of the legislative overview of WSMA priorities please contact Jena Layton at jlayton@tmcms.org or 360.352.1417.

ORAL HEALTH COALITION MEETING

The new Oral Health Coalition will be holding its first meeting at the Union Gospel Mission on Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 PM. The main topic will be children's oral health, highlighting the ABCD program, which has a medical office component. Medical providers can be trained to do screenings, apply fluoride, and bill for those dental services. They will also discuss school-based sealant programs.

RENEW YOUR MEDICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Please remember to renew your medical society membership. WSMA and TMCMS dues are paid on an annual basis beginning January 1. This year you can renew your membership online at the WSMA's website.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- The 2014 WSMA Leadership Development Conference will be held May 16-17 at Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan.
- The 2014 Annual Session of the WSMA House of Delegates will be held September 20-21 at the SeaTac Marriott Hotel.

For membership information, please contact the Medical Society office at 360.352.1417.

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