

The FAOEM Times – October 2010

Message from the Editor:

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Fellowship Applications Due November 1

This is your chance to become a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. The application process has been streamlined, so even if you haven't started it yet, there's still time to complete the application and submit it by November 1. If you don't believe me when I say that the application process has been simplified, go see for yourself: <http://www.acoem.org/becomingafellow.aspx>. The application is only 2 pages long, with the first page dedicated to requesting information like where you went to medical school and residency training. The hardest part of the application is on page 2, when you are asked to attach a 1 page narrative report of your contributions to ACOEM, components or the field of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. That's simple enough isn't it? This requirement may be satisfied through a multitude of activities including but not limited to: teaching, presentations, public advocacy, publications, meeting attendance or committee service.

You are probably wondering why you should bother to complete the ACOEM Fellowship application. The status of Fellow is the highest classification of membership in ACOEM. Fellowship distinguishes and recognizes members of the College for their academic and scientific accomplishments and contributions to the organization at the national, component and local levels.

Physicians are eligible to apply for Fellowship when they have been ACOEM members for at least 3 years, practiced Occupational and Environmental Medicine full time for 3 years, received Board Certification (however it doesn't necessarily have to be in Occupational Medicine), and have been awarded points in continuing education in the field and made contributions to the activities of the College. Fellows are recognized with a Fellow medallion in a special elevation ceremony, which opens the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon held at the American Occupational Health Conference each spring (this year it will be in Washington, DC).

FAOEM Committees for the Upcoming Year

Two committees will be working hard on behalf of FAOEM in the upcoming year. The By-Laws Committee has been reactivated, with the goal of updating the by-laws for FAOEM. This committee will closely examine the 6 pages of by-laws, making recommendations to the Board of Directors for updates, modifications or any other necessary changes. The modified document will be voted on at or before the next annual meeting. Drs. Garson Caruso, Phyllis Gerber and Verba Moore have graciously agreed to serve on this committee.

The second committee is the OM Breakout Session Planning Committee. This committee will work hard to plan next year's OM Breakout Session that will be offered as a part of the Workers' Compensation Conference. Individuals serving on this committee include: Drs. M. Felix Freshwater, Richard Johnson, Phyllis Gerber, Gary Newcomer, Jill Rosenthal, Zsuzsanna Seybold, as well as, Ms, Maxine Boyer.

If you have ideas for either of these committees, please share them with us. We are always looking for a fresh approach!