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President's Message

Joseph D. Babb, MD, FACC



On my first opportunity to communicate with you, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving you as ACC Governor for North Carolina and Chapter President. Bob Jones is a tough act to follow. He

represented us well and his strong leadership was felt and recognized. Serving now as President of the ACC Board of Governors, Bob will continue to serve the College and us in his usual superb fashion.

During his tenure, Bob started a process within the Chapter leadership to redefine the governance process with the objective of revitalizing the Chapter. It is my hope to continue that effort and bring to fruition that which he so capably began. The activities begun at the leadership retreat in August 2001 included: examination of the districts and councilors within North Carolina; evaluation and restructuring of the Committee structure of the Chapter; and development of a practice management module for the website to facilitate information exchange. As this is written, all of these activities are still in process with no end products yet to disclose. I anticipate that by the next newsletter we will have concrete action items to report. As noted above, the intended result of this evaluation process is to make the Chapter a more friendly and interactive body which will be more responsive to and better represent the cardiologists of North Carolina. I would

welcome your thoughts and input as we move forward. We want the Chapter to be the dynamic link for cardiovascular physicians throughout our state.

Having just completed service as president of a subspecialty cardiovascular society, I am particularly concerned about the ability of the College to attract and represent the subspecialty interests in cardiology. The house of cardiology needs to be strong and as united as possible if we are to speak with authority and credibility on the multiple issues facing our specialty today. I strongly believe that the subspecialties need to be individually strong to represent their constituents but also must be cohesive as a house of cardiology. Splintering will only weaken our voice and us. Perhaps we can work towards a model in which our annual chapter meeting consists of mini-workshops/meetings co-hosted by the various subspecialty groups (SCA&I, ASE, NASPE, ASNC, etc.). In such a fashion, our annual meeting might become more attractive for the large body of cardiologists throughout North Carolina. Again, I would welcome your thoughts and feedback on such an effort to help guide us in the coming year.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and concerns. It is my job to represent you and your interests to the College. I hope to meet as many of you as possible in the coming year(s) and look forward to a productive term. Thank you again for the privilege of serving you.

Email Addresses

To keep members up-to-date on critical issues, it is important that ACC and the North Carolina Chapter can communicate with members at a moment's notice. The quickest and most efficient way to ensure we reach each member personally is via email. Does ACC have your email address? Members can check and update their profile information on the ACC Online Member Directory (<http://services.acc.org/membershipdirectory>) or call the ACC Resource Center at 800-253-4636, ext. 694. ACC does not share your email information with outside parties.

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Dear NC ACC Members,

I am very excited to invite you to the North Carolina and South Carolina Chapters of the American College of Cardiology 9th Annual Joint Meeting at Kiawah Island Resort the weekend of October 11-13, 2002. Those of you who attended last year's meeting in Asheville know it was our most successful meeting yet, with an outstanding turnout of faculty, participants, and industry. This year's meeting features nationally known speakers in an idyllic family resort. In addition to the lectures, we will feature breakout sessions on interventional, non-invasive, pediatric cardiology, electrophysiology, and fellow abstract presentations, as well as reimbursement issues.

I hope you and your family will be able to join us, and I would encourage you to invite your practice administrator as well.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Krainin, MD
Program Chair

P.S. Brochures and registration information should be mailed to you in June or early July. If you do not receive a brochure, please contact NCCACC headquarters at (919) 787-5181, ext. 205.



Thanks to the following for their support of the October 2001 NC/SC ACC Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC

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Proposed Bylaws Amendments

At the May 2002 Leadership Retreat, the Officers and Councilors reviewed the current bylaws of the Chapter and recommended the following amendments. Please review the proposed changes outlined below. These changes will be voted on at the October 2002 membership meeting at Kiawah Island Resort, SC.

Bylaws

The North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Cardiology

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

This organization, a not-for-profit 501(c)6 corporation under the federal and state tax codes, shall be known as the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (hereinafter referred to as the "Chapter").

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Chapter shall be to contribute to the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and to ensure optimal quality of care for individuals with such diseases. In carrying out these purposes the Chapter shall function, in consultation with the leadership of the College, as an advocate source of advice to local and state governmental and professional organizations concerning issues related to cardiovascular disease. The Chapter shall, in the interests of patients, physicians, and the public in general, maintain a high level of social consciousness and involvement with socioeconomic factors and access to the highest possible quality of cardiovascular health care.

~~*This Chapter will be formed as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit corporation under the federal and state tax codes.~~

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 2: Election and Term of Office

Governors and Governors-Elect of the College are elected through a process as set forth in Article III, Section 6 of the Bylaws of the American College of Cardiology. The term of office for College Governors is three (3) years. At the end of his/her one-year term as Chapter President-Elect, he/she shall begin a three-year term as Chapter President. The Chapter Immediate Past President shall also serve a term of three (3) years. The Chapter Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a term of three (3) years and shall be appointed by the Chapter President to coincide with his/her term. The Secretary-Treasurer may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms as Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 3: Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall: 1) maintain a current roster of all members of the Chapter, 2) send all notices of meetings of the Chapter and of the Council, 3) keep a record of proceedings of all meetings of the Chapter, 4) serve as the principal financial officer of the Chapter and shall have responsibility for maintenance of adequate books and accounts for the Chapter, 5) have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the Chapter, and be responsible for the receipt and disbursement thereof, 6) deposit all funds and securities of the Chapter in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the Council, and 7) in general perform all duties customarily incident to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Chapter President or Council. ~~If required by the Council, the Secretary-Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of duties of that office in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Council shall determine, the cost of any such bond or surety to be paid from the funds of the Chapter.~~

Section 4: Councilors

The duties of the Councilors are 1) to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee; 2) to serve as an advocate for his/her region in the areas of education and advocacy; 3) communicate Chapter business to members of his/her region and to report back to the Chapter; 4) to approve the annual Chapter budget; and 5) any other duties as assigned. A Councilor may not miss more than two (2) consecutive meetings (annual and/or Councilor meetings) without excuse, or he/she will be subject to removal from office at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE V: COUNCIL

Section 2: Composition

The Council shall consist of the officers of the Chapter; ~~± 16~~ 16 area councilors: ~~one~~ two (~~± 2~~) from Western Asheville/Hickory, ~~two~~ three (~~± 3~~) from Charlotte Southwestern, three (3) from Greensboro Triad, four (4) from Raleigh Triangle and two (2) from Fayetteville/Rocky Mount/Wilmington Eastern, two (2) from Southeastern and a delegate and alternate delegate (from the Council), appointed by the Council, who represent the Chapter in the House of Delegates of the North Carolina Medical

Welcome New NC Members

The following North Carolina Chapter members were newly elected to membership or advanced to a higher category of membership following the January and April 2002 meetings of the ACC Credentialing and Membership Committee:

Advancement to Fellow

Louis Carnendran
Asheville, NC

W. Campbell Patterson
Chapel Hill, NC

Anil K. Sharma
Asheville, NC

Robert L. Wade
Asheville, NC

Gretchen L. Wells
Winston-Salem, NC

Newly Elected to Membership

Guy E. De Gent
Greensboro, NC
Fellow

Frank A. Hobart
Wilmington, NC
Fellow

Eileen A. Kelly
Chapel Hill, NC
Associate Fellow

Bruce W. Usher
Cary, NC
Fellow

Richard F. Wessel
Elizabeth City, NC
Fellow

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Society. The Chapter President shall serve as Chairman of the Council.

Section 3: Election and Term of Office

~~During the initial year of the Chapter, half of the area councilors shall be appointed by the President to two-year terms and half to three-year terms. For subsequent years, Councilors shall serve three (3) year terms.~~ The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of councilors to the membership at least two (2) months prior to the annual meeting along with notice that these councilors will be elected unless a petition is received within 30 days, nominating other persons and signed by no less than ten(10) members of the Chapter. Any such petition shall nominate no more than twelve persons, shall designate the area of the person nominated and shall certify that the person nominated consents to the nominations. If no petition is filed within 30 days of the publication, the Nominating Committee shall present a list of nominees at the annual meeting. The list shall contain the name of one person for each office to be filled. ~~Nominations from the floor shall be allowed.~~ In the event of a contested election for an office, the vote shall be taken by secret written ballot mailed to all Chapter members in each area in which more than one(1) person has been nominated. Eligibility for election as a council shall be restricted to Active Members. (Area) councilors are eligible to succeed themselves for one (1) additional ~~two~~ three -year term.

Section 4: Vacancies

A vacancy on the Council for members other than the President and President-Elect may be filled by action of the members of the Council at any meeting of the Council. The individual so appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor. Appointments do not affect election terms.

Section 5: Meetings

Meetings of the Council may be called by the Chapter President, who also serves as Chairman of the Council, or at the request of ~~seven (7)~~ a majority of the Council members. The President shall fix the place and manner for holding all Council meetings unless otherwise directed by the Council. The Council shall meet at least twice each year. Called meetings may be by teleconference or videoconference. Email ballots are also acceptable.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Section 2: Term of Office

The term of office for the members of all committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, shall be ~~determined by the Council: three (3) year terms, not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms.~~

Section 8: Nominating Committee

~~Committee Composition: The Immediate Past President shall serve on this committee. With the Immediate Past President representing his/her area, the Chapter President shall select four (4) additional Chapter members to this committee. These shall be area councilors or members of other Chapter committees. This process shall produce one (1) member from each area.~~

~~The Immediate Past President shall not be eligible to serve as committee chairman. Each year, the chairman of the committee shall be elected by the members of the committee.~~

~~It is recommended that whenever possible, consideration be given for a balanced representation on this committee (i.e., Adult Cardiology, Pediatric Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgery, Private Practice, Academic Practice).~~

~~Term of Committee Membership: The term of the Immediate Past President shall be for as long as that individual holds office as Immediate Past President of the Chapter. The remaining four (4) members of the committee shall serve one year terms. No member shall be eligible to serve a second consecutive term on the committee. Vacancies in the membership of this committee shall be filled by the process set forth in Article VI, Section 4 of the Bylaws.~~

~~Charge and Function of Nominating Committee: The committee shall recommend to the Council at least two (2) nominees for each area councilor position whose term is due to expire. Nominations shall be restricted to Active members of the Chapter residing in the area where the vacancy is to occur. The committee shall not nominate any of its members to any position on the ballot.~~

~~The committee shall recommend to the Chapter membership at the annual business meeting the committee's nominee(s) for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.~~

~~Composition: The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the Councilors from each region, chaired by the President.~~

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Congrats!

to Dr. Vince Sorrell, East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine, Greenville, NC, elected in September 2001 to the position of NCCACC Secretary/Treasurer for a three-year term.



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Survey – Needs Assessment

Please take a moment to answer this brief questionnaire. It will help us provide services tailored to your needs in the future. Thank you!

1. Please indicate the number of years you have been practicing cardiology: (please check one)

- Currently in training
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16 or more years

2. When did you join the ACC? (please check one)

- During training
- 1-2 years after training
- 3-5 years after training
- 6-10 years after training
- 11+ years after training

3. Why did you decide to join the North Carolina Chapter of ACC? (please check all that apply)

- Networking opportunities within the state
- Access to clinical information and other information pertaining to cardiology
- Educational opportunities
- Seeking mentor
- Wish to become involved in my professional society
- Other: _____

4. To reach out to more ACC members in North Carolina, I suggest we do the following: (please check one per line)

	Strongly Support	Neutral	Don't suggest
Add more electronic communication methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide more information via the web	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase its advocacy efforts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide more leadership opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: _____

5. How do you prefer to receive communications from the North Carolina Chapter? (please check one per line)

	Strongly Prefer	Neutral	Strongly dislike
Via e-mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Via postal mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to ACC Web site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: _____

6. Please rate the following activities according to your level of interest:

	Strongly Prefer	Neutral	Strongly dislike
Quarterly Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chapter Gathering (meeting, workshop or seminar)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail listserv	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coding seminar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information about regulations and legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. If the Chapter planned a meeting (other than the annual meeting), what would motivate you to attend?

- Meeting Peers
- Topics or Speakers
- Educational Seminar
- Other: _____

8. How much time could you devote to a meeting?

- Morning
- All day
- Evening

9. What topics or forums would you like to see?

10. Please share any other suggestions or comments with us.

Yes! I'd like to be more active in the North Carolina Chapter. My information is below:

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Fax to the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Cardiology – (919) 787-4916

Chapter Webpage — www.nccacc.org

Did you know that the NC Chapter of the ACC has its own webpage? If not, please visit www.nccacc.org to acquaint yourself with the site. Currently on the site

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Member Listing

We are in the process of reconstructing the site. Plans for the new site include on-line meeting registrations and forums for discussion. If you have any suggestions for the webpage, please contact NCCACC headquarters.

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Charge and Function of the Nominating Committee: The committee shall recommend up to one (1) name from each region that has a vacancy. The nomination may be a Nominating Committee member. The Council will prepare a slate of nominees to present to the Chapter membership for vote.

It is recommended that, whenever possible, consideration be given for a balanced representation on this committee (i.e., Adult Cardiology, Pediatric Cardiology, Cardiovascular Surgery, Private Practice, Academic Practice).

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 3: Notice of Meeting

A notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting shall be mailed to each member of the chapter not less than ~~thirty (30)~~ fifteen (15) days before the date of the meetings. In the case of special meetings, the purpose or purposes of the meeting shall be stated in the notification and no other business shall be transacted except that stated in the call.

Amended ~~10/6/96~~ 10/13/02

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