

FSIPP Annual Meeting

President's Message

As some of you know the Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians held their annual executive officers meeting on Sunday, July 16th at the Breakers in Palm Beach. The list of 2006-2007 officers is attached.

Held in conjunction with the FAPM meeting, FSIPP hosted a magnificent dinner with the support of ANS and Stryker. There were sixty attendees. The food, wine, and conversation were excellent. Thanks to the support of our sponsors, we plan to make this an annual event.

I am sorry to see Andrea Trescott, MD step down as president. She has set a very high bar for all future FSIPP officers. I know, however, that she will continue to support our interests at a national level as ASIPP's President Elect. Not to mention we will keep her involved as FSIPP's Executive Chair for legislative Affairs, a position that she will share this year with Rafael Miguel, MD. As always, FSIPP intends to be ever present in Tallahassee to represent all of Florida's interventional pain physicians.

I am very excited to be stepping up to the plate this year as your new President. Our energetic team of officers has already established a hefty agenda for the year.

Included in this year's agenda, will be an aggressive membership drive led by our new vice president, Raymon Priewe, MD. The success of this organization is dependent upon its members!! So, if you are not currently a dues paying member, PLEASE, become one!!!! You may continue to send your dues to Scott Kramarich, MD. Thank you Scott for continuing to serve as Treasurer!

As our new secretary, Deborah Tracy, MD will be working on a web page that will link to ASIPP's site. A monthly newsletter will begin in September to keep everyone up to date regarding both state and national issues that affect your pain management practices.

Dr. Marshall Bedder, the new Executive Chair for Regional Task Force Development, will be developing a web of Regional Directors around the state. These regional Directors will be critical to the development of a regional task force so sorely needed. With the help of our corporate sponsors, we plan to host biannual dinners around the state. This will allow FSIPP and ASIPP officers to directly meet with members to discuss issues and create solutions relevant to your practices. In addition, the grassroots network that we develop will prepare us for attack during critical political votes. More on this in the future....

There has been some talk about a FSIPP annual meeting in 2007. This is being considered. Our President Elect, Harold Cordner, MD will be evaluating our options. More to come.....

So, as you can see, we are going to be quite busy this year. I invite every interventional pain physician to join FSIPP. More importantly, I invite you to get involved.

There are many ways to get involved.... you could...

- ❖ become a regional task force director
- ❖ lobby in Tallahassee or even Washington, DC
- ❖ help recruit new members

No job is too small. Get involved!!!!

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