

HOD SPRING '17

REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS

The CAP House of Delegates (HOD) met on Saturday, March 4, in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting was well attended including many members of the California Delegation, as well as our Governors from California, Dr. Eric Glassy and Dr. Gerald Hanson. The meeting was convened by our Speaker, Dr. Jim Richard, who emphasized the role of the HOD as the “voice of the College”. Our CAP President, Dr. Richard Friedberg, presented a thought provoking view of the changes in pathology from the cosmic to molecular level. There were reports from the members of the HOD Steering Committee who serve as liaisons to Councils in order to keep the HOD informed of the important issues under consideration such as the effectiveness of the Laboratory Accreditation Program, the Clinical Pathology Improvement Program (CPIP), and the post election status of legislation regarding healthcare and pathology.

Dr. Pat Godbey and Dr. Gail Vance, candidates for CAP President, and the candidates for Governors had an opportunity to present their views, such as their personal motivation for serving, how to inspire engagement in advocacy, embracing emerging technology, international outreach, and the relationship with other pathology and laboratory organizations, and answer questions from the Delegates.

A detailed advocacy update was presented by Dr. Pat Godbey including the future of the ACA, MACRA, and MIPS. He also described the CAP plan to create a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) to help with the quality mandates currently required.

The election of Delegates is currently in progress, so please cast your votes. If you wish to serve on the Delegation please contact me, or Steve Hansen at shansen@cap.org.

We owe a debt of appreciation to all the Delegates who devote their time and resources to represent us at the HOD.

The next HOD meeting is at CAP'17 in National Harbor, MD on October 7, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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