

CAP 17 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGISTS

The CAP House of Delegates (HOD) met on Saturday, October 7, in National Harbor, Maryland near Washington, D.C. The meeting was well attended including many returning and new California Delegates.

The meeting was convened by our Speaker, Dr. Jim Richard, who continued to emphasize the role of the HOD as the “Voice of the Membership”. The program was rich with information about the activities of the College with an advocacy update including the status of ACA repeal, LCD legislation, the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee schedule and PAMA, the Medicare payment through MIPS, and State Pathology Society support activities. There were reports from the HOD Liaisons to the Councils, and action groups.

The California Delegation brought forward concerns regarding CAP Cancer Protocols and new California legislation (AB2325) modifying the existing cancer reporting law requiring pathologists to report cancer diagnosis electronically in a standardized format acceptable to the California Cancer Registry effective January 1, 2019.

A panel discussion followed with our President, Dr. Richard C. Friedberg, President-elect Dr. Bruce Williams, who emphasized the membership-driven nature of the CAP with needs for advocacy and education, and CEO Mr. Stephen Myers, who discussed the fiscal state of the College.

The luncheon speaker was the Honorable Tommy Thompson, former US Secretary of Health and Human Services and Governor of Wisconsin. He provided his vision of a payer system using Medicare Advantage and similar programs, state, and employer based insurance, and challenged the audience to offer suggestions.

This was followed by a presentation about the CAP Qualified Clinical Data Registry facilitating participation in MIPS. The meeting concluded with a presentation of the methodology for the development Evidence-based guidelines by the Center for Quality.

The spring meeting of the HOD will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

If there are any issues you would like to bring forward or discuss, please contact me or members of our delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

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