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IACME ANNUAL SUMMER EDUCATIONAL MEETING

The summer conference took place on Friday, June 6, 2008 at the Hyatt Lodge on McDonald's Campus in Oak Brook, Illinois. In attendance, were 96 IACME members, 3 non-members and 4 guests.

Barbara Huffman from Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana started the day's program with a session titled, *Impact of the Updated Accreditation Criteria on Hospital-based CME*.

Next, a panel of local experts including Jeffrey L. Mantell from Hospira, Inc, Donald Young, DIME, and Deborah A. Samuel from the American Academy of Pediatrics responded to questions posed by Jacqueline Parochka, Excellence in Continuing Education on the topic *Future of Commercial Support in CME*.

The last morning session was led by Karen Overstreet, President-Elect of the National Certification for CME Professionals, who explained the organization's beginnings and accomplishments to date. During the afternoon, participants were able to attend two of four workshops: Internet Point of Care; Creating a Self Assessment; The New Quality Triad for Internet CME; and Journal CME – Updated Procedures.

Program, handouts and photos are available at www.iacmeonline.org

IACME ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

2008 Election Results

The Nominating Committee reported the number of distributed ballots and total votes cast in the 2008 election. The new board directors were introduced as follows:

Diane Alberson, Society of Critical Care Medicine – 2 year term
Rita LePard, Illinois State Medical Society – 2 year term
Kevin Heffernan, American Medical Association – 1 year term

Ed Dellert receives IACME Gavel

Ed Dellert, IACME President, described organizational accomplishments during the last year including the completion of the IACME Bylaws and Procedure Manual. Ed thanked the board for its support and introduced the 2008-2009 incoming officers. As her first official act as IACME President, Jacqueline Parochka, presented Ed with the IACME gavel and acknowledged his leadership skills and expressed appreciation for his service.

Susan Adamowski, EdD, receives Thomas G Pearson Distinguished Service Award

The Awards Committee chair reviewed the nomination procedure for the Distinguished Service Award and read excerpts from the nominator's letter used by the board to select Susan Adamowski, EdD as the 2008 award winner.

Susan's letter of thanks follows:

A Note to My IACME Peers

It is with a warm heart and teary eyes that I thank you most sincerely for giving me the 2008 Thomas Pearson Distinguished Service Award. Those of us who knew Tom saw him as one of the most special people we have ever met. He was gentle; he was kind. He was a great teacher, mentor, and friend – and we lost him way, way, way too soon. When I think, though, of all that he accomplished in his life and how many people he touched, I know that his life was the kind of success not often seen.

While Tom mentored me when I was new to the CME field – as he did many of us – what I have most to thank him for is what he taught me as he lived his life and faced his death. Tom never complained and always had a “glass way more than half full” philosophy. Tom died too young, but his life, because of the way he lived it, was complete and made a difference. As he was dying and after he passed, I thought about how I might feel on my own deathbed – and realized that in order for me to die as well and as much at peace as Tom did, I had a lot to accomplish first. As a fairly recent widow with young adult children just leaving the nest, a part of me wanted to relive the past and not move forward. That, however, is not what Tom would have done. He would have met challenges head-on and even sought them out, . . . and that is what I have tried to do.

My life is far richer, and I am a better person because I knew Tom. He taught me about CME, . . . and he taught me so much more. To be given an award named for him is very humbling, and for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sue Adamowski
June 11, 2008

2008-2009 BOARD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The following is a list of the current IACME officers: Jacqueline Parochka, EdD, President; Mellie Pouwels, MA, President-elect; Ed Dellert, MBA, Past President; Rebecca DeVivo, MPH, Secretary; and Jeanne Wegner, Treasurer.

In addition, the new committee chairs are Dion Richetti, Communications; Melanie Thorsen, Membership; and Jeanette Harmon, Program.

IACME COMMITTEES

IACME encourages all its members to become part of an IACME committee. Choose your area of interest from the following:

Membership
Program Planning
Communications

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer for a committee position, fill out the committee section of the membership form or email your interest to admin@iacmeonline.org.