

## 2007 MSS Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2007 MSS Annual Meeting was held June 21-23 in Chicago, with more than 750 medical students in attendance. The following are brief highlights from the meeting. Please [contact the MSS](#) with any questions. We hope to see you in Hawaii November 8-10 for the 2007 MSS Interim Meeting.

- **Policy**

The Assembly considered 22 items of business on a wide range of topics including Medical Tourism, Error Disclosure and Physician Apologies, GME All Payer System, Obesity, and more. Please refer to the [Summary of Actions](#) (PDF, 56KB) to see the actions taken by the Assembly on each item.

- **Educational Events**

A keynote panel was held on Covering the Uninsured. We would like to thank our panelists: Robert Hertzka, MD, Past President of California Medical Association, Ardis Hoven, MD, AMA Board of Trustees, Michael Gusmano, PhD, Assistant Professor, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, B. Dale Magee, MD, President, Massachusetts Medical Society.

Over thirty educational programs were held on a range of topics, including first aid for the boards, health care disparities, and “Global Opportunities in Medicine” by Edward O’Neil Jr., MD, author of Awakening Hippocrates.

- **National Service Project**

Over 30 medical students and four physicians participated in a health fair at The Miracle Center on the Northwest side of Chicago for the [MSS National Service Project](#) on “Covering the Uninsured and Protecting Access to Care.” Over 100 persons from the Hermosa Community attended the event where basic health screenings, enrollment in SCHIP, physical activities, and more were provided.

- **Other Events**

The MSS hosted its 4th annual Medical Specialty Showcase, and it was a resounding success. We would like to thank the 50 medical specialty societies in the HOD who participated in the event to provide career advice to our student members.

- **Elections**

At the conclusion of the meeting, Rana Yehia, University of Florida, will commence her term as AMA-MSS Chair and Chris DeRienzo, Duke University, as Trustee. A special thanks to Ben Galper, Immediate Past Chair, for his outstanding service.

We are pleased to announce the 2007-2008 MSS Governing Council members: Mark Pascua, Jefferson Medical College, Vice Chair; Justin Mistovich, Wright State University, Delegate; Peter Ragusa, University of Minnesota, Alternate Delegate; Meltem Zeytinoglu, Indiana University, At-Large Officer; Kristie Appelgren, Medical University of South Carolina, Speaker; and Laura Gephart, Loma Linda University, Vice Speaker.