IMGS Meeting Highlights

The International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS) celebrated its 20th Year of Annual Meetings during its 2017 Annual Meeting held June 9-12 in Chicago.

Congress Reception and Business Meeting

Todd Askew, director of the division of congressional affairs for the American Medical Association, provided a “Washington Update.” Physicians and guests were apprised of the status of AMA’s work regarding the Affordable Care Act, the importance of health insurance, immigration issues and more.

The IMGS business meeting reviewed the items considered for the House of Delegates (HOD) meeting and discussed IMG and other policy initiatives, business items and organizational reports.

Special guests included Heidi Stensmyren, MD, president of the Swedish Medical Association and William Pinsky, MD, CEO/president of the Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates.

IMG Section members were invited to join the new IMGS online digital community to participate in discussions and learn more about AMA resources.

Governing Council Elections

The 2017-2018 IMGS Governing Council officers were ratified at the meeting. Elected were:

- Ved Gossain, MD
  Chair
- Subhash Chandra, MD
  Chair-Elect
- Kevin King, MD
  Delegate
- Ronit Katz, MD
  Alternate Delegate
- Guillermo Godoy, MD
  Member-at-Large
- Kimon Bekelis, MD
  Member-at-Large
- Sameer Avasarala, MD
  Resident/Fellow
IMGS & MAS Caucus

The IMG Section meetings culminated with its joint IMGS and Minority Affairs Section Caucus on Monday, June 12th at 8:30 a.m. and the Busharat Ahmad, MD Leadership Development Program at 10:30 a.m. which featured Peter Angood, MD, CEO/president of the American Association for Physician Leadership, who discussed “Physician Leaders in An Age of Uncertainty.”