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AMSA Benefits of the Month

High-Yield Question Bank from Authors of First Aid

USMLERx Step 1 Qmax has top-rated USMLE-style questions that are integrated with First Aid for the USMLE Step 1. Receive access to USMLERx for 3 months for only \$99. Offer expires April 30, 2008. For more information: www.usmlerx.com/amsa.

Where You Hear About New Medicines First, Matters.

With industry supported advertising, promotions and the potential for exaggerated claims The Medical Letter, Inc. at all time highs, it is more important than ever that physicians critically evaluate their source of new drug information. We're here to help. The Medical Letter. Visit us at: www.amsa.org/member/benefits.cfm#ltr.

AMSA's 2008 Convention Recap

AMSA's 58th Annual Convention in Houston, TX went off without a hitch. Thanks to all who attended and made it a success. Students enjoyed appearances from our keynote speakers: Mayor Bill White, Dr. David Persse, Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, Dr. James Peake, Dr. Thomas Horvath and Dr. Joycelyn Elders. Other well attended events included the Rally for Health Care Access at Houston's City Hall (youtube search: amsa Houston march), the Fifth Annual Residency Fair and Specialty Showcase, the 10th Annual AMSA Medical School Fair, 13th Annual Poster Session, Women in Medicine Reception and the Art in Activism Reception; not to mention the many Action Committee and Interest Group programs. For those who attended the convention, we want to hear from you! Please take a moment to fill out the online questionnaire at www.amsa.org/conv/survey.cfm.

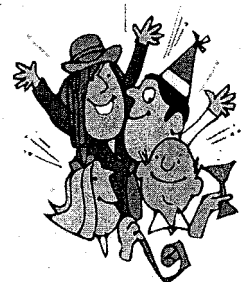
★ **Reminder—next year's annual convention will be held March 11-15, 2009 in Arlington, VA / Washington, DC.**

Congratulations to AMSA's New National Officers

One major event that took place at convention was the election of AMSA's 2008-2009 National Officers. We'd like to congratulate Brian Hurley, President; Joel Salinas, Vice President of Membership; Vanessa Calderon, Vice President of Finances; Lauren Hughes, Vice President of Internal Affairs; John Brockman, Secretary; Paige Hatcher, Vice President of Programming; Teresa Everson, Alumni & Resident Trustee; Norman Priest, International Trustee; Tej Nuthulaganti, Premedical Trustee and Nahal Rose Lalefar, TNP Student Editor.

Also, big congratulations to AMSA's board of regional directors:

- Region 1 Hanni Stoklosa
- Region 2 Danielle Salovich & Brendan O'Connor
- Region 3 West Fisher & Tracey Henry
- Region 4 Iuliana Dit
- Region 5 Nalini Hasija
- Region 6 Eric Mehlberg
- Region 7 Blake Mann
- Region 8 Nicole Saur & Farheen Qurashi
- Region 9 Christina Salazar
- Region 10 Kathy Tran & Justin Schreiber



We are excited and lucky to have such qualified and enthusiastic people devote a year to advancing AMSA and its mission. Please extend your congratulations and

Congratulations to New Local AMSA Chapters

This year was a great success in chartering new AMSA chapters, as 29 new chapters were chartered. Our new medical chapters are: Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Nevada and Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York.

Our new premedical chapters are: Berea College, California Lutheran University, California State University at Bakersfield, California State University at Fresno, Earlham College, Lawrence University, Ohlone College, Southern Oregon University, Southwestern Community College, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A&M International University, University of Delaware, University of Maryland-College Park, University of Memphis, University of San Diego, University of St. Thomas, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, San Jose State University, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Washburn University, William Jewell College, Winthrop University, Drexel University and Jefferson College of Health Science.

Our new international medical chapters are: National University of Rwanda-Rwanda, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar-Qatar and Windsor University School of Medicine - St. Kitts. Congratulations to all!

warmest wishes to these new leaders. These new officers should transition with last year's officers sometime within the next month.

Welcome AMSA's 2008-09 Student Office Staff (SOS) Team Members!

AMSA is pleased to announce the 2008-09 SOS Team. The Director of Student Programming will be Rebecca Sadun from KECK SOM of the University of Southern California, outgoing Medical Education Action Committee Chair. AMSA's Jack Rutledge Legislative Affairs Director will be Mary Carol Jennings from University of South Carolina SOM. Congratulations and welcome to AMSA's national office!



New Chapter Officers

As the school year ends, chapters should get ready to hold their new chapter officer elections. The students elected to run local chapters are a critical part of maintaining communication between National AMSA and the local chapters. Current officers, please keep in mind that your transitional training is crucial in assuring the success of your chapter for the following year. But as important as the transitional period is...it's just as

important to contact the national office with your new officer information.

A new chapter officer form has been included in this mailing for you to complete and mail in, or have your new officers submit their information online: www.amsa.org/chapoff/chappres.cfm. Without current contact information, your chapter will not receive materials or the important information and updates necessary to keep your chapter in touch with National AMSA. It's quick and easy, so don't forget to keep us updated!

A full guide to elections and transitioning is available at www.amsa.org/chapoff/transitioning.cfm. Be sure to spend time with the newly elected officers. Provide them with all the records they will need to continue to support the local members, like membership rosters, financial records, documentation of local chapter projects, fundraisers, recruitment drives, etc.

You may also want to prepare a contact list of the previous officers so if any questions arise at a later time, someone can be reached to answer them. Think back to when you first began as an AMSA officer. What information and advice from the previous officer did you find most helpful and what else could they have provided to make your job a little easier? What AMSA benefits or programs seemed to draw the most students into the organization? Was one local project a flop while another had a great response? Just give them a little

boost to provide the confidence needed to lead their chapter through yet another fun-filled year with AMSA.



Chapter Officers Conference

New Chapter Officers should make deciding who will attend the Chapter Officer's Conference (COC) their first priority. AMSA's annual COC has been called, "the most unforgettable weekend in an AMSA leader's medical school career," and "the most intensive leadership training available to medical students," by past attendees.

This year's COC will be held **July 17-20, 2008** in the Washington, DC area. One AMSA leader from each medical school is invited to be a part of this experience. Premedical and International AMSA leaders are also invited. More information will be available at www.amsa.org/coc in the upcoming weeks. You may also call Membership Services at 1-800-767-2266. **See you in July!**



Start Planning Now for Your Fall Recruitment

It's time to start preparing your upcoming recruitment plans. To assist you in the recruitment process, AMSA has various materials available at no cost to you.

Choose one chapter officer to receive the recruitment materials for your chapter. A recruitment form has been included in this mailing. Please remember when placing an order, that materials will be shipped approximately two weeks prior to your school's orientation date, so make sure you include the address you will be using at that time, and remember we cannot ship materials to PO boxes.

The deadline to order materials is **June 30, 2008**. If you send us your order after this deadline, we will try to accommodate your request, but any surplus materials will be shipped on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For recruitment ideas, you can refer to the *AMSA Chapter Officer Survival Guide*, mailed to you when you were elected as an AMSA officer. The survival guide is also available online at www.amsa.org/chapoff/co_survival.pdf. Or, for

more information, and to order recruitment materials online, go to www.amsa.org/chapoff/recruit.cfm.

You can also call AMSA's Membership Services at 1-800-767-2266 if you have any questions. Please feel free to contact your board of regional directors if you need more ideas. Good luck with your recruitment efforts!

Chapter Rosters

Would you like a full roster of all of the AMSA members at your school? Then don't forget about the roster feature on the Chapter Officer (CO) Resources Web page. Registered COs can access this roster by going to www.amsa.org/chapoff/. Choose your school from your corresponding drop down list (be sure you are in the correct section: medical, premedical or international); the lists are in alphabetical order. Once you've accessed your chapter's Web page, there is a link at the top titled "Full Chapter Member Rosters." You will need to enter your first and last name exactly as we have them in the AMSA database (check *The New Physician* label or your AMSA ID card) along with your AMSA ID number.

This feature is available to chartered chapters only and can only be accessed by chapter officers who have an active AMSA membership and have submitted their newly elected chapter officer information to the AMSA national office.

If your chapter has not registered their newly elected chapter officers, be sure to do so at www.amsa.org/chapoff/chappres.cfm.

Help Us Inspire the Next Generation of AMSA Members!

Help us create a more diverse workforce by working with AMSA to educate and mentor underrepresented middle and high school students on health career opportunities. By exposing students to worthwhile, rewarding careers within the healthcare professions, you are helping medically underserved communities and improving access to health care for many people who simply don't have it.

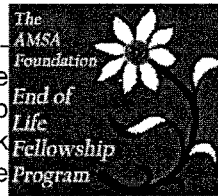


AMSA has the project materials, project funding and project ideas to help get you started on widening the pipeline of health providers in your community—and we need your enthusiasm and energy to make the project a success.

Individual medical or dental students as well as student groups may apply for up to \$200 in funding. For more information, project ideas and an application, please visit www.amsa.org/addm or contact Angelia Bowman at abowman@amsa.org.

End of Life Summer Internship

The AMSA Foundation's End of Life Education Fellowship Program is a six-week summer experience designed to introduce up to eight medical students to end of life care issues. We are currently looking for an intern who will work in conjunction with AMSA and VITAS staff to coordinate and conduct program logistics at the program site in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The applicant should be a premedical, medical or health professions student with an interest in health care and end of life issues. The



intern must be familiar with the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area. Compensation is \$350 per week for eight-nine weeks this summer. For more information, please visit www.amsa.org/eol/intern.cfm or contact Joan Hedgecock at joan_h@amsa.org.

Intern at AMSA National Office

The AMSA Foundation is currently looking for students interested in working on topics related to complementary and alternative medicine, diversity in the health workforce and leadership training for health professions students to come and work at the National Office this summer.

Interns will help AMSA Foundation staff coordinate national programs while also working on program development and grant-writing. No experience is needed, other than a passion and commitment to AMSA issues and a willingness to work hard in a team environment. Internships run six to eight weeks, and offer \$350 per week and free housing.

For more information, please contact Angelia Bowman at abowman@amsa.org.

AMSA Local Project Grants

Cycle III for AMSA local project grants is complete. We received many fun and educational project applications. Congratulations to all Cycle III grant recipients!

Medical:

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| Dartmouth Medical School | CUNY Sophie Davis of Biomed Engineering |
| Mt. Sinai SOM | Wright State University Boonshoff SOM |
| New York Medical College | Northwestern University Feinberg SOM |
| University of Pittsburgh | Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland |
| Medical College of Georgia | University of Texas Southwestern |
| UNC SOM | University of Sint Eustatius SOM |
| Univ. of Illinois COM Chicago | University of Arizona COM |
| University of Missouri SOM | Keck SOM of USC |
| University of California, Irvine | OHSU SOM |
| Baylor COM | |

Premedical:

- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Sciences in Philadelphia
- UNC at Chapel Hill
- University of California, Davis

For more information about the LPGs, please visit our Web site at www.amsa.org/member/lpg_med.cfm

