

Dear Colleagues,

It was good to see many of you at the recent ALACC meeting in Sandestin. This is always my favorite conference due to the clinically relevant educational component and the fact it allows me to see colleagues I see infrequently otherwise. I will post a full President's Update online and in the upcoming ALACC Newsletter but wanted to send you this email with the following important bullet points that will be quicker to read:

1. Maintenance of Certification (MOC) - we have a unique opportunity to make this available through our chapter which would be of great benefit to many if not all of us. We need a minimum of 25 registrants in order for the national ACC and ABIM to allow us to offer MOC. If you are interested please sign up as soon as possible online at www.alacc.org.
2. Alabama Annual ACC Meeting - I would urge all of you to consider attending this meeting next year with your family. I can assure you it will be a decision you will not regret!
3. Council Member Elections - we will be electing new council members at the end of this year. All positions will be elected but four of the positions will be for a one year term this election only so we can be back on track for half the council positions to be elected every year to two year terms going forward. This ensures that half the council will always be experienced and knowledgeable, corrects an election oversight in the past, and allows us to follow our chapter by-laws.
4. AHA Mission Lifeline Project - I would encourage all of you to enroll your hospital in this STEMI project if applicable.
5. ACC PAC Donations - this is a critical time for the practice of medicine and especially for cardiology. The national ACC has been very active in Washington DC and I believe this will pay off for us. However, this requires funding! I urge all of you to follow my lead and donate to the ACC PAC. This can be done as a single donation or a monthly deduction on your credit card.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these issues. Please do not hesitate to email me at pllmd33@comcast.net if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting and hearing from many of you in the future.

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