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Key Public Health Issues Addressed at Interim Meeting

This year's Interim Meeting featured Dr. Diana Dell, AMWA Past President and AMWA's Delegate to the AMA. At Saturday's luncheon, she updated AMWA leadership on the AMA's House of Delegates' discussion and decisions regarding the Board of Trustees' Report on late-term abortion and the AMA's support of H.R. 1122—a bill that would for the first time ban a medical procedure. (See the President's Message on p.2 for details.)

Board actions at the Interim Meeting included approval of two position papers for introduction at AMWA's House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting, one on Medicaid reform and one on silicone breast implants. The Board also voted to oppose the tobacco settlement in its current form.

In addition to committee meetings and progress updates from AMWA grants, the Interim Meeting included a fascinating Sunday program on such topics as "Genetics and the Future of Women's Health" led by Linda Brzustowicz, MD; "Ethical Concerns in Adoption: The Search for Kinship" by Nancy Binder, MD; and "Abortion and the New Millennium: Whither Now?" featuring Francesca Taylor, MD, and Frances Kissling, President of Catholics for a Free Choice. Ms. Kissling noted that "while things change, they remain the same" regarding the abortion issue. She argued that the same ethical issues are raised when talking about abortion at 3 weeks vs. 20 weeks. Ms. Kissling provided some interesting statistics on abortion including the fact that 20% of the U.S. population views abortion as a core right, while 10 to 15% believe that fetuses are equivalent to a person and oppose any and all abortions with the exception of those that would save the woman's life. In addition, she stated that 65% of the population has conflicting views and their opinion sways with the media. Ms. Kissling, who has been involved in ensuring a woman's right to choose for more than 20 years, said that she has noticed a new pattern in the past 5 years in dealing with abortion at the margins. She said that the question of whether abortion should be legal is no longer the issue; the debate is now focused on the degree to which abortion should be regulated (e.g.,

state and Federal laws, medical practice guidelines, and decisions by hospitals and other facilities regarding whether to cover these services). Another trend discussed by Ms. Kissling was the effect of the purchase of non-Catholic institutions (e.g., hospitals) by Catholic institutions. As these mergers take place, requirements are set by the Catholic institutions which affect women's access to contraception, particularly emergency contraception. In many cases, the hospitals do not provide contraception, emergency contraception, or postpartum fertility services as part of the sales agreement. Both Ms. Kissling and Francesca Taylor, MD, Chair of AMWA's Medical Ethics Committee, raised ethical concerns regarding women's access to reproductive health care and challenged AMWA members to advocate at the Federal and state levels to reform insurance to mandate contraceptive coverage. They also urged members to consider how quality comprehensive reproductive care can be provided in today's cost-cutting environment.

In the panel discussion on "The Endurance of Choice: What Death Means to Us," Geoffrey Fieger, Esq., attorney to Jack Kevorkian, MD, opened a lively—and at times combative—discussion. He claimed that he is fighting for

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Francesca Taylor, MD, Chair of AMWA's Medical Ethics Committee, and Geoffrey Fieger, Esq., attorney to Jack Kevorkian, MD, at AMWA's Interim Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Resolution 234

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The American Medical Women's Association passed another threshold in June 1997 when our Resolution 234-A97 was heard at the AMA House of Delegates. AMWA has participated as a seated member of the "Federation of Medicine" since June 1996, listening and voting on a variety of issues. However, when the

AMA's Board of Trustees voted in May to support an amended version of a bill that passed both the House and Senate (HR 1122)—which would ban the non-medically defined "partial birth abortion," criminalize a medical procedure, and interfere with the patient-physician relationship—AMWA could not remain quiet any longer. AMWA drafted and submitted our own resolution to rescind the Board of Trustees' support of the amended bill and presented the resolution at the AMA's House of Delegates.

The resolution called for the AMA to rescind its endorsement of HR 1122 as amended, strongly condemn any interference by the government or other third parties that causes a physician to compromise his or her medical judgment as to what information or treatment is in the best interest of the patient, and oppose the levying of civil and criminal penalties for care provided in the best interest of the patient.

AMWA testified that we support choice and the right of a woman and her physician to decide on medically appropriate procedures. We opposed criminalization of medical procedures without full hearings on the topic. We warned of the lack of consideration of viability and the potential application of the ban to a wide range of procedures. We challenged the Board of Trustees' amendments, which they claimed would protect women and physicians, as nothing more than "window-dressing." Furthermore, we strenuously objected to the implication of a procedure as unethical without full Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs discussion, as is usual AMA policy.

We were not alone in our testimony, with APA and members of ACOG, as well as other physicians, lending their support. This was the most controversial issue of the meeting. As expected, the AMA's House of Delegates voted to support the Board of Trustees' actions and its report with only minor modifications. However, no one at the meeting left without having increased appreciation for

AMWA and our clear and concise discussion of an important women's health issue.

Being part of the process enabled AMWA to be heard as members, not as outsiders. It also crystallized some of the differences between our organizations. The face of the AMA is slowly changing, but will never be the same as AMWA's. Yet the potential exists for more support for our point of view. Participation in the AMA House of Delegates, as well as the newly formed Women Physicians' Congress, provides us with an opportunity to make these changes from within while maintaining our own identity as "the unique voice for women's health" and women physicians' issues. This is a challenge in which we are pleased to participate.

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endurance of choice and that the only issue is whether everyone will exercise his/her choice and get the "assistance" they need. Joanne Lynn, MD, MA, MS, Director of the Center to Improve Care of the Dying at the George Washington University, a hospice physician in Washington, DC, and author of "Handbook for Mortals," spoke eloquently on the need to adequately address pain in patients.

The program also featured a discussion on the impact of managed care on the quality of the patient-physician relationship. Panel members Jean Fourcroy, MD, AMWA Immediate Past President; Helen Smits, MD, Medical Director of Health Right; and Cathy Hurwit, Deputy Director of Citizen Action, generated extensive discussion on the pros and cons of the managed health care system, agreeing that improvements are needed.

The afternoon concluded with a legislative update and lobbying preparation session that featured Kathleen Siedlecki of Fleishman-Hillard and Hill staffers Terry McCullough from Rep. Nancy Pelosi's office (D-CA) and Liz Powell from Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald's office (D-CA).

AMWA would like to express its appreciation to Clarita Herrera, MD, Program Chair, and her committee for planning the successful Sunday program as well as to the speakers who participated in the program.

The Interim Meeting concluded on Monday when AMWA Government Affairs staff and AMWA members who had signed up to lobby met with legislative staff in several congressional offices to discuss women's health issues, the need for additional funding for graduate medical education, and other issues facing medical students.

Interim Meeting attendees also enjoyed a private tour of the White House on Saturday morning and a dinner cruise, which provided a spectacular view of the national monuments from the Potomac River.

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

Improving the Quality of Care for Women Through Physician Education

Congratulations and appreciation goes out to all the members of the Master Faculty for the Education Program on Coronary Heart Disease in Women, who helped achieve the project's goal of providing more than 180 CME Workshops. This year's workshops included the latest information and references on diagnosis, risk factors, symptomatology and treatment, as well as an invaluable section focusing on the importance of nutrition entitled "Diet Therapy as Prevention and Treatment." In June, Debra R. Judelson, MD, presented the CHD Workshop at a Symposium for Southern California Kaiser at the Disease Management Congress in New York and at the Congress on Women's Health in Washington, DC. All workshops were well attended and enthusiastically received.

A new patient education brochure, "Guide to Heart-Healthy Eating," is available for distribution at workshops and will be available to AMWA members this summer. This brochure may be copied and used to provide patients with suggestions on improving nutrition to reduce their risk for coronary heart disease.

Another new member benefit coming soon is a loan program for the nutrition section "Diet Therapy as Prevention and Treatment," which will be available as part of our effort to improve physicians' knowledge of diet therapy for the prevention and treatment of coronary heart disease. The wide availability of this section is made possible by an unrestricted educational grant from the National Association of Margarine Manufacturers. Keep an eye out for information in future newsletters on how to participate in this loan program or contact Abbe Bartlett at the National Office for more information.

If you missed the opportunity to attend one of these immensely popular workshops, mark your calendar to attend the workshops in Chicago at AMWA's Annual Meeting in November and at the annual Scientific Assembly of the American Academy of Family Physicians in September.

The Education Project on Coronary Heart Disease is funded by an unrestricted educational grant from DuPont Radiopharmaceuticals, a division of the DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company, as part of its Difference in a Woman's Heart Program.

RHI: Meeting the Needs of Tomorrow's Physicians Today

AMWA's Reproductive Health Initiative (RHI) continues to provide medical students with an excellent opportunity to learn more about contraception, STDs, abortion, infertility, and how to improve physician/patient communication through the implementation of the Model Reproductive Health Curriculum. The Curriculum is a seven-module, 1,000+ page guide that medical schools can use to develop courses to improve their coverage of reproductive health issues. AMWA's RHI staff is working with faculty and students from more than 30 medical schools to establish one-month electives for fourth-year medical students. Students who have taken the elective this year report that the sexual history-taking section of the course "provided excellent teaching on how to perform a sensitive and thorough history" and that "the modules were impressively thorough and complete."

AMWA's Model Reproductive Health Curriculum is an excellent resource for both medical schools and educators of other health care providers and reproductive health advocates, health care clinics, hospitals, and health maintenance organizations. The curriculum is available free to medical schools that establish electives; its cost is \$125 for AMWA members and \$175 for non-AMWA members. Those interested in applying for planned electives or in establishing other electives can contact Abbe Bartlett at the National Office.

RHI has also been bolstered by a recent grant of \$20,000 from The George Gund Foundation and substantial support for the internship program from AMWA member and RHI Advisory Committee member Marjorie Braude, MD.

Breast Cancer Grant

AMWA was recently awarded a substantial grant from the Department of Defense to provide breast cancer training to more than 6,000 primary care managers in the U.S. and abroad. Master Faculty led by Laura Morris, MD, and Janet Osuch, MD, will be conducting the trainings over an 8-month period. With the assistance of AMWA's newest project director, Brenda Johnson, and her staff, the breast cancer curriculum has been revised and master faculty training took place in Washington, DC, prior to the Interim Meeting.

AMWA is pleased to announce that Abbe Bartlett, MA, has joined the National Office staff as Project Manager for the Coronary Heart Disease Project and RHI. AMWA would like to thank the student interns working on RHI and tobacco control: Bonnie Bajaj, who recently completed a 10-month internship, and summer interns Kavita Singh and Tara Lagu. AMWA would also like to bid a fond farewell to Project Manager Janie Darby, whose contributions to AMWA will be greatly missed.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Heart Disease and Women

On July 29, Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) reintroduced the Women's Cardiovascular Diseases Research and Prevention Act along with several women legislators, including Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Representatives Nydia M. Velazquez (D-NY), Connie Morella (R-MD), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Donna Christian-Green, MD (D-VI), and Julia Carson (D-IN), who shared her personal story of her recent stroke and bypass surgery. AMWA member Patricia Davidson, MD, spoke at the press conference on the importance of funding research on heart disease in women, stating that there remain too many unanswered questions. Other key points made at the press conference include the fact that heart disease is the leading cause of excess death among minority women and that women remain second-class citizens with regard to diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.

AMWA President Debra R. Judelson, MD, also attended the press conference and visited her congressional representatives to urge their support for this legislation. "The importance of which cannot be overstated—this legislation will provide the funding needed to train physicians and other health care providers to properly diagnosis, treat, and prevent cardiovascular disease in women," said Dr. Judelson. House bill sponsor Rep. Maxine Waters thanked AMWA for its involvement in the development of the legislation. In response, Dr. Judelson emphasized that AMWA has not only educated congressional leaders on cardiovascular disease in women, but had also recognized many years ago the need for physician education focusing on heart disease in women, which was the impetus for AMWA's Coronary Heart Disease Project.

AMWA members are urged to call, write, fax, and email their legislators on the importance of this legislation, which would allocate \$140 million to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute within the National Institutes of Health to expand and intensify research, prevention, and educational outreach programs for heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women. Your legislators need to know that: about 250,000 women die from cardiovascular disease each year, 4 out of 5 women are unaware of the threat of cardiovascular disease, and it is the number one killer of women in this country. Equally disturbing, more than half of physicians do not know that women have different CHD risk factors and almost two-thirds of physicians do not know that women's symptoms of heart disease and response to revascularization procedures can be different than in men.

Please call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard today at 202-224-3121 and ask for your Senator and Representative by name and state and urge his/her support for the Women's Cardiovascular Diseases Research and Prevention Act.



(L to R) AMWA President Debra R. Judelson, MD, Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA), and AMWA member Patricia Davidson, MD, at the reintroduction of the Women's Cardiovascular Diseases Research and Prevention Act.

Tobacco Control and Prevention

AMWA would like to express appreciation to Michele Bloch, MD, PhD, Chair of AMWA's Tobacco Control and Prevention Sub-Committee, who has represented AMWA on the Congressional Advisory Committee on Tobacco and Public Health. This Committee, chaired by former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and former FDA Commissioner David Kessler, was formed with the goal of developing a blueprint for public health policy related to tobacco control and prevention. Dr. Bloch also spoke on the women's health perspective as it relates to the settlement at a high-level White House briefing in early July. AMWA and the National Women's Law Center sponsored a briefing for leading women's organizations in mid-July to brief them on the proposed settlement and its implications for women's health.

AMWA remains committed to ensuring that public health policy address women's health issues as they relate to tobacco control and prevention and that any settlement or legislation adequately address women. At this year's Interim Meeting, Dr. Bloch spoke to the Board on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed global settlement, and based on Dr. Bloch's recommendations, the Board voted that AMWA would not support the current proposed settlement.

The proposed settlement focuses primarily on measures to decrease youth smoking with few provisions that

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AMWA Dedicates Artwork

Members of the Washington, DC, Branch of AMWA gathered at the National Office on June 26 to dedicate artwork given to AMWA by renowned plastic surgeon, sculptor, and AMWA member Alma Dea Morani, MD. The artwork is on permanent exhibit at the National Office as a tribute both to Dr. Morani and the woman physician. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Morani served as President of MWIA and Chair of AWHs, as well as received AMWA's Elizabeth Blackwell Award for her international role in women's issues in health care and medical education. Dr. Morani, the first female member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, was clinical professor of surgery at the Medical College of Pennsylvania (MCP). Throughout her career, Dr. Morani maintained an interest in art both as a sculptor and collector. She became the driving force behind the establishment of the Morani Gallery of Art at MCP (now part of Allegheny University of the Health Sciences). At 90 years of age, Dr. Morani continues to inspire medical students and women physicians to see art as an integral part of our lives and that through art we become stronger, more humane physicians.



AMWA and Foundation Launch Women's Health Curriculum

After 6 months of extensive program planning and active fundraising, the AMWA Board voted at its Interim Meeting to officially announce plans for the *Advanced Curriculum on Women's Health - International* to be held in Miami, Florida, March 19-22, 1998.

The comprehensive continuing medical education course in women's health is designed for physicians, nurses, and other medical professionals who care for women patients. The task force planning the program is led by Dr. Lila Wallis, who served as the architect for two similar CME gatherings in 1993 and 1994. The Miami conference will be open to international participation—the first AMWA program to be marketed to a global constituency. The 3-day program will be based on the life phases of a woman: adolescence, young adult, peri-menopausal, post-menopausal, and advanced years. A pre-conference session on women's clinical research is scheduled for March 19th.

Several companies have made early pledges of support including Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, Pharmacia & Upjohn, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals. The conference will be financed through corporate and foundation support, as well as registration fees. A limited number of scholarships for medical students and subsidies/grants for international participants will be offered.

A brochure for the *Advanced Curriculum in Women's Health-International* will be available in late August. For more information or to request a brochure, please contact Liz Bevans in the AMWA Foundation Office (703)838-0500, fax (703) 549-3864, or email at lbevans@amwa-doc.org.

(L to R) Elizabeth Sartor Kahler, MD, AMWA Past President—1958, with Deborah M. Smith, MD, MPH, newly elected President of the Washington, DC, Branch, during the artwork dedication.

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would impact adults, both men and women. Some of the specific problems with the settlement cited by Dr. Bloch included the following:

- The marketing restrictions will not prevent the tobacco industry from targeting women; in particular, there are no restrictions on the use of "diet terms" to sell cigarettes.
- Although the proposed settlement mentions "special populations," there is no specific mention of women. National policy on tobacco must accommodate the needs of all women, including pregnant and parenting women.

- The settlement proposal provides environmental tobacco smoke protection for many, but excludes restaurants, bars, bingo parlors, and other worksites from protection—worksites which are often predominantly female.
- The settlement does not address international tobacco issues, such as the marketing of tobacco products to women in developing countries.

AMWA encourages you to contact your legislators to let them know where you stand on the proposed settlement and to inform them of gaps in current public health policy related to tobacco.

RESIDENT ROUNDS

Buckle Up Baby

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Did you know that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children over 1 year of age? Proper use of child safety seats and seat belts can protect children from injury in the event of a crash. Whether you evaluate pre-schoolers in a clinic, have an infant in your home, are a concerned aunt, or otherwise interact with children, you should be aware of current issues in child automotive safety.

Most importantly, everyone should "buckle up" and follow guidelines for appropriate child restraints:

- Infants need to be in a rear-facing seat until they reach 20-22 lbs and are at least 1 year old.
- Toddlers over 1 year of age and weighing at least 20 lbs should be in forward-facing child safety seats until they outgrow them (generally when reaching about 40 lbs).
- Pre-schoolers and young school-age children usually need booster seats since seatbelts will not yet fit them.
- Children can use seat belts as long as they fit properly.

This means that the lap portion of the belt fits low across the hips and thighs and does not ride up the abdomen. The shoulder portion of the belt (if available) should cross the shoulder (clavicle) and not cut into the neck. The child must also be able to sit relatively still, so that the belt can remain properly positioned. Read your vehicle owner's manual carefully to ensure that the seat belt fits properly.

- Child safety seats must be installed correctly. It is essential that you carefully read the directions that come with the seat and refer to the vehicle owner's manual. If you are still unsure, call your local auto dealership or police station as they often provide free inspections to ensure the seat has been installed properly.

- Remember that the back seat is the safest place for all children to ride, and some states have passed laws requiring that children of certain ages sit only in the back seat. Be sure to check the laws in your state.

- Recent studies have found that air bags are life-saving devices but may be hazardous to children. Rear-facing child safety seats must NEVER be placed next to an air bag, and all children should be restrained in the back seat. Adolescent and adult front passengers are encouraged to move their seats as far back as possible and use both the lap and shoulder portions of the seat belt.

Buckle up and stay safe!

AMWA Student Member Opportunities

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Greetings! I hope summer is treating you well. Having just returned to Rhode Island from AMWA's Interim Meeting, I want to take this opportunity to update you on student plans and activities. First and foremost, let me offer my congratulations to our National Student Coordinators and Regional Student Coordinators, who have provided outstanding leadership. Under their leadership, AMWA student members have made impressive contributions to their branches, their communities, and to AMWA. With over a dozen students at the Interim Meeting, we had the opportunity to fine-tune plans for the 1997 Annual Meeting to be held November 4-9 in Chicago.

Popular student programs to be continued this year include sessions on student branch development, a past and present Regional Student Coordinator luncheon, a Regional Student Coordinator and National Student Coordinator orientation, and a student/resident mixer.

Two programs piloted last year and returning this year are a mentoring breakfast and branch poster session.

In addition, Nancy Binder, MD, will be offering two programs on early career development: "Leadership Everywhere" and "Making Mentoring Work for You." Plans are also under way to develop a program on residency interviews titled "Put Your Best Foot Forward: Navigating Residency Interviews."

If you have any eleventh-hour suggestions, roll up your sleeves and get busy! I wish you a great summer to regenerate your energies and look forward to seeing you this fall.

AMWA Member-Get-A-Member Challenge

During the recent Interim Meeting, AMWA's Vice President of Membership, Dr. Donnica Moore, challenged all members of the Board of Directors and Membership Committee to recruit at least two new members before the 1997 Annual Meeting.

Peer-to-peer recruiting has proven to be the most effective way to recruit new members. AMWA recognizes that its members are its most valuable resource, and all members are encouraged to share their AMWA experiences with non-member colleagues. Recruit new members and receive credit for the 1997 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. The 1997 MGM Campaign runs through September 30th.

For more information or for membership materials, please contact the Membership Services Department at (703) 838-0500 or email member@amwa-doc.org.

STUDENT SENATE

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Hello to all student members of AMWA! Once again, AMWA's Interim Meeting was held in Washington, DC, where we scoffed at the humidity that attempted to dampen our efforts to further the role of women in medicine.

The committee meeting most attended by students was the Membership Committee meeting. Membership is down in many national non-profit organizations, including AMWA, and we need you to help increase membership. We hope that by increasing awareness of AMWA and its valiant efforts on behalf of women's health and women physicians' careers that we may increase our own membership. We hope to communicate with a wider audience on AMWA's efforts. For example, did you know that AMWA just won a contract with the Department of Defense to educate up to 10,000 primary care managers in the area of breast cancer; that immediate past President Dr. Jean Fourcroy is AMWA's Representative to Planned Parenthood; that Dr. Diana Dell, an AMWA past President is AMWA's Delegate to the AMA; or that AMWA, with support from Knoll Pharmaceuticals, has provided free thyroid screenings across the country including on Capitol Hill? Find out more by visiting our student and national websites.

A hardy and gracious thanks goes out to our Region 4 Regional Student Coordinators, Anna Sfakianaki and Jennifer Jameson, for producing the most recent issue of the student newsletter, *AMWAtch*. Please note, however, the email addresses for myself and Louise Davies were incorrect. The correct email addresses are as follows: stanfora@medicine.wustl.edu and ldavies@u.washington.edu. Submissions to the next issue, which will come out this fall, should be forwarded to our dedicated editors at asfakian@newssun.med.miami.edu or jjameson@news-sun.med.miami.edu. We encourage you to submit articles reporting on activities of your local AMWA chapter, your experiences in medicine, or issues in health care, etc.

Remember to ask your chapter president for information on opportunities in which you may participate as an AMWA member, i.e., internships for AMWA's Reproductive Health Initiative, Strategic Coalition of Girls and Women United Against Tobacco, and the Public Affairs and Government Relations Departments. Speaking of reproductive health, did you know that the model curriculum on reproductive health care is now available to members at a cost of only \$125 and non-members for \$175? And better yet, medical schools that offer the curriculum receive the curriculum at no charge. For more information on starting up the initiative at your school, contact Susan Eisendrath, MPH, at the National Office.

The next meeting on the AMWA agenda is the annual meeting in Chicago, November 4-9. You are encouraged to attend and take the opportunity to play a bigger role in AMWA. Chapter presidents should register for the House of Delegates; AMWA is the only physician organization that gives student members full voting rights!! Student elections will be held the Saturday of the meeting. Consider running for Regional or National Student Coordinator—positions that will help you network in medicine, develop leadership skills, and find women mentors.

It has been a great year, and I hope to continue working with all members of AMWA throughout the years to come.

Physician Branch Presidents

Due to the success of last year's Branch Presidents' Meeting held during the Annual Meeting, another meeting is planned for Chicago. This year's Branch Presidents Meeting will focus on leadership training. All Branch Presidents are encouraged to attend with other leaders in their branch to meet with colleagues to discuss branch issues.

AMWA is pleased to once again extend a "two-for-one" registration offer to all Physician Branch Presidents and their President-Elects attending the Annual Meeting in Chicago. Branch Presidents will receive details in their next Branch Presidents' mailing. PLEASE NOTE: All participants must be national AMWA members.

1997-1998 Candidates for National Office

The following candidates will be considered during the elections to be held at AMWA's Annual Meeting in Chicago. Credentialed delegates will vote on the following candidates:

President-Elect: Donnica L. Moore, MD (Single Slate)

Vice President, Communications: Mary Guinan, MD, or Carolyn Webber, MD

Vice President, Career Development: Susan Galandiuk, MD, or Francesa Taylor, MD

Vice President, Programs: Diana Galindo, MD, or Omega C. L. Silva, MD

Director of Students: Elizabeth Karlin, MD

Speaker of the House of Delegates: Anne E. Bernstein, MD

Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates: Terri Tuckman, MD

Resident Representative: Annette Kussmaul, MD, MPH

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Annual Meeting Deadlines

Resolutions: AUGUST 29, 1997. If you have any questions regarding the resolutions process or need assistance in preparing a resolution, please contact Anne Pritchett at the National Office (aprit@amwa-doc.org). If you would like a copy of the latest resolutions emailed to you, please send a request to aprit@amwa-doc.org.

Officer and/or Committee Reports: SEPTEMBER 1, 1997, to ensure that they are printed in the 1997 House of Delegates Workbook. Please contact Jannine Jordan at (703) 838-0500 or email jjordan@amwa-doc.org with any questions.

Annual Meeting Proposals: Proposals for AMWA's 83rd Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, scheduled for November 17-23, are due by NOVEMBER 30, 1997. For more information, please call Gwen Miller at the National Office, 703-838-0500; gmliller@amwa-doc.org.

New Women's Health Resources Available

Emergency Contraception Resources for Providers
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Promotion Kits
Thyroid Disease Educational Brochures

For more information or to request copies of these materials, please contact Jackie Nichols at the National Office (jnichols@amwa-doc.org).

MWIA Meeting Change

The meeting site and dates for the XXIVth Medical Women's International Association Congress have been changed from the Kenyatta Conference Center, December 6-11, 1998, to the Safari Park Conference Center and is tentatively scheduled for mid-November 1998. Final dates are to be determined and will be available in the near future. For more information, please contact Marie Glanz at the National Office.