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President's Message

Dynamic and stimulating and a time for learning and fellowship--we hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco April 17-21. Members are welcome to attend the day-long Board meeting on Thursday, April 17, (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Registrants for either the NCA Forum or the Joint Meeting of AMSAODD and the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) are welcome at all sessions of either program, except for separately ticketed courses, workshops or meal functions. Annual AMSAODD breakfast meeting Saturday at 7:00 AM. Annual luncheon and presentation of AMSAODD Award to Dr. John Ewing same day, 12:30 to 2:30. Please make reservations. Meeting jointly with NCA and RSA adds a special dimension to our Annual Meeting. Be there...

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Please write letters. Funding for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and for the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) is pending before Congress. It is imperative that each of us write letters to all of our representatives and senators, requesting continuation of funding for these discrete research authorities.

Daniel Flavin, MD, a member of AMSAODD, has been appointed as the medical/scientific officer of NCA. We welcome him.

Max A. Schneider, MD, President
2110 East First St, Ste 118, Santa Ana, CA 92705
Phone: (714)835-7665

AMSAODD Board Meeting

Thirty-two physicians attended the Feb. 8, 1986, meeting in Dallas/Fort Worth.

Certification: (Margaret Bean-Bayog, MD) About 850 applied to take the exam. Special thanks to Drs. Radcliffe, Geller, Galanter and all their committee members; to Gail Jara and Louisa Macpherson.

Review Courses: (Anne Geller, MD) Chicago, Sept. 4-6; Los Angeles, Sept. 11-13; New York, Sept. 18-20; Atlanta, Sept. 25-27. First day is an evening introduction and orientation.

Bibliography: 50 pages, prepared by John B. Griffin, MD. For all exam applicants; other AMSAODD members on request. Announcement in next Newsletter.

Expert Subcommittee (Certification): (Anthony B. Radcliffe, MD) External auditors will review the exam process, and tests of those who failed, to ascertain any testing or scoring error.

Appeal Process approved for credentialing and for certification.

"License in good standing" defined as a valid license to practice medicine in licensing jurisdiction in which applicant practices or lives.

Recertification: Approved by previous Board action; committees to report in April.

... on how to identify a physician as expert in diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and other drug dependencies: accepted with amendments.

Reciprocity: If applicant meets 1986 AMSAODD credentialing criteria, a California certificate holder can apply for reciprocity within seven years.

Constitution: (Jess W. Bromley, MD) Since changes to bylaws are pending, petition of the Florida group to be a state chapter accepted pending the changes.

Gay & Lesbian Alcohol/Drug Problems: (ad hoc) (Larry Siegel, MD) Board approved for free distribution to membership, but without AMSAODD endorsement, the booklet "AIDS and Chemical Dependency" by Milan Korcock. This committee is to continue.

Medical Education: (James A. Halikas, MD) AMSAODD received accreditation from ACCME, full endorsement for four years.

Membership: (LeClair Bissell, MD) Membership now over 2,000; less than 200 in arrears.

Nominating and Awards: (Sheila B. Blume, MD) Approved John Ewing, MD, for the AMSAODD 1986 Annual Award.

Program: (Marc Galanter, MD) Dr. Schneider urged all AMSAODD members to attend the Medical-Scientific meeting in San Francisco April 18-22. AMSAODD and RSA will not hold a joint meeting in 1987, but probably will in 1988.

Publications: (Stanley E. Gitlow, MD) Response to AMSAODD questionnaire regarding the Journal again suggests the absence of agreement between the Journal and our membership. Recommendations are being made to the Journal editorial board requesting increased number of clinically applicable articles and decreased cost to AMSAODD members. Other journals to be contacted re interest in offering reduced subscription rates to our members.

Journal editorial board nominations: Drs. John Ewing, David H. Knott, William B. Hawthorne.

AMSAODD Newsletter has received positive feedback on design and endeavors. The newsletter will be available at San Francisco meeting.

Public Policy: (Dr. Blume) AMSAODD to join the National Alcohol Tax Coalition, coordinated by the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Standards & Economics of Care: (Percy E. Ryberg, MD) AMSAODD to work with APA two-year DRG study.

New chairman of Medical Student/House Officer: Keith McManus, MD.

New Committees. Trauma: (Joseph J. Zuska, MD) in formation. Drs. Alexander C. Hering, Philip A. Snedecor, Albert B. Lowenfels, Carl A. Sonderstrom. Budget & Finance: formed for long-term budgeting. Chairman: William B. Hawthorne, MD; includes Drs. James Alexander, John J. Saalwaechter, Joseph R. Cruse; Jasper Chen See (ex officio). Standing committee on AIDS & Chemical Dependency: Dr. Siegel, chairman; national forum to be explored.

Constitution & Bylaws: is the Executive Committee.

Other: AMSAODD bought a new IBM AT computer; expanded its office space and clerical staff.

Approval without AMSAODD endorsement given to Kemper Insurance for a one-time mailing to the membership announcing insurance for recovering people.

The Board received with thanks an invitation from the US Journal to publish a monthly AMSAODD column. Because articles would be written by individuals and not reviewed or approved by the Board prior to publication, they cannot be listed as an AMSAODD column.

Chemical Dependency Fellowships

The Medical Education Committee anticipates that year-long, full-time CD fellowships will develop around the nation--fellowships that will "properly and thoroughly" train physicians for the field.

Drs. James A. Halikas and Charles L. Whitfield, co-chairs of the Fellowship Subcommittee, need "information about all existing chemical dependency fellowships that are now available in the nation." They "welcome any information that any AMSAODD member may have about such fellowships. Please pass it along to Claire Osman at the AMSAODD office in New York."

The Fellowship Subcommittee will contact all known CD fellowships for information, and plans to have a catalogue for distribution on request.

AMSAODD is aware of the following CD fellowships:

- University of Minnesota - 3
- Willingway Hospital (Georgia) - 3
- Cincinnati VA Hospital
- DePaul Rehabilitation Hospital
(Milwaukee) - 1
- Ridgeview Institute (Georgia) - 3
- Shepherd Hill Hospital (Ohio) - 2
- Pine Grove Recovery Center
(Mississippi)
- Albert Einstein College of Medicine
(New York City) - 1
- Brockton VA Hospital (Massachusetts)
- Coatesville VA Hospital
(Pennsylvania)
- Brown University (Rhode Island)

Other members of the Fellowship Subcommittee are: Drs. Al J. Mooney, III, Craig T. Pratt, and Doyle P. Smith.

<p>REACH 2,000 PHYSICIANS WITH YOUR CLASSIFIED AD Job offers, sits. wanted, conferences Only \$50 for ad this size Call/write AMSAODD office: (212)206-6770</p>	<p>PSYCHIATRIST: INTEREST IN ADOLESCENT CD for youth chemical dependency program. 36-bed inpatient; 30-bed adolescent halfway house; extended outdoor program. East Tennessee, 12 miles from Knoxville, 40 miles from Great Smoky Mts. Send c.v. to: Robert Booher, MD, Medical Director; Chemical Dependency Services, Peninsula Hospital, Louisville, TN 37777 Inquiries confidential</p>
<p>MEDICAL DIRECTOR: BC/BE (Int. Med. or Fam. Practice) for alcoholism treatment program. Contact Barbara Chaffee, MD, United Health Services, Mitchell Ave, Binghamton, NY 13903. Phone: (607)771-2256</p>	<p>MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Rosary Hall 61-bed alcohol treatment center since 1942, is recruiting a full-time MD director; strong interest in program development. Established research and administration skills. Experience in chemical dependency desirable. Contact: Director, Dept. of Medicine, St. Vincent Charity Hospital & Health Center, 2351 E. 22nd St, Cleveland, OH 44115 Phone: (216)363-2514</p>
<p>Board Certified/Eligible PHYSICIAN for Alcohol/CD Program. \$68-80,000. Contact R. Sjogren, Chief of Staff, VA Med. Center, Martinsburg, WV, EOE/AA Phone: (304)263-0811, Ext. 4007</p>	<p>MEDICAL DIRECTORS/STAFF PSYCHIATRISTS/PRIMARY CARE PHYS: Medical Recruiters of America has attractive opportunities for psychiatrists, primary care physicians in chemical dependency/psychiatric facilities, as well as private practices throughout the US. Send c.v. or call toll-free 1(800)237-5021 [FL collect (813)872-0202]. Attn: Katie Sherrill, Dir. Physician Recruitment MRA, 3421 W. Cypress, Tampa, FL 33607</p>
<p>WORLD CONFERENCE ON ALCOHOLISM <u>Vienna</u> <u>Oct. 18-25</u> Further Info phone: Charter Medical Corp. 1(800)845-1567 CME's applied for</p>	<p>"IMPAIRED PROFESSIONAL" SEMINAR Thursday, May 1, 1986 - 6 Category 1 CME's - \$60 Sheraton Sturbridge, Sturbridge, MA Sponsored by DOCTORS HOSPITAL OF WORCESTER, MA Phone: (617)799-9000, Ext.255</p>

FUTURE MEETINGS

(April-June)

Sponsored or co-sponsored by AMSAODD

AMSAODD 17th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference: San Francisco, April 18-22.
Ruth Fox Course for Physicians: April 18.

Impaired Professional: Worcester, MA, May 1. Doctors Hospital 107 Lincoln St, Worcester, MA 01605.

Phone: (617) 799-9000.

NECAD - Northeast Conference on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence: Newport, RI, May 4-7. Edgehill Newport Foundation, Beacon Hill Rd, Newport, RI 02840.

Phone: (401) 849-5700.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse: Cost to the Family: Statesboro, GA, May 9. Willingway Hospital, 311 Jones Mill Rd, Statesboro, GA 30458.

Phone: (912) 764-6236.

Western Institute on Addictions: Albuquerque, NM, May 18-23. Institute for Integral Development, PO Box 2172, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Phone: (303) 634-7943.

5th National Conference on Chemical Dependency and the Family: Philadelphia, May 21-24. Caron Institute, PO Box 277, Wernersville, PA 19565.

Phone: (215) 678-2332.

Breaking Through Denial and Clinical Issues in Long-Term Recovery: New York City, April 28-29; Boston, May 12-13.
Trauma and Alcohol: Baltimore, May 29-30. The Resource Group, 7402 York Rd, Ste 101, Baltimore, MD 21204.

Phone: (301) 337-7772.

Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies: June 22-July 11. Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, Education & Training Division, Smithers Hall, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Phone: (201) 932-2190.

35th Annual University of Utah School on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependencies--Physicians Section: Salt Lake City, June 22-26. James Swenson, MD, Univ. of Utah, PO Box 2604, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

Phone: (801) 533-5799 or 581-7985.

NEW BOOKS BY MEMBERS

Anderson Spickard, Jr., MD, and Barbara Thompson--Dying for a Drink, What You Should Know About Alcoholism (Word Publishers)

Charles L. Whitfield, MD--Healing the Child Within (The Resource Group)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The J.M.Foundation: 240 medical student scholarships in alcohol and other drug dependencies available in 1986, for 14 1-week to 3-week summer schools of alcohol studies. Tuition, room, board, travel/expense stipend.

Contact: Jack Brauntuch or Joe Dolan, J.M.Foundation, 60 East 42nd St, Ste 1651, New York, NY 10165.

REGIONAL NEWS

New state chair: Peter Rostenberg, MD(Conn). With members now from every state, Dr. Bissell offers a prize for getting one from Samoa. She wants to hear from people interested in building AMSAODD membership: 130 W. 16th St, New York, NY 10011.



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