

Notes From the Boardroom

Important updates and decisions shaping the direction of the Allegheny County Medical Society.

President's Update

Kirsten Lin, MD, ACMS President, introduced her 2026 theme, "Start with Why," emphasizing alignment of mission, vision, and values with ACMS's three-year strategic direction. The upcoming Strategic Retreat will assess stakeholder feedback, organizational strengths and challenges, and set key priorities for the next three years. New governance policies—including an AI Policy and Code of Conduct—were introduced to strengthen ethical standards, confidentiality protection, and board culture.

Dr. Lin also highlighted first-quarter engagement opportunities, advocacy initiatives, and enhanced board communication tools.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Sara Hussey, MBA, CAE, reviewed ACMS's mission impact across education, advocacy, physician well-being, and long-term strategy. Joint public health statements and expanded Physician Wellness Program (PWP) engagement were noted as key accomplishments.

Committee & Task Force Updates

- Finance Committee: Monitoring market volatility and prioritizing program value.
- Advocacy Task Force: Increased visibility through public health statements; Advocacy Town Hall scheduled for March 3rd.

- Women in Healthcare: Programming continues to be successful in recruiting new members, the upcoming Perimenopause event is open to all physicians.
- Membership Task Force: Focused on recruitment, retention, and communicating ACMS's value to physicians.
- Physician Wellness Advisory Board: Increased PWP utilization and there will be four curated wellness events planned for 2026.

PAMED & Delegation

Updates were provided on PAMED's House of Delegates 2026 planning and student/resident dues discussions. Delegation leadership encouraged earlier member engagement in drafting resolutions.

Foundation Update

The ACMS Foundation awarded approximately \$250,000 in grants in 2025, with a record number of grant applications received. ACMS members are encouraged to engage with Foundation initiatives.



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