

Notes From the Boardroom

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

Board Chair Update

The Board unanimously approved endorsement of John Williams, MD for a PAMED leadership role, following recommendation from the Executive Committee.

President's Update

Kirsten D. Lin, MD, presented the Society's strategic direction for the next three years, centered on membership growth, more targeted and engaging programming, stronger physician advocacy, alignment with Foundation funding priorities, and continued board development. The Board approved the strategic priorities as presented. Dr. Lin also updated the Board on physician collective bargaining discussions involving UPMC physicians and ACMS's potential role in providing support while preserving productive health system relationships. The Board voted to defer any formal ACMS position until PAMED determines its next steps, while continuing research and information gathering through the Advocacy Task Force.

Executive Director's Report

Sara Hussey reviewed ongoing membership, advocacy, education, wellness, and financial updates. Women Physicians programming continues to support recruitment. Advocacy efforts included physician policy engagement, HOD preparation, and attendance at the AMA National Advocacy Conference. The Physician Wellness Program (PWP) expanded outreach through media visibility and successful curated wellness events. Financially, dues revenue and active membership remain below budget, though association management revenue increased and investments rebounded in April.

Committee & Task Force Updates

- Finance Committee: Approval of the annual audit, continuation of the student/resident dues subsidy, and approval of 2027 dues rates with no increase.
- Nominating Committee: Nominating activity is underway for officer, board, and delegate positions to be finalized by July.
- Delegation Update: Strong attendance at the kickoff meeting; resolution review is beginning, with an in-person meeting planned for August 20.
- ACMS Bulletin: New formatting has increased interest in writing and contributions, including a creative/photo section.
- ACMS Foundation: ACMS approved a restricted \$30,000 grant to ACMS Foundation for ACIC programming for FY 2026–27.
- Advocacy Task Force: Reported strong attendance at the Advocacy Town Hall, release of an immigration enforcement statement, and continued physician advocacy outreach.
- Women Physicians of ACMS: The Perimenopause event had strong turnout and attracted new members; additional wellness and leadership events are planned.
- Membership Task Force: Focused on recruitment through service, mentorship, visibility, volunteer events, and medical student engagement.
- Physician Wellness Advisory Board: Continued efforts to increase awareness and utilization of wellness resources; recent events were well attended and drew meaningful discussion.

New Business

Board members shared opportunities for physician engagement, including PAMED's upcoming Independent Physician Practice Forum and a June seminar on trusted medical communication.



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