

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As the days grow slightly longer and the cold snap breaks, around the bend comes the the 19th Annual Scientific Assembly! This event will take place at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, February 9-13, 2013. While technically not in California, Vegas is about as close as you can get. That said; look for our state chapter soiree, the “Sunny States” social to be held on Monday night of the assembly. This is another great chance to reach out your state board members and/or officers. For more details, find the flyer in your registration packet or visit our web site at (www.calaaem.org)

Along with our social, we are proud to sponsor the return of the pre-conference course Pediatric Emergencies: Children Are Not Little Adults. This highly successful pre-conference course will be held on Saturday, Feb 9. Our very own, long standing CAL AAEM officer, Joanne Williams, MD FAAEM, Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Charles Drew University of Medicine & Science; Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Keck School of Medicine of USC; Physician Specialist/DHS/Los Angeles County, is the course director! This course is

a wonderful venue in which the emergency physician may fine tune and polish her/his skills in the evaluation and management of pediatric emergencies.

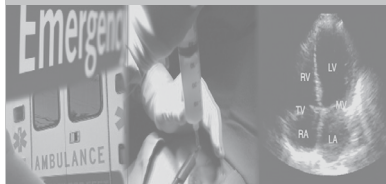
Beyond the Scientific assembly our home grown effort, the “Speakers Series,” will take place in Irvine this Spring. This follows on a very successful San Francisco Speakers Series that occurred in November. These two events feature selected internationally renowned speakers in an intimate setting. This year along with educational component, look for round table discussions regarding local issues affecting the California EM community.

Speaking of community, it is fitting that our State chapter has multiple Internet social networking opportunities. We recently updated our State website (www.calaaem.org), and have face book (<https://www.facebook.com/CALAAEM>) page, and twitter account (<https://twitter.com/#!/CALAAEM>). If you are old school, you can email me directly (calaaempres@aaem.org). This year look for Google+ and LinkedIn accounts



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to emerge. Don't forget our news feed, CAL/AAEM News Service run by Bryan Sloane, Deputy Editor, and past Cal AAEM President, Brian Potts MD, MBA, and Managing Editor.

Finally, if you have a concern that involves the practice of EM in your community, please let us know. One of our primary goals is to promote the safe and fair practice of Emergency Medicine in California, and we are here to serve your needs. If you are interested

in becoming more involved in the CAL/AAEM state chapter, nominations are open for board and officer positions for the 2013-14 year!

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