Business, Pleasure Mix at 1983 Interim Meeting

AMWA’s new Program Committee, chaired by Clair Callan, MD, experimented with social events and student participation at this year’s Interim Meeting, and the experiment proved an overwhelming success. One hundred women—triple the previous average Interim Meeting attendance of 30 to 35—came to Minneapolis June 23 through 26 to share CME and leadership workshops, to attend Board and committee meetings, and to enjoy receptions and dinners planned jointly with Minnesota women physicians.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) was the meeting’s CME topic. Participants heard a team of speakers led by Dr. Joyce Wallace of St. Vincent’s Medical Center, NYC, shed light on the history, epidemiology and pathology of this “new” disease. Another meeting highlight was a dinner/panel discussion on current maternity policies in the workplace, and what AMWA and the AMA might do to jointly influence business and government to establish uniformly fair pregnancy policies. Dr. Palma Formica of the AMA’s Ad Hoc Committee on Women Physicians represented the AMA on the panel, marking the first time that AMWA and the AMA have collaborated in policy discussions. Other innovative offerings included a PRRC leadership workshop, branch development workshops, a student session on “Coping with Putdowns” and a relaxing pot luck dinner hosted by the Minnesota group.

Beyond the social events, AMWA’s Executive Board and committees accomplished some important business over the long weekend. First on the Board’s agenda was the Nominating Committee’s slate of 1983 candidates: President-Elect Clair Callan, MD and Rita Newman, MD; Vice-President Constance Battle, MD and Roberta Rubin, MD; Secretary Wilma Bergfeld, MD, Carol Bowman, MD and Satty Keswani, MD; Treasurer Marjorie Braude, MD and Dorothy Darling, MD; Director of Student Membership Eugenia Marcus, MD. The Board voted to present this year’s Elizabeth Blackwell Award to Clara Raven, MD of Detroit, and the Camille Mermod Award to Dr. Albert Kroser of Philadelphia. Annual Meeting sites, to be voted on by the House of Delegates in November, are San Francisco, 1985 and St. Louis, 1986. The Board confirmed 1984 Interim Meeting dates of June 27 through July 1, and selected San Juan, Puerto Rico as its 1985 site. Finally, a number of committee chair and member appointments were confirmed for 1984, and current committee chairs and councilors made detailed reports and recommendations to the Board.

Those of you who couldn’t be there missed a very warm and special Interim Meeting—one which vividly illustrated the changes and growth occurring within your organization. Be sure to join us at next year’s Interim Meeting in Houston, as well as in Dearborn for this year’s Annual Meeting, November 9 through 13.

CME: What’s Your Opinion?

In order to offer timely and effective Continuing Medical Education for our members, AMWA leaders have to know what you wish to gain from AMWA-sponsored CME programs. To determine your interests and needs, the CME committee has developed a questionnaire, appearing inside this newsletter, that all members are requested to complete and return to the national office by October 31.

Please take a few minutes to read and respond to this questionnaire. Your answers will enable the CME committee to tailor future policies and programs to you.

Register Now for Annual Meeting

All AMWA members should have received the 1983 Annual Meeting Program Brochure within the past month, and need not be told again what an exciting, innovative program is taking place in November. But we urge you to register now—several special events, such as the all-day AMA Practice Management Workshop and the Network Lunch, have attendance maximums. Other events—such as the Bob Oaks tour of Bertha Van Hoesen’s estate, which includes a reception and portrait unveiling in honor of AMWA’s co-founder and first president—require a preliminary attendance guarantee by October 30. And, a late registration fee is charged after October 15. Remember, too, that you must reserve a room at the
Hyatt Regency by October 17 to take advantage of AMWA’s special meeting rates, and that flight reservations are also best made in advance, to be assured of discount fares offered by American Airlines especially for AMWA members. So complete and return your Program Brochure registration and reservation forms immediately.

Good news for family practitioners—the American Academy of Family Physicians has approved 1983 AMWA Annual and Interim meetings for AAFP credit. Therefore, this year’s Annual Meeting CME program on “Aging and the Art of Medicine: Geriatrics—A Woman’s Issue”, is eligible for 10 AAFP credit hours as well as category 1 CME credit hours.

Physician, Student Branch Presidents

AMWA has 51 active physician branches and 72 active student branches throughout the country. The following list offers names, addresses and (when possible) telephone numbers of each AMWA branch president.

For many members, activity on the local level is one of the most accessible and meaningful benefits of AMWA membership. Read this list. If you haven’t been locally active and find there is a branch in your area, please contact the branch president; she’ll be happy to hear from you. You may also contact the national office for additional information about branch officers and activities. Members-at-large—AMWA members living in areas distant from existing branches—are also urged to ask the national office for names of other local AMWA members-at-large. You might be surprised to find how many other women physicians live near you, after all!

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Branch Reports

- At Massachusetts Branch 39’s annual meeting June 13, a special award was given to Dr. Bertha Offenbach for her contributions to women in medicine, and her steadfast participation in Branch 39 growth and activities. The award also marks the establishment of the “Bertha Offenbach Award”, which will be given annually to a Massachusetts woman physician who has made an outstanding contribution to further women physicians’ career development. The meeting’s speaker, Dr. Jean Baker Miller, addressed a topic appropriate to the occasion—“Women in Power.”

- The spring dinner meeting of NYC Branch 14 took place Thursday, June 16 at the Cornell University Medical Center Griffis Faculty Club. After a social hour and dinner, branch members heard NY Assemblywoman May Newberger, chair of the Assembly’s Women’s Issues Task Force, discuss “Legislative Issues of Concern to Women and Women Physicians,” and Naomi Rabinowitz MD, of the branch’s legislative committee, speak on “Practical Aspects of Political Lobbying.”

- Westchester, NY Branch 32 is cosponsoring a day-long conference on employment for the disabled. The conference takes place September 29, at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center in Yorktown, NY.

- A warm welcome to new Branch 65, Rochester, NY—Sarwat Malik, MD, President. And, welcome to Women in Medicine in Wisconsin—85 new AMWA members who voted, in June, to affiliate with our organization.

- Rochester, MN Branch 17 is to be congratulated for its enthusiastic, effective joint participation with Minnesota Women Physicians and the AMWA Program Committee for a splendid Interim Meeting program. Branch members, led by Drs. Mary Templeton, Audrey Nelson, Doris Brooker and Nancy Beecher gathered dozens of local AMWA members and nonmembers to attend a pot luck dinner and branch development workshop at Dr. Beecher’s home, a more formal reception and dinner/panel discussion at the Marquette Hotel in Minneapolis, and an ambitious CME program on AIDS. See “Business, Pleasure Mix . . .” for details.

- Did your local branch present a program, host a guest speaker, conduct a membership drive? Whatever your branch is doing, the national office wants to be notified so that news of your branch can be included on this page. Call or write us, and share your local learning experience with the national membership.
AMWA Dues Deadline

Reminder to all unpaid members; 1983 dues must be received by the national office no later than September 30, in order for you to remain listed as an active AMWA member. Payment also ensures your inclusion in AMWA's new Membership Directory, to be published in late spring, 1984. You must act quickly; renew today!

Your President Guest at Challenger Takeoff

AMWA President Anne Barlow, MD was proud to attend the launching of space shuttle Challenger, at the invitation of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration. She was then a guest of Executive Women in Government at a Washington luncheon for the crew (which included the first American woman astronaut, Dr. Sally Ride) on July 21. Also on July 21, Dr. Barlow attended a White House briefing on Central America by UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick. Bit by bit, AMWA gains recognition from our nation's Executive Branch!

Social Security Warning

The Center for Law in the Public Interest, a public interest law firm, has asked us to let AMWA members know that they have information indicating that married women who 1) are self employed, 2) file a joint return and 3) use a surname different from their husband may not be having their earnings properly posted to their social security accounts. If this is the case, severe problems may result when it comes time to start collecting social security benefits. They are attempting to identify women who fit this description to determine if the problem is class-wide or of a more limited nature.

If you fit the above description, please call the Center for Law in the Public Interest at (202) 371-0199 between 9:30 am and 6 pm, and find out if your earnings are being posted to your account. They appreciate your cooperation.

What's Happening in AMWA

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Ballots for electing Regional Governors, Nominating Committee members and State Directors have been sent to all members. Please complete and return these ballots no later than October 15. Results will be announced at the 1983 House of Delegates meeting in Dearborn.

The first Midwestern Regional AMWA Conference takes place September 30, October 1 and 2, 1983 at the Hyatt Regency, Kansas City, MO. For details contact Lilly Coniglio, U. KS Office of Continuing Education, College of Health Sciences, Rainbow & Olathe, Kansas City, KS 66103; (913) 588-4488.

The 1983 Annual Meeting will be at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI November 9 through 13. Be sure to register by October 15.

The 1984 Northeastern Conference on Women's Health takes place March 30, 31 and April 1 in Boston. Write to 1984 Conference on Women's Health, c/o Massachusetts Medical Society, 1440 Main St., Waltham, MA 02254.

AMWA's 1984 Interim Meeting is scheduled June 27 through July 1 in Houston, TX. And the 1984 Annual Meeting will be at the Waldorf Astoria, NY, NY November 14 through 18. Plan to attend both events!
HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

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Please complete and return to the AMWA national office, 465 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002, by October 31, 1983.

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3. What Interim and Annual Meeting topics would interest you?

4a. Do informal round-table discussions at Annual Meetings interest you? Yes ________ No ________

b. Would the following topics interest you:
   1. Consciousness-raising of women physicians? Yes ________ No ________
   2. Doubling career and marriage? Yes ________ No ________
   3. Problems of women in academia? Yes ________ No ________

5. Do you think CME credits are necessary for your attendance:
   1. At Interim Meetings? Yes ________ No ________
   2. At Annual Meetings? Yes ________ No ________

6. Do you rely on AMWA as your source of CME credits? Yes ________ No ________

7. Do you think women physicians should be the major speakers at national meeting CME programs? Yes ________ No ________

8. Do you think CME programs with minimal or no charge would attract more attendees? Yes ________ No ________

9. Would you be more likely to attend AMWA CME programs if they were held in a “resort” or “fun” area? Yes ________ No ________

10. Are you:
    A practicing physician? Yes ________ No ________
    In a teaching position? Yes ________ No ________
    A house officer? Yes ________ No ________
    A medical student? Yes ________ No ________
    Retired? Yes ________ No ________
    Married/no children? Yes ________ No ________
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11. Have you enlarged your knowledge on the basis of CME programs? Yes ________ No ________

12. Have you changed your method of practice or philosophy of thinking on the basis of CME material? Yes ________ No ________

13. Additional Comments:
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