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BRAINERD PHYSICIAN NAMED MMA PRESIDENT-ELECT

MINNEAPOLIS —The Minnesota Medical Association has chosen James J. Dehen Jr., M.D., as president-elect. The MMA is a professional organization representing about 10,000 physicians, fellows, residents, and medical students in Minnesota. The election was held September 15 in Minneapolis during the MMA's 153rd Annual Meeting.

Dr. Dehen is board certified in general surgery and has been in private practice at Brainerd Medical Center since July 1988. At St. Joseph's Medical Center he has served as chief of surgery, as chief of staff from 1998 to 2000, and as a member of the hospital board of directors from 1996 to 2000.

The president-elect serves as a member of the Minnesota Physicians Foundation of the Minnesota Medical Association and as chair of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Dehen will assume the presidency of the MMA at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Dr. Dehen was elected speaker of the MMA House of Delegates in 2003. He has been a member of the MMA Executive Committee since 1998 and currently is on the MMA Committee on Administration and Finance. Dr. Dehen is also a member of MEDPAC and has served on the board.