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BRAINERD PHYSICIAN INAUGURATED AS MMA PRESIDENT

MINNEAPOLIS — James J. Dehen Jr., M.D., was inaugurated as president of the Minnesota Medical Association on September 20 in Mankato during the MMA's 154th Annual Meeting.

The MMA is a professional organization representing about 10,000 physicians, fellows, residents, and medical students in Minnesota.

As president, Dr. Dehen will serve as the spokesperson for the association and participate in setting policy.

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, and as a member of the hospital board of directors.

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.

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Dr. Dehen is a member of the AMA, American Society of General Surgeons, Christian Medical and Dental Association, and American College of Surgeons.

The current president, G. Richard Geier, M.D., passed the presidential medallion to Dr. Dehen in an inaugural ceremony at Mankato's Alltel Center on Sept. 20.