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MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

MINNEAPOLIS - The Minnesota Medical Association elected its officers for 2007-2008 on Friday, September 21 in Mankato at the MMA's 154th Annual Meeting.

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

The association develops policies on issues that affect patient care and physicians' practices and represents its members before various legislative bodies, regulatory agencies, and the private sector. The MMA is governed by a House of Delegates, which elects its officers.

The House of Delegates elected the following MMA officers for 2007-2008:

President-elect: George E. Schoephoerster, M.D.

Secretary-Treasurer: Carolyn J. McKay, M.D., M.P.H.

Speaker of the House: Lyle J. Swenson, M.D.

Vice Speaker of the House: Karen K. Dickson, M.D.

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George E. Schoephoerster, M.D., chosen to be president-elect, will assume the presidency of the MMA at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Dr. Schoephoerster is board certified in family medicine with a certificate of added qualifications in geriatrics. He practices at CentraCare Clinic in St. Cloud. At St. Cloud Hospital, he has served as chief of the family medicine department. He was one of the founders of the St. Cloud Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program.

Carolyn J. McKay, M.D., M.P.H., was reelected secretary-treasurer. Dr. McKay is a pediatrician practicing in Minneapolis and Eagan. She is chair of the MMA Committee on Administration and Finance and a past president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Lyle J. Swenson, M.D., was elected speaker of the MMA House of Delegates. Dr. Swenson, who is board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, and interventional cardiology, practices at St. Paul Cardiology. Last year he served as vice speaker.

Karen K. Dickson, M.D., was elected vice speaker of the MMA House of Delegates. Dr. Dickson is in private practice as a psychiatrist at Nystrom and Associates, a mental health clinic in New Brighton. She has been a member of the MMA Board of Trustees since 1997.

James J. Dehen Jr., M.D., assumed the presidency of the MMA at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Dr. Dehen is board certified in general surgery and has been in private practice at Brainerd Medical Center since July 1988.

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American Medical Association Delegates Reelected

Raymond G. Christensen, M.D., is a practicing board-certified family physician and cofounder of the Gateway Family Health Clinic in Moose Lake, Minnesota. He is the assistant dean of rural health at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Christensen is a past president of the MMA.

Anthony C. Jaspers, M.D., who is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice, has been in practice at the Mankato Clinic since 1976. He has been a member of the MMA Board of Trustees for 12 years.

Sally J. Trippel, M.D., has been a staff consultant in the Mayo Clinic Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Preventive, Occupational and Aerospace Medicine, since 1986. She is board certified in internal medicine, as well as in public health and general preventive medicine.

AMA Alternate Delegates Reelected

John Abenstein, M.D., M.S.E.E., is an associate professor of anesthesiology at Mayo Medical School and a consultant in the Department of Anesthesiology at the Mayo Clinic.

Paul C. Matson, M.D., is a board certified orthopaedic surgeon who has been practicing at the Orthopaedic and Fracture Clinic in Mankato since 1988 and is a clinical associate professor at the University of Minnesota. He has served as a medical volunteer in Kenya and Cameroon. He is a past president of the MMA and past chair of the MMA Board of Trustees.

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David L. Estrin, M.D., board certified in pediatrics, joined South Lake Pediatrics in Minnetonka in 1978 and has been involved in management and administration in addition to patient care. He is an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota.

Gail E. Baldwin, M.D., is a board certified family physician who has been practicing in Duluth and Superior since 1992. For the last seven years she has served as the medical director of the Lake Superior Community Health Center in Duluth and Superior. She is a member of the associate staff of the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in Duluth.

MMA Board Chair

Michael B. Ainslie, M.D., was reelected as chair by the MMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Ainslie is a pediatrician and pediatric endocrinologist who practices at Park Nicollet Medical Center. He is the chair of the MMA Board of Trustees and has served as MMA treasurer.