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MMA leadership nominations due May 16
The MMA is now accepting nominations for its 2015-16 memberwide election. Nominations for leadership positions from members and component medical societies will be accepted through May 16. The open offices include: president-elect, two MMA Board of Trustees positions, three AMA delegate positions and one AMA alternate delegate position. The nominees for the MMA Board of Trustees must be members from the Northeast and Southwest Trustee districts (one will be elected from each district). The nominating committee will meet in late May and July to recommend a slate of candidates for each position. Ballots will be electronically distributed on August 11 to all members who have provided the MMA with an email address. The election will be open for 30 days. Results will be announced before or at the MMA Annual Conference. If you are interested in submitting a nomination or have questions, please contact George Lohmer at glohmer@mnmed.org or 612-362-3746.

Social event planned for Rochester-area physicians
The MMA, Zumbro Valley Medical Society (ZVMS), MMA Young Physician Section and MMA Medical Student Section are hosting a free social event for Rochester-area physicians and physicians-in-training from 5 to 8 p.m. on May 7 at the Cambria Gallery on 400 South Broadway in Rochester. The event is a celebration of medicine, a thank you to members and a welcome to new and prospective members. Hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served. To register, visit www.mnmed.org/RochesterSocial. Sponsors include the US Air Force, US Army, Limb Lab, Cambria, Clements and Home Federal.

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Check the MMA’s website (www.mnmed.org/events) for more information and to register.

MMA in Action
MMA President Donald Jacobs, MD, and MMA CEO Robert Meiches, MD, met with the new CentraCare CEO Kenneth Holmen, MD, in mid-April.

Kathleen Baumbach and Brian Strub, managers of physician outreach, attended the 2015 Match Day program at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Twin Cities campus, in March.

In late March, Strub participated in career day at the Hmong College Prep Academy in St Paul. He shared information on the MMA’s medical student section and discussed the training required to become a physician.

The MMA’s Medical Student Section presented “Working Effectively with Medical Interpreters” to students at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth campus in mid-April.

Strub, Baumbach, Terry Ruane, MMA director of membership, marketing and communications, Mandy Rubenstein, manager of physician outreach, Barbara Daiker, MMA manager of quality, Evelyn Clark, MMA manager of grass roots and political engagement, and Juliana Milhofer, MMA policy analyst, attended the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians’ 2015 Spring Refresher conference in Minneapolis April 16-17.

Daiker also served as co-chair of the Minnesota Department of Health’s Committee on Healthcare Information Exchange, which held a joint meeting with the Standards and Interoperability Committee in March.

In mid-March, Dave Renner, CAE, MMA director of state and federal legislation, gave a legislative update for OB/GYN physicians in Edina.

Jaime Olson, MMA manager of CME, Ruane and Baumbach attended a workshop, “ER/LA Opioid REMS: Achieving Safe Use While Improving Patient Care,” in Hutchinson in early April.