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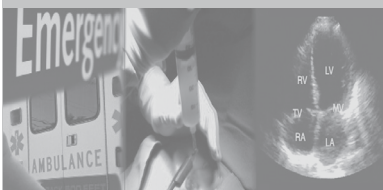
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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*W*ith spring in the air comes the promise of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) National Assembly and all that it has to offer. This year it will be held locally in sunny San Diego, California. Of special note, look for our CAL/AAEM chapter reception (details forthcoming), consider casting your vote for a CAL/AAEM member in the national election, or stop by our CAL/AAEM booth to say "hello" to members of our state board. One of our long time state (and national) board members, Joanne Williams, MD, FAAEM, has brought back her wildly successful pre-conference pediatric course, another great homegrown educational opportunity at the scientific assembly.

Our chapter had a busy fall with great success at the San Francisco Speakers Series, as well as the San Diego Speakers Series. Both events were held in intimate settings, featuring prominent speakers from California residency programs. Both also introduced interested physicians to members of the CAL/AAEM board of

directors. The evaluations of these events were impressively positive, and we look forward to continuing this unique approach to education next year.

Consider taking the time to check out the revised national AAEM website (www.aaem.org), as well as our CAL/AAEM state website (www.calaem.org). We now have a state Facebook page, and plan for Twitter access soon. Our chapter continues to bring our state members up-to-the-minute news of local, state and national news through our news service run by past state president, Brian Potts, MD, MBA, FAAEM. This service, unique to the CAL/AAEM chapter, is another way that CAL/AAEM supports its members.

Don't forget to check out the latest *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*



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journal, another benefit to our members. The journal has grown from a small local production to a journal of national and international importance.

A great thanks to those members who helped recruit new members to our state chapter. Currently our membership is on the rise and bigger than ever. Don't forget to encourage interested medical students and residents to join, as their membership is free.

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