

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

It is my pleasure to give you my Executive Director's report for the 6th year.

To develop this report, I went through my past reports, the last several years of Board, Division and Committee minutes and pulled together some information to share with all of you.

There are several topics that have been reported over the years that will give you an idea of how successful we are as a National Association dedicated to developing professionals in the field of medical education and serving as a forum and resource for medical education professionals.

First of all, I am proud to announce that over the past 6 years, I have been able to report that AHME's financial status has been in the black and has been getting increasingly better.

I am also proud to tell you that AHME's membership has remained stable even though other associations similar to ours have been seeing decreases in their membership and attendance at their meetings. We have been able to keep our members – some have changed from individual to institutional and visa versa but the bottom line is we have a very loyal membership and we are getting new members every year.

We have been able to attract new members and I truly believe it is because we have something great to offer GME professionals. We have been a well kept secret for too long – we are finally being recognized for the work that we do! We ARE recognized in the GME world and others are actually using our methods and programs to develop their programs!! That's a good thing!

It has become increasingly more difficult for associations to survive solely on membership dues. I am happy to announce that AHME's finances have continued to be stable due in part to very successful Educational Institutes, stable membership and the valuable resources we receive from our commercial supports.

Let me give you a little information on what has taken place since last year's annual meeting.

We have been able to:

- Assist the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee in putting together a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Book. All attendees will receive a complimentary copy at this year's meeting.
- Susan Allen has redesigned our Commercial Support Program and has done an exceptional job with our supporters. This year's groups of supporters have some wonderful tools to assist graduate medical education professionals. I sincerely hope you have been visiting them and will contact them if you are in need of their services.
- We are improving our communications to our members and providing information on our website regarding our meetings and information on our liaisons like ACGME, ACCME, NRMP, ECFMG to name a few
- We have an electronic version of the Guide to Medical Education that is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Dr. Lee Ann Riesenber is the Editor of this fine publication and has dedicated many, many hours, making this a valuable resource to all AHME members. Dr. Riesenber will be stepping down as the editor and Dr. Jeff Levine and Ms. Carrie Eckart will take on the responsibilities after this meeting.

- Our AHME Newsletter now has an electronic version and contains a wealth of useful information for all members. Mr. Robert D'Antonio and Dr. Jeff Levine are the co-editors of this fine publication

- Our website is awesome! We now have a great "Message Board" that will help each and every one of you with any concern you may have in Medical Education. It is a valuable and easy to use resource that I am sure will provide you with access to a tremendous amount of information to help make your job a lot easier. Ask questions and you will get answers and examples and a lot more. Dr. Jeff Levine is manager and will be happy to assist anyone who is interested in learning more about the message board.

- We have a new association management software that has allowed us to become more efficient and enables us to produce accurate membership and financial reports.

- Save the date! We will be having our 2007 Spring Educational Institute in Marco Island, Florida at the Marriott from May 9-12, 2007. Please visit the display and grab a flyer to remind you to mark your calendars to join us.

I could go on and on but I know the best presentations are the shortest ones so I will just give you a few more highlights and finish my report.

Your headquarters staff have been working non-stop to make this a successful meeting and I would like to take a moment to recognize them. Please help me to thank Susan Allen our meeting planner, BJ Couch and Mandi Ziegler our financial and membership experts, Brenda Fraas for staffing our meetings and preparing our packets, and Sandi Parsons and Bobbye Wagner our administrative assistants. Sandi assists the Guide Committee among the many other responsibilities we give her. It takes a whole team to put this program together and I want to thank them for all of their time, effort and dedication. I also think that we need to thank Dr. Charlie Daschbach and his division for putting together such a magnificent program.

A few more success stories include:

1. A successful audit/review of our finances
2. Election of new leadership
3. Decrease in expenses
4. A successful and educational program in Spring, 2005 in Tucson, Arizona
5. A continuing relationship with Turner-White – publisher of Hospital Physician – a publication you all receive on a complimentary basis because you are an AHME member
6. An increase in the benefits you receive as an AHME member (message board, liaison reports, etc.)
7. A dedicated group of volunteers dedicated to providing resources you need to be the best you can be in your position as a GME professional

It is an honor and privilege to be your executive director and if there is anything I can do to assist you, or provide you with resources that would help you, do not hesitate to contact me.

That is the end of my report. Thank you!