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## Chairperson's Corner

### Changes in the Section

**T**hank you for your confidence in re-electing me as Chair of the Section for another two year term. I am hopeful that the next two years can be as productive as the past for our section.

We welcome Laura Laskosz as the new Manager of our Section. Tiffany Varchetto, who had been with us for the prior 18 months, has returned to clinical nursing care in the Chicago area. The transition is now complete and Laura is now at full speed. She comes to the Section from the AAP Division of Hospital and Surgical Services in which she worked for a little over a year as a Division Coordinator. She is very interested in improving communication among Section members by using e-mail, the internet, Newsletter, and the Section Web site. Please feel free to contact her at 800/433-9016, ext. 4928 or via e-mail at [llaskosz@aap.org](mailto:llaskosz@aap.org).

Carole Marcus has completed her term on the Executive Committee but will continue to Chair the Practice Parameter on obstructive sleep apnea in children. We will be electing two new Executive committee members in 2001. We hope to elect another two in 2002. Voting will be electronic this year. You can find the ballot and the candidates biosketches at [www.aap.org/moc](http://www.aap.org/moc). I guarantee that no hand count will be necessary and there will be no subsequent legal maneuvering.

### Updated Web site

Our web site has been updated and can be accessed at <http://www.aap.org/sections/Pulmonology>. We are hoping to enhance it's

educational value in the near future. We would be interested in your comments about what would be of interest to you for inclusion. Currently, the web site has information on upcoming meetings, current projects and policy statements, a roster of the executive committee, and links to other web sites of interest.

### CME

The joint CME presentation from the AAP and ACCP entitled, "2001: An Airspace Odyssey: A Clinical Pulmonary CME Course," will be held from March 9-11, 2001 at Hilton Oceanfront Resort located in picturesque Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Space is still available. Please consider joining us for this exciting conference. Register by calling 800/433-9016, option 3. Planning for the

2002 meeting will begin at the conclusion of this years conference.

The Section continues to offer successful educational opportunities as part of the National Conference and Exhibition (formerly Annual Meeting). For the meeting in San Francisco this October the following courses will be offered:

- Tough Topics in Pulmonary Care
- Managing Status Asthmaticus on the Inpatient Pediatric Ward
- Care of Patients with Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Diseases: New Developments, New Dilemmas
- Improvements in Home Therapy For Technology-Dependant Children

Our CME committee headed by Dr. Glenna Winnie is preparing proposals for the 2002 meeting. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to Laura Laskosz at: e-mail: [llaskosz@aap.org](mailto:llaskosz@aap.org) or via fax at: 847/434-8000 attn: Laura Laskosz.

**There is still time to register for**  
**"2001: An Airspace Odyssey: A Clinical Pulmonary CME Course"**  
**For more details, See page 5!**

# Executive Summary

March 30, 2000

The Section on Pediatric Pulmonology Executive Committee convened on Thursday, March 30, 2000 in Coronado, CA. The committee discussed the idea of a joint membership dues structure with one of their sister organizations and concluded that more information is needed regarding the pros and cons of such collaboration.

Several codes will be reviewed including: 31600, 31622, 31625, 31645, 32000, 32005, 32020, 94640, 94664, 94665, 99233, and 99723.

A report was given on the CME Course status. The executive committee will evaluate the 2000 CME Course, A Celebration of Pediatric Pulmonology at their next executive committee meeting. In addition, they discussed how to market proposals for the 2001 CME course and it was decided that the Section web site and the Section Newsletter will be used as tools. After the 2001 CME Course, all of the previous courses will be examined and evaluated to determine if the course should continue to be held on an annual basis.

The 1999 Annual Meeting was very successful, the programs were well attended and there was positive feedback on both the topics and the speakers. The executive committee discussed possible proposals for both the 2000 and 2001 Annual Meeting. In addition, a file will be kept of all previous programs with their evaluations to help determine the choice of programs in the future.

Dr Dorkin agreed to serve as the Chairperson for the Nominations Committee. Dr Dorkin and two other, yet to be identified, committee members will assist with the election process including selection of candidates and obtaining biosketches of candidates.

Dr Michelle Howenstine presented a program proposal to create the Edwin L. Kendig, Jr Award. This award will recognize a pulmonologist who exemplifies excellence in the field of pulmonology.

The committee discussed the retirement of the statement on exercise and asthma. The committee noted that they would like to

work with the Committee on School Health to develop a chapter on Exercise and Asthma in the Committee's next manual.

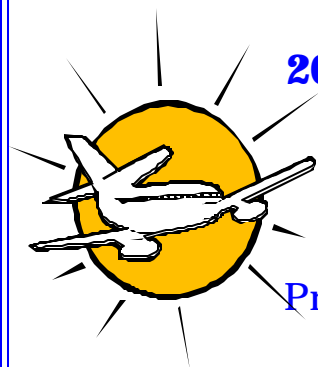
Comments and concerns were addressed for both the Statement on Aerosolized Antibiotics and the Statement on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The concerns for the Aerosolized Antibiotics were included in the final draft of the statement.

Dr. Betina Hillman represented the Section for the Asthma Educator Project. In addition, Dr Hillman won the Gerome Glasser Award given by the AAP.

Dr Steven Boas, was appointed to the American Association of Respiratory Care's Board of Medical Advisors.

Lastly, the committee agreed that it would become involved with ASTRA and on guidelines for inhaled steroids.

The next meeting will be held at the joint AAP/ACCP CME meeting in March 2001.



## 2001 National Conference and Exhibition October 20 - 24, 2001 San Francisco, CA

Programs presented by the Section on Pediatric Pulmonology:

- Tough Topics in Pulmonary Care
- Managing Status Asthmaticus on the Inpatient Pediatric Ward
- Care of Patients with Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Diseases: New Developments, New Dilemmas
- Improvements in Home Therapy For Technology-Dependant Children

## Update on Section Activities

We have provided "expert" advice on several important AAP issues. Dr. Scott Davis and I were part of a conference call to review the statement "Precautions regarding the use of aerosolized antibiotics". We commented on a chapter resolution to initiate newborn screening for Cystic Fibrosis in all states. We provided comment on the statement "Distinguishing sudden infant death syndrome from child abuse fatalities".

The Practice Parameter on "Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Children" has been written in rough draft and is undergoing extensive review. Dr. Carole Marcus chairs the committee that is completing this important project.

## Upcoming Meetings of Interest

The Council on Sections meets in Chicago March 23-25, 2001 in conjunction with the Council on Chapters. This is the opportunity to present resolutions to the AAP for review by the Board of Directors. It is also an opportunity for the AAP to communicate AAP business and innovations to the Sections and Chapters.

There will be a meeting on the Future of Pediatric Specialties held in San Diego March 12 and 13, 2001. It is a follow up to the Future of Pediatric Education II. The purpose is to identify issues regarding Pediatric Specialties and prepare an agenda for the future. It is sponsored by the Federation of Pediatric Organizations. I will represent the AAP section on Pediatric Pulmonology. Dr. Julian Allen will be there representing the American Thoracic Society, Dr. Sally Davidson Ward the American Board of Pediatrics Subspecialty Board, and Dr. Howard Pannitch the Pulmonary Training Directors. Dr. Thomas Boat, also a Pediatric Pulmonologist, will be providing an Overview of Pediatric Subspecialty Education at this meeting.

If you have issues to share at either of these meetings, please send me an [email](mailto:pstillwell@chsd.org) to [pstillwell@chsd.org](mailto:pstillwell@chsd.org)

## Membership

Our section membership continues to increase and is open to all AAP members interested in the issues of Pediatric Pulmonology. Sub-board eligibility or certification is not required. The section annual dues remain only \$12.00. We are interested in hearing what we can do to improve the Section's contribution to your professional satisfaction.

Sincerely,  
Paul C Stillwell MD  
Chair, Section on Pediatric Pulmonology

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## What's New on the AAP Members Only Channel!

[www.aap.org/moc](http://www.aap.org/moc)

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- Ö Compendium of Immunization Resources
- Ö A Pediatrician's Guide to Proposal Writing
- Ö Pediatricians interested in Media Issues
- Ö Car Seat Initiative
- Ö Information for Pediatricians on HIPAA Administrative Simplification
- Ö Immunization Resource Kit from NNii
- Ö Statements in Progress, Jan 2001
- Ö 2001 Immunization Schedule
- Ö MMWR, Public Health Service Recommendations for the Use of Vaccines Manufactured with the Bovine-Derived Materials
- Ö Status Report on Academy Initiatives
- Ö Speaker Ready Room
- Ö MemberAlert: Outbreak of Poliomyelitis in the Dominican Republic and Haiti
- Ö Medem Update: Best Practices for Physician-Patient Communication on the Internet ([www.medem.org](http://www.medem.org))

## Upcoming Events

**March 8, 2001**

Section on Pediatric Pulmonology  
Executive Committee Meeting

**March 9 - 11, 2001**

2001- An Airspace Odyssey:  
A Clinical Pediatric Pulmonary  
CME Course  
Hilton Oceanfront Resort  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

**June 13 - 16, 2001**

Super CME 2001  
New York, NY

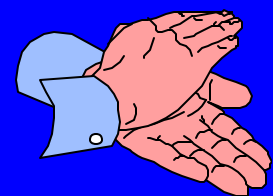
**October 20 -24, 2001**

AAP National Conference  
& Exhibition  
*(formerly Annual Meeting)*  
San Francisco, CA

**November 4 - 8, 2001**

ACCP - Chest 2001  
Philadelphia, PA

## Congratulations!



**Bettina Hillman, MD, FAAP**  
for receiving the AAP  
Gerome Glaser Award

*Presented for outstanding  
service in the field of  
pediatric allergy*

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# Be Informed!! Get Involved!!



## Join the Section on Pediatric Pulmonology **LISTSERV® Today!**

This will allow the Section on Pediatric Pulmonology Executive Committee and AAP Staff to communicate directly with all the current members through periodic e-mail messages.

*E-mail will be the primary form of communication for Pediatric Pulmonology members, and is fast becoming the primary form of communication within the AAP. If you do not have an e-mail address, we encourage you to get an account soon.*

If you would like to contact Paul Stillwell, MD, the Chairperson of the SOPPu, he can be reached at [pstillwell@chsd.org](mailto:pstillwell@chsd.org) or via phone at 619/974-6790.

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## **There's still time to register!**

### **2001 – AN AIRSPACE ODYSSEY: A Clinical Pediatric Pulmonary Course March 9 – 11, 2001, Hilton Oceanfront Resort Hilton Head Island, South Carolina**

Co-Sponsored by the AAP Section on Pediatric Pulmonology,  
The American Academy of Pediatrics, and  
The American College of Chest Physicians

#### **A State-of-the-Art Pulmonology Course**

##### **Course Highlights include:**

- Surgical interaction in pediatric pulmonary disease
- Challenges and changing management of childhood asthma
- Immunology, collagen-vascular disease, and bone marrow transplantation – the effect on the pediatric lung
- Update on cystic fibrosis
- Interpretation and application of sleep studies and pulmonary function in clinical practice
- Application of the Internet and billing and coding practices in pediatric pulmonology
- Gastroesophageal reflux – new and old challenges

##### **Hilton Head Highlights:**

Hilton Head Island is one of the most popular resort destinations in the United States. Some points of interest to add to your must-see-and-do list include: Endangered Arts Gallery, an eclectic gallery exclusively devoted to nature artists, featuring originals and prints by Peter Wyland, famed whale muralist; Harbour Town, a great place for yacht watching; Pinckney Island Wildlife Refuge, a perfect bird-watching/hiking spot with 253 different species of birds scattered about the meadows, lakes, and gently graded footpaths; and Sea Pines Forest Preserve, a great place to see alligators, wildflowers, and nesting egrets.

South Beach Marine Village, with quaint shops, restaurants, and a magnificent view of the harbor, creates the aura of a wealthy New England fishing borough.

##### **Our Outstanding Faculty Include:**

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##### **Don't miss out on this dynamic course—Register Today!**

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We look forward to seeing you in Hilton Head!

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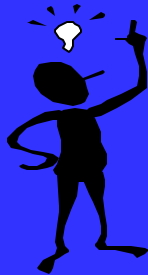
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