

AAEM Presidential Stipend Announcement

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At the AAEM board meeting held just before the 2014 Scientific Assembly, the board of directors voted to establish an annual stipend for the Academy's president. The amount of this stipend was fixed at \$50,000. While approving the stipend, the board also established a set of job requirements and performance parameters for the president.

Until this time, AAEM presidents have served without remuneration — as other officers and directors continue to do. As I and other former AAEM presidents can attest, the position requires a tremendous time commitment. This takes away significantly from full-time clinical or academic practice and other professional pursuits. Because of the huge commitment involved, and to attract more members to consider serving in leadership positions, it is common for professional societies to provide a stipend to their top leadership.

This stipend may seem generous. However, it is less than most other medical specialty societies and in my opinion is not equal to the personal and professional sacrifice required to serve AAEM as its president. The board made this decision after several months of consideration, and after appointing a task force — which I chaired — to look into the issue and make a recommendation to the board on the amount of the stipend. The board made this decision before the last round of AAEM elections, and it took effect with the Academy's current president.

The same motion that established the stipend also created a set of minimum responsibilities for the president. In keeping with the practices of other professional societies, the board also defined the activities expected of its officers. Attendance at specified meetings, presentations to residency programs, a president's column for each issue of *Common Sense*, and the development of future leaders are all now defined expectations for the president, although some can be delegated to designated officers. While the president still has the ability to pursue those activities important

to them, there are now guidelines to ensure appropriate attention is paid to the activities considered essential by the board of directors.

Establishing both the stipend and the level of performance expected of the organization's top leader is an important step forward, as AAEM continues to emerge as a premier medical specialty society and remains the specialty society of emergency medicine. ■

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The Legal Committee is requesting your help!

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<http://www.aem.org/aaemtestimony/>

ABEM News: John C. Moorhead, MD, Elected Chair Elect of the ABMS

On April 24, 2014, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), composed of 24 member boards that oversee physician certification in the United States, announced the election of John C. Moorhead, MD, as chair elect of the ABMS board of directors. Dr. Moorhead has served as a member of the ABMS board of directors, including as a member of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Task Force and MOC Committee, the latter of which he served as chair. Since 2003, he has been a representative of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates, and since 2001 he has been chair of the AMA Section Council on Emergency Medicine. Dr. Moorhead is currently the immediate past president of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) board of directors.

Dr. Moorhead currently is a Professor of Emergency Medicine, and Public Health and Preventive Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland. In 1978, he joined OHSU's Department of Emergency Medicine, of which he is now Chair Emeritus. During his

30-plus years in the department, Dr. Moorhead has held many positions, including Director of the Emergency Medicine Residency program, a post he held for 13 years, and Department Chair, which he held for eight years. In addition to being a past president of ABEM, Dr. Moorhead was also president of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the Oregon Medical Association.

Dr. Moorhead received his medical degree in 1975 from Queens University Medical School in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and completed his residency in emergency medicine in 1978 at Royal Victoria Hospital, McGill University in Montréal, Quebec, Canada. His interests are in the areas of medical education and health policy. To honor Dr. Moorhead's contributions to emergency medicine, OHSU established an endowment fund in his name. The fund will sponsor leading educators in emergency medicine to help shape and develop generations of emergency physicians for years to come. ■