EDITOR’S LETTER

Time Passes and Stuff Happens
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Each year at the AAEM Scientific Assembly, many of you talk about getting involved and leaving your mark on our society. Some follow through, but many do not. I was going to make an impassioned plea for all of you to strongly consider elevating your involvement to more than simply being a member. More than most other organizations, AAEM is led by its members who directly elect their board of directors. I was going to say much more about this but could not possibly say it more eloquently than our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. William Durkin, has elsewhere in this issue of Common Sense. Please read his article. Then remember that the rest of us on the board feel the same way.

Our annual Scientific Assembly was a smashing success. As always, the presentations were first-rate. The information was clinically, administratively and academically relevant, timely and up to date. The resort was excellent, and the food was too good. Our organization continues to grow, and every year our Scientific Assembly continues to impress. Old friends were reacquainted, and new ones were made. For those of you who were present, I’m sure this is all old news. For those who weren’t, there is always next year (March 2-4, 2009) in Phoenix, AZ.

In AAEM, you determine what happens. You decide on the course the organization will take. You can just sit back and watch time pass and stuff happen. Or you can make stuff happen, effect change, chart the future and help mold a legacy. Don’t let time pass without leaving your mark on your organization. Being a member is great. Doing more for the organization and your emergency medicine colleagues is even better. Get involved. AAEM needs you.