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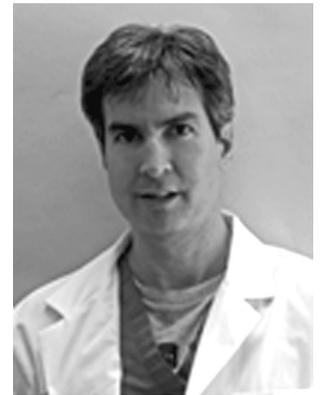
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This being my final president's message for *WestJEM*, I would like to express that I have greatly enjoyed my term as president of CAL/AAEM. I want to sincerely thank the CAL/AAEM board members for their insight and efforts to push CAL/AAEM forward. Throughout the year we have tried to advance AAEM's mission, as well as provide you with innovative benefits like our attorney consultation service.

We are very proud of the evolution of *WestJEM*. Under the leadership of Mark Langdorf, Sean Henderson and Shahram Lotfipour, *WestJEM* has grown into an outstanding emergency medicine journal. *WestJEM* is the core of CAL/AAEM, demonstrating our unique commitment to education and academic medicine, as well as EM physicians' rights. I hope that you will continue to read it, support it and submit manuscripts for publication consideration. As you can see, we have also beefed up our *WestJEM* insert. CAL/AAEM Past President Steve Gabaeff has provided a thoughtful, in-depth analysis of State Senator Sheila Kuehl's California Universal Health Care proposal (SB 840), which was recently vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger. Dr. Douglas Brosnan uses his legal training to give us an equally insightful legislative review of the upcoming Medi-Cal funding cuts.

I am confident that CAL/AAEM will continue to thrive under the leadership of its new president, Stuart Swadron. Stuart graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1992 and completed his emergency medicine residency and fellowship at LA County + USC (LAC+USC) Medical Center. Stuart is both a tremendously successful academic physician and an extremely talented leader. In addition to capably serving as CAL/AAEM vice president this past year, Stuart has been the program director of the LAC+USC Emergency Medicine Residency for several years during which time it has continued to develop into one of the top training programs in the country. I am sure that under Stuart's guidance CAL/AAEM will similarly flourish.

Robert M. Rodriguez, MD, FAAEM



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