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LA AAP Members- Vote Now on Constitution and Bylaws Changes...*Only one week left to vote!*

Deadline for voting on bylaws is midnight on Monday, June 22nd

LA AAP members,
The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (LA AAP) has proposed a number of changes to the current bylaws of the chapter. Below are a highlight of the changes being proposed and

need your vote. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the chapter office at (225) 379-7923 or email the Executive Director at ashley.politz@laaap.org.

[Current Bylaws](#)
[Proposed Bylaws](#)

To vote, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XXVFXD7>

Highlight of Proposed Changes:

Constitution

Article II- Mission, Objectives and Priorities

Mission- Mission of the Chapter added

Objectives- Updated #1 & #2 with the American Academy of Pediatrics most current constitution and bylaws adopted in Oct. 2012. #3- broadened language to make it more reflective of the Chapter's work

Priorities- This was added

Article III-

Section I- Membership Categories

Section I, (b) added the definition of Senior Member. Previously there were categories of Emeritus, Honorary and Retired. Following the Academy's recently adopted bylaws, these categories were combined to create the Senior Member category. This category is defined as a member who lives in Louisiana and who has attained the age of 70 OR is 65 or older and no longer derives income from professional activities.

Section I, (g)- added Resident Member to the by-laws as this is a membership category we currently have but it was not listed in the previous by laws.

Section I, (h)- added category of National Affiliate Members of the American Academy of Pediatrics who are defined as nurses working primarily in the field of pediatrics and added medical students to reflect membership categories

Section II- Rights and Privileges of Members

Matched the categories outlined in Section I.

Section III- Forfeiture of Membership

Changed notification requirements from the Treasurer to the Chapter

Article IV- Amendments

Changed responsibility for mailing from the secretary to the Exec. Director. Also added language to allow for electronic mailing and voting.

ByLaws

Article I- Officers

Section I- Officers of the Chapter

Combined Secretary and Treasurer and created a position for Early Career Physician; removed at large members and moved to Executive Committee section

Section II- President

Defined the Chapter's succession plan by noting that the President position is filled by the Vice President moving up.

Section V- Early Career Physician

Added and defined Early Career physician

Section VII- Executive Committee

Added in the language about At-large members

Section IX- Advisory Committee

Removed CLASP presidents and wrote a "purpose" for the committee.

Article II- Nominating Committee

Changed committee development process from a vote to an appointment by President

Outlined voting procedure, placed responsibility for mailing ballots on the Executive Director instead of Secretary and allowed for electronic means to carry out ballot mailing and voting

LA AAP Executive Committee Members Elections

The Chapter will soon be working to develop a slate of candidates for the upcoming Executive Committee Members Elections. If you are a member and are interested in being a candidate or would like to recommend a member, please email the Executive Director at ashley.politz@laaap.org and she will forward to the nominating committee. We look forward to hearing from you!

Call for Nominations - Chapter Awards

Deadline: Friday, July 31st

Send to: ashley.politz@laaap.org with subject line of "Chapter Awards Nomination"

Include: name of nominee with a few sentences on why that person is being nominated

Description of awards for 2015:

David W. Van Gelder distinguished Service Award—This award is to recognize and honor those rare and dedicated individuals who have contributed substantially to the advancement of the Chapter.

Dr. David Van Gelder served as AAP President from 1976-77. During his tenure, the Academy finalized a voluntary continuing education and assessment program leading to recertification and energized efforts to

develop child health planning at state and local levels. In addition, Dr. Van Gelder oversaw changes that were made within the Academy's internal structure to increase efficiency and enhance services for members. He was a vocal advocate for creating a national immunization policy. Under his presidency, the Academy adopted a statement advocating such a policy.

Previous award winners:

2013	H. Jay Collinsworth, MD, FAAP
2011	Stewart Gordon, MD, FAAP
2009	Michael Judice, MD
2007	Keith Perrin, MD, FAAP
2006	Not Given
2004	Jean Takenaka, MD
2002	John Lewy, MD, FAAP
2000	Louis Trachtman, MD
1998	Gary Peck, MD, FAAP
1996	Bettina C. Hilman, MD
1994	Wallace Dunlap, MD, FAAP
1992	Larry Hebert, MD
1990	David Van Gelder

Charles M Vanchiere Award—This award is given to recognize special efforts to improve the health of children in Louisiana by increasing their access to needed health care.

Dr. Charles M. "Buzzy" Vanchiere was a private pediatrician in Lake Charles, Louisiana, for nearly 30 years, and a tireless advocate for children's services. He pushed the private sector to accept Medicaid patients when the state first allowed them to bill for screening and diagnostic services. He was president of the LA Chapter of AAP at the time that the federal State Child Health Insurance Legislation was enacted and he was a major force in assuring that Louisiana took advantage of this new opportunity to cover children. He served on medical committees in his parish, in the state and for the American Academy of Pediatrics. He organized and led the Pediatric Society of Southwest Louisiana and the LSU Pediatric Alumni Association. He chaired the Pediatric Advisory Committee for Medicaid and was a member of the Blue Cross Physician Executive Committee. He was also active in the "Children's Miracle Network" and received it "Miracle Makers" award in 1995 for outstanding service to that program. Dr. Vanchiere died in the year 2000 at the young age of 60 and the Chapter established this award in his name to honor outstanding child advocates.

Previous award winners:

2013	Not given
2011	Steve Bienvenu, MD, FAAP
2010	Jimmy Guidry, MD
2009	Steven Spedale, MD
2008	J. Ruth Kennedy, Kay Gaudet
2007	Geoffrey Nagle, PhD, MPH, LCSW
2006	William Gill, MD and Joan Wightkin, PhD
2005	Gov. Kathleen Blanco
2004	Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu
2003	Sen. John T. "Tom" Schedler
2002	David Hood*
2000	Rep. Shirley Bowler

Elizabeth E. Cassinelli Award—This award is given in recognition of special efforts relevant to women’s careers in pediatrics-at academic institutions, as basic scientist or clinicians, and in the private sector.

Dr. Libby Cassinelli was a general pediatrician who spent her career in Shreveport/Bossier City. She was in private practice, then worked at Barksdale AFB where she practiced until her retirement, and closed her career at the LSU Med School in Shreveport. During her career, she organized the NW LA Pediatric Society, served in every office, and personally arranged up to 4 lectureships annually for the members. She worked in the community for children’s services and was well known for her advocacy for women in medicine.

Previous award winners:

2013	Sue Berry, MD, FAAP
2011	Jane El-Dahr, MD, FAAP
2009	Barbara Golden, MD
2007	Henryne A. Loudon, MD
2005	Katherine M. Knight, MD
2003	Carolyn Duncan, MD, FAAP
2000	Bettina Hilman
1998	A. Joanne Gates
1996	Sheila Moore

Outstanding Pediatric Society—This award recognizes the president of the regional society for the society’s outstanding programs or accomplishments.

Previous award winners:

2013	Northwestern Pediatric Society
2011	Baton Rouge Pediatric Society
2009	Acadian
2007	Acadiana
2005	Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society
2003	Acadiana
2000	Baton Rouge
1998	Not Given
1996	Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society
1994	Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society
1992	Greater New Orleans Pediatric Society
1990	None

Medicaid/ Bayou Health

Louisiana Medicaid Check Write Schedule July 2015 – December 2015

Click [here](#) for the Louisiana Medicaid 2015 Check Write Schedule

Bayou Health Informational Bulletins for Providers

Informational Bulletins cover a variety of topics related to Bayou Health, and all are available [here](#)

Health Plan Advisories

Health Plan Advisories are available at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1734>

SUDIA Recipe: Sun Dried Tomato-Rosemary Cheesecake

A make-ahead showstopper that's so-simple to prepare. Let the cheesecake stand at room temperature for about 15 minutes for easy spreading.

Ease: Moderate

Yield: 10 people

Preparation Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 53 minutes

Passive: Cool 1 hour; chill 4 hours

Source: Rebecca Gordon, Buttermilk Lipstick



Ingredients

1/2 cup finely crushed pita crackers

1 tablespoon butter, melted

3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

2 tablespoons whole milk

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1/2 tablespoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

3 cloves garlic, pressed

3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary

1/2 cup julienne-cut, sun-dried tomatoes with herbs packed in oil, drained

1/3 cup toasted pine nuts

Assorted crackers and crudité

Garnish

Fresh rosemary

Directions

Preheat oven to 325°. Line a 6-inch springform pan with parchment paper and lightly grease with cooking spray; place on a baking sheet. Combine cracker crumbs and butter; press firmly into bottom of pan.

Bake 8 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside.

Beat cream cheese on medium speed with a mixer until fluffy. Blend in milk and next five ingredients, mixing on low speed. Fold in Parmesan cheese and rosemary; spoon over crust and spread to pan edges. Bake 45-50 minutes or until center is just set when jiggled. Remove from oven and gently run a paring knife between the cheesecake and pan. Cool 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate 4 hours.

Place cheesecake on a serving plate. Toss together sun-dried tomatoes and pine nuts in a small bowl. Spoon mixture over cheesecake and garnish with fresh rosemary. Serve with crackers and crudité.

For more information and recipes visit www.southeastdairy.org

Upcoming Events



2015 Crescent City Potpourri

Date: August 21-23, 2015

Location: New Orleans Sheraton
500 Canal St.
New Orleans, LA

Hotel Information: A specific block of rooms are available for this conference until the block is SOLD or until Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Please make your reservations early!

Room rates per night are:

- Single & Double = \$129
- Triple = \$154

Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-627-7033 and using group name "Pediatric Potpourri 2015" or by following this

link: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1502261391&key=26A325BD>

Rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 13% plus \$3 Occupancy Tax per room per night, as well as Statutory Act 410 Tourism Support Assessment of 1.75% for each room rate, per room per night., or the following automatic or mandatory charges (e.g., resort charges): . No automatic or mandatory charges are tips, gratuities, or services charges for employees, unless otherwise expressly stated.

Early Departure Fee: An early departure fee of one night's room and tax will apply if a Customer attendee checks out prior to the confirmed checkout date.

Cancellation Policy: An individual reservation can be cancelled without a penalty as long as it is cancelled before 72 hours prior to arrival. If the cancellation occurs within 72 hours, one nights room and tax will be charged to credit card holding the reservation.



REGISTER NOW

Potpourri Agenda:

Friday:

11:30 – 12:30 P.M. Registration/Box Lunch

12:30 – 12:45 Welcome/Opening Remarks/Introductions

12:45 – 5:15 Presentations

5:30 Social and Poster Presentations

Saturday:

7:15 – 8:00 A.M. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome/Announcements/Introductions

8:15 – 12:15 P.M. Presentations

12:15 – 1:30 LA AAP Business Lunch and Awards

1:30 – 5:00 Presentations

Sunday:

7:15 – 8:00 A.M. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 Welcome/Announcements/Introductions

8:15 – 1:00 P.M. Presentations

General Registration Information:

REFUND POLICY - refunds of any activity fees will be made if cancellations are made prior to Monday, August 17, 2015. Absolutely no request for refunds will be honored after this date. No-shows are not eligible for a refund.

REGISTRATION - all participants of the conference must register with the registration desk at the conference prior to all events. Name badges will be provided and will be required for admittance to all activities.

PARKING – parking is available at the Sheraton New Orleans. Below are the rates:
\$12.00 + tax for daily parking
\$30.00 + tax for overnight parking

DRESS ATTIRE - business casual - consider layered clothing as heating and cooling conditions may vary.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - All pre-registrations for this conference must be received at Woman's Foundation office no later than August 20, 2015. Onsite registration will be available each day.

Primary Prevention Of HPV Related Cancers: HPV Vaccines



Time:
6:00 - 6:30 pm Registration, Dinner
6:30 – 8:00 pm Presentation, Q&A,
Evaluation

Date/ Location:
June 18 - Alexandria
Bistro on the Bayou
1321 Chappie James Ave.

Presented by:
Dr. John Vanchiere, MD, FAAP

Objectives:
Review epidemiology & outcomes of HPV infection
Discuss rationale for current HPV vaccine recommendations
Review recent uptake data and early impact evidence
Review 2 dose data and discuss 9-valent vaccine

To register & more details, go to:
<http://www.hpv-alexandria.eventbrite.com>

Continuing Education Credits

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) through joint sponsorship of Woman's Foundation, Inc. and the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The Woman's Foundation, Inc. is accredited by Louisiana State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians and takes responsibility for the content, quality, and scientific integrity of this CME activity.

Woman's Foundation, Inc. designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Target audience: An educational program for physicians and immunization professionals. Content is appropriate for other health care professionals including registered nurses

Opportunities for Summer HPV Vaccination: NIAM and Beating the Back-to-School Rush

Join us on **Friday, June 26, 2015 at 12:00PM ET** for the next #PreteenVaxScene webinar:



Cindy Weinbaum MD MPH, Acting Executive

Secretary of the ACIP, will provide an overview of the following topics that are currently on the ACIP draft agenda, to include: the policy options, evidence, and considerations for routine use of MenB vaccines in adolescents; an overview of 9-valent HPV vaccination for persons who have completed an HPV vaccination series, cost-effectiveness, as well as GRADE and proposed guidance for use of 9vHPV vaccine; and, updates to the Child/Adolescent Immunization Schedule.

Ian Branam (Health Communication Specialist, TEKsystems Inc.) from NCIRD's health communication science office (HCSO) will discuss plans and activities for National Immunization Awareness Month and what your organization or practice can do to help promote immunizations throughout the month of August.

Jill Roark MPH, Health Communication Specialist, NCIRD HCSO will present on ideas for Beating the Back to School Rush, including ideas to help parents and clinicians to take advantage of early summer break for vaccinations.

Register for the webinar at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6017466976921946370>

2015 Childhood Obesity & Public Health Conference

Save the Date!

Wednesday October 28, 2015

The 2015 Pennington Biomedical Research Center
Childhood Obesity & Public Health Conference

This is the eighth annual childhood obesity and public health conference to be held at the **Pennington Biomedical Research Center on Wednesday, October 28, 2015**. Given the emphasis on developing evidence-based public health strategies targeting childhood obesity, the topic of this conference is on local Louisiana researchers and how their work is having an impact at the national level.

Learning Objectives

The participants in this conference will be able to:

- comprehend the extent of the problem of childhood obesity in Louisiana
- understand the current local and national landscapes with respect to pediatric obesity prevention and treatment health care reimbursement

- describe the “Challenge for a Healthier Louisiana” program and its state-wide impact
- understand the potential of local pediatric obesity research to have a national impact

Who Should Attend?

This conference is designed for professionals engaged in public health efforts, including: physicians, nutritionists, physical activity specialists, registered dietitians, nurses, health educators, psychologists, and counselors; healthcare policy makers, researchers, media, business and civic leaders, parks and recreation personnel, and early childhood and school-age educators and decision-makers.

How to Register?

Registration for this conference is not yet open. You will receive an email informing you when online registration becomes available.

2015 National Pediatric Disaster Coalition Conference

You are invited to attend the National Pediatric Disaster Coalition Conference (NPDC) November 2-4, 2015 at the Camelback Inn Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. The purpose of the NPDC is to provide medical practitioners; clinical staff; hospital emergency management; other hospital representatives; prehospital providers; educators, school nurses and other school representatives; behavioral health providers; and faith-based organization representatives with tools, training, resources, and information **to improve pediatric disaster preparedness**. Speakers will examine a broad spectrum of pediatric disaster response, resilience, extended care, recovery, and coalition topics as gleaned from surviving Hurricane Sandy, the Boston Marathon bombing, the Joplin tornado, the Sandy Hook shooting, and more. Continuing Education Credits are available, and accommodations are available for access and functional needs populations.

The National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters’ Surge Capacity Work Group Report (April 28, 2015) “recommended to ASPR to . . . support convening pediatric health care coalition and preparedness stakeholders annually to assess strategic planning, gap analysis, and mitigation tactics for addressing . . . threats with national implications.” In addition, the NACCD states “coalitions will benefit from . . . sharing information, strategies, resources, and challenges, and thus [identifying] many unused and unrecognized tools existing at the local, state, and national levels [to] . . . avoid reinventing the wheel with each response . . .”

Registration has started (early bird registration is \$485, regular registration begins July 1, 2015 at \$585, and late registration begins October 1 at \$685). For additional information, go to npdcconference.org. For questions, contact Deb Roepke at deb.roepke@coyotecrisis.org or 480.861.5722.

Opportunities and Job Announcements



Children's International Medical Group is a SE Louisiana based company with multiple clinics throughout the state and is searching for compatible Pediatric practices to merge with and develop a professional relationship of mutual benefits. Our unique structure relieves the Pediatrician from the day to day management and operation of the practice while allowing them to become much more productive by focusing on patient care and improving their overall lifestyle with much autonomy and flexibility. For more information, please contact Zach Allen, Senior Vice President of Business Development at zach.allen@cimgpeds.com or

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