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ASMHTP Connections

A quarterly newsletter for those interested in the multicultural perspective in health care and transplantation.

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The President's Corner



Hola Amigos!

First of all, I would like to begin by apologizing for the delay of our newsletter. Rest assured that we continue to be committed towards keeping our membership informed through *Connections*. Also, we encourage everyone to submit your local news and events so that we may share your accomplishments with the national community through this newsletter.

As mentioned in my inauguration speech, my main goal as President of the ASMHTP in 2005 is to strengthen our marketing in order to make our name known in the transplant community. Since then, I have attended meetings and conferences in many parts of the United States representing ASMHTP. I have also been invited to speak at these events on behalf of ASMHTP so I feel we are already accomplishing this goal.

In this newsletter, you will also read about the first use of our very own ASMHTP Display Board in Texas where one of our board

members, Yoli Montemayor, spoke on behalf of ASMHTP.

In the HRSA Collaborative meeting in New Orleans, ASMHTP was honored with a recognition by HRSA and the office of then Secretary of Health Tommy Thompson for our efforts within the Collaborative. At this conference, I had a chance to speak with Dr. Duke of HRSA who shared with me their promise of continued commitment towards increasing organ donors among diverse communities.

Lastly, my friends, I would like to welcome all of you to sunny California this year as our 2005 Annual Conference will be in San Francisco from September 22 – September 24. Mark your calendars. We are expecting a great program and many wonderful surprises from our Planning Committee.

Xie Xie! ("Thank you" in Chinese.)

Salvador Guerrero M.D./NBF
ASMHTP President

Cliff, Thanks for a Wonderful 2004!

ASMHTP and its membership would like to thank Cliff McClenney for his inspiring leadership during the 2004 term. During his term as ASMHTP President, Cliff accomplished many goals that he set, including:

- Redesigned ASMHTP website
- Placed an ASMHTP representative on key policy/regulation committees
- Facilitated the creation of an ASMHTP brochure which promotes minority donation
- Was key in increasing OPO sponsorship of our Annual Conference
- Continued our steady increase of membership

Cliff continues to serve ASMHTP as Chair of the Nominating committee. Many thanks for all of your hard work and continued dedication to our organization!



ASMHTP on the Road Written by Yoli Montemayor

In continuing our President's goal of marketing ASMHTP, I was able to represent ASMHTP this year at the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA). The conference was held February 10-12 in Corpus Christi, Texas and was attended by over 200 administrators from across the United States. This invitation came by way of fellow board member Victoria Dent through her involvement with Links for Life. At the conference, I presented as part of a panel addressing the importance and advantage of being a minority donor and whom, what and how to let your wishes be known to your family. My presentation included national statistics obtained from UNOS and also served to introduce ASMHTP as an organization. ASMHTP also had an information table with ASMHTP brochures, donor cards, and our new display board. We received many compliments regarding our presentation and our display. We also received three separate requests for presentations at other national conferences.

ASMHTP would like to thank our President Salvador Guerrero as well as the California Transplant Donor Network for their generous donation of the display board. The display board is currently available for use by any member who is representing ASMHTP at a conference or speaking engagement. We have also created a basic PowerPoint presentation introducing ASMHTP and multicultural donation/transplantation statistics which can also be used by our membership.



Yoli Montemayor stands next to the new ASMHTP display board at the February COMPA conference.



A Letter from our Research Committee— We want your Abstracts for Annual Meeting 2005!

Dear Colleague:

The American Society of Multicultural Health and Transplant Professional's (ASMHTP) Annual Meeting will be held in San Francisco September 22-24.

The ASMHTP Research Committee is placing a call for abstracts. Three abstracts will be accepted for a 15-20 minute oral presentation. Those abstracts not accepted for the mini-oral session will be reviewed for inclusion in the poster presentations.

NOTE: All abstracts must be submitted by the June 3, 2005 deadline to be considered for presentation in a plenary or poster session.

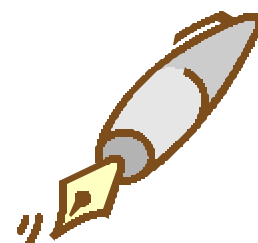
You can submit your abstract via e-mail in care of vdent@unyts.org.

If you have further questions, please call me at 716 853 6667 ext. 121.

Sincerely,

Victoria Dent

ASMHTP Research Committee Chair



ASMHTP Committees 2005

Planning Committee: *Chair: Donyale John*

The Committee has had two conference calls and will speak again on March 3rd. We reviewed comments from past meeting evaluations. We have paid careful attention to the response from the membership because we are now in the process of identifying presentation topics and the best speakers. The "Save the Date" cards will be mailed out on 2/25/05.

Membership Committee: *Chair: Marisa Perez*

The Membership Committee's goal for 2005 is to increase membership by 20%, as well as a 10% increase in international membership.

Public Relations Committee: *Interim Chair: Jeff Thomas*

The PR Committee is always looking for information to include in the newsletter. If you have anything you would like included, please forward that information to us. It is our hope to have the ASMHTP brochures completed, printed, and made available to you soon.

Bylaws Committee: *Chair: Yoli Montemayor*

Our goal this year is to use ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER to be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure for ASMHTP not specifically covered in the bylaws or any written rules adopted by ASMHTP.

Multicultural Education Task Force: *Chair: Teresita Zaragoza*

The Multicultural Task Force continues to develop its purpose and function within ASMHTP with hopes of making major contributions to the membership in the coming year.

Nominating Committee: *Chair: Cliff McClenney*

The Nominating Committee will be sending out a call for nominations for open officer and at-large positions to ASMHTP Members.

Fundraising Committee: *Chair: Monica James*

The Fundraising committee is working on collecting names of potential sponsors as well as maintaining relationships with previous sponsors. We are working to secure support of vendors for the 2005 annual meeting.

Finance Committee: *Chair: Rudy Morgan*

No Report.

Strategic Planning Committee: *Chair: Janice Whaley*

No Report.

Mark Your Calendars!

ASMHTP Annual Meeting

September 22-24, 2005

Hotel Nikko

San Francisco, CA

March is National Kidney Month

Written by Victoria Dent

The National Kidney Disease Education Program (NKDEP), an initiative of the National Institutes of Health, has created a web page to raise awareness about chronic kidney disease (CKD) during March's National Kidney Month.

Nearly 20 million Americans already are affected by kidney disease. Many more are at risk, but don't know it. African Americans are disproportionately affected, accounting for about 30 percent of people with kidney failure.

The American Society of Multicultural Health and Transplant Professionals encourages its members to visit the new Kidney Month web page www.nkdep.nih.gov/kidneymonth and to invite patients and others to do the same. On it, you'll find:

- Information about kidney disease risk factors, testing, and treatment;
- A fact sheet that patients at risk can print out and use to talk with their health care provider, and
- A compelling two-minute video of a dialysis patient urging those at risk to get tested.

For CKD-related tools and resources you can use with patients to discuss CKD, and for additional patient education materials, please visit the main NKDEP home page at www.nkdep.nih.gov or the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse at www.kidney.niddk.nih.gov.

Kidney disease is a serious and growing problem. Help spread the word about how people can protect their kidneys!



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The mission of the American Society of Multicultural Health and Transplant Professionals is to promote organ and tissue donation and transplantation among minorities and to serve in a national advisory capacity for research and education on these and other health-related issues.

ASMHTP Connections is a newsletter provided quarterly by ASMHTP to its members and friends. We welcome articles for consideration in future issues of ASMHTP Connections or suggestions for articles. Please submit these to the ASMHTP offices.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission in the transplant and healthcare community!
