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Message from the Executive Director

Happy New Year to our members and hope everyone is off to a good start in 2019!

This issue will highlight the happenings at our recent annual meeting and the installation of your new officers and trustees.

Please review the GAMA legislative day information and sign up soon so we can make plans for transportation for everyone. Bring your voice to Santa Fe for what is expected to be a critical year for the medical community.

The GAMA Foundation is presenting a pain management CME on Saturday May 4th offering 5 accredited hours. Mark your calendars now. Details will be sent out soon.



GAMA is happy to announce we are partnering with the New Mexico chapter of American College of Physicians for our annual legislative day event. We look forward to seeing everyone on February 7th for what promises to be an action-packed day and getting caught up with important legislation that may impact the medical community during the session.

GAMA Annual Legislative Day

Thursday, February 7, 2019



- 8:30 a.m.** **Cars depart GAMA's parking lot**
TBD **Meeting with Governor Lujan Grisham's office**
11:30 a.m. **Lunch at Rio Chama, Santa Fe**

Featured Speakers:

Representative Deb Armstrong, Chair LHHSC (invited)

David Abbey, Legislative Finance Committee Director

David oversees fiscal analysts who examine budgets and review the management and operations of state agencies, higher education institutions and public schools and participate in the state's revenue estimating process. The committee also employs program evaluators to assess the finances and effectiveness of state-funded programs. The LFC staff assists the Legislature's finance committees during the legislative sessions with the General Appropriation Act, which includes revenues, expenditures and performance measures.

- 2:00 P.M.** **Legislator Meetings and Committee Hearings
at the Roundhouse (TBD)**
5:00 P.M **Cars depart for ABQ**

Register NOW: Tickets are \$35 per person

Contact Jennifer Valenti at GAMA to make your reservations 505-821-4583
or email her: jennifer.valenti@gamed.org.

Dr. Paul Sanchez, new GAMA President, addresses the membership on legislative issues facing them in the 2019 session. At the top of the list is the Medical Mal Practice Act. Sanchez called for vigilance and action as the session proceeds and urged members to contact their legislators. He also pointed out the importance of contributing to GAMA PAC to ensure GAMA can support candidates who understand the medical community

and our challenges.



Featured speaker at the annual meeting, Dr. Sam MacBride, highlights his experiences working with refugees in Bangladesh and Greece over the past few years. Over 80 GAMA members turned out for an evening of collegiality and education at the Albuquerque Marriott.

GAMA's new Officers and Trustees are installed by Dr. Mark Chiu. From right to left: David Stryker MD, Councilor; Howard Gogel MD, Councilor; Annette Fontaine MD, Councilor; Angelina Villas-Adams MD, Trustee; Valarie Romero-Leggott MD, Secretary; Kirby Gabrys MD, President Elect; Matthew Montoya MD, Vice President; Sam MacBride MD, Treasurer; Mihalea Bujoi MD, Immediate Past President; Heather Brislen MD, Trustee; Roger Cronk MD, Trustee; Mark Epstein, MD, Trustee.

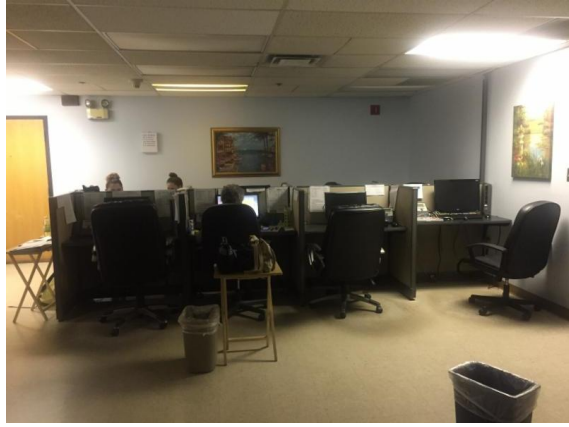
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