brochure to assist in a new membership drive, and review and adoption of a goals and mission statement for SHEA.

A key project for the year will be the renegotiation of the contract between SHEA and SLACK, Inc. to continue presentation of *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* as the journal of the Society.

I look forward to a busy year as your president with the Society accepting these and other new responsibilities characteristic of our growth and maturity.

The leadership of the Society welcomes your input, either formal or informal, written or telephoned, and will include such input in its deliberations. I look forward to seeing you all in Baltimore in March and again at our luncheon at ICAAC in Houston in the fall.

Walter J. Hierholzer, Jr., MD
SHEA President

Infection Control Standards — Joint Commission

The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations is in the process of mailing its fourth draft of the revised Infection Control Standards for field review to 3,000 to 5,000 individuals and organizations, including a 20% sample of accredited hospitals, representatives of interested organizations (eg, SHEA, APIC, Surgical Infection Society), and any individuals who specifically requested to be included in this process (see June 1988 *Newsletter*). If there is a positive field review (90% to 95% acceptance) in time for the Joint Commission Board of Commissioners to adopt the revision at its April 1989 meeting, the revised standards would go into effect in 1990.

SHEA/CDC Training Program for Hospital Epidemiologists

When: March 29-31, 1989 (immediately preceding the Centers for Disease Control's annual Epidemic Intelligence Service conference).

Where: Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia.

Chairpersons: Allen B. Kaiser, MD; William Martone, MD; Donald Goldmann, MD.

This program, developed by SHEA and the CDC, is intended for *infectious diseases fellows* and *new hospital epidemiologists*. It emphasizes hands-on exercises in which participants work in small groups to detect, investigate, and control epidemiologic problems encountered in the hospital setting. These working sessions are supplemented with lectures and seminars covering fundamental aspects of hospital epidemology.

There is no course fee; however, five awards of $1,000 each are available for infectious diseases fellows to defray expenses for travel and accommodations. Interested fellows must submit a letter of not more than one page describing why they want additional training in hospital epidemiology. A letter from the fellow's program director outlining the applicant's qualifications and suitability for the SHEA/CDC course is also required. **Letters must be postmarked by March 1, 1989.** The SHEA Educational Activities Committee will select scholarship recipients based on these letters. Awards are made possible by a grant from Merck, Sharp and Dohme.

Enrollment is limited to 30 persons. Please send scholarship applications, as well as requests for enrollment and additional information to: Allen B. Kaiser, MD, Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, T3108 MCN, Nashville, TN 37232; telephone: (615) 343-6821.

OSHA Site Visits

A SHEA member wrote recently to report on a state-OSHA visit to his hospital. The need for one-on-one postneedlestick re-education of injured health care workers was cited. A citation was also given for "nonpuncture" proof needle disposal containers.

OSHA been by your "shop" recently? Any citations regarding universal precautions? Several SHEA members have written to ask that summaries of such experiences be published in the *Newsletter*. We would like to do so, and as in the above note, we will not cite individuals or locales-only the facts. Please share your experiences in the *Newsletter*.

SHEA Associates— The Cost-Effective Approach

SHEA encourages infectious diseases *fellows* to join its ranks and receive the journal as *Associate Members*. Infectious disease fellows wishing to take advantage of this broad spectrum, nontoxic, cost-effective membership category should contact SHEA secretary, Dr. Timothy Townsend, Brady 119, Johns Hopkins Hospital, 600 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore, MD 21205.

Brief items of interest for the SHEA Newsletter may be sent to Robert A. Weinstein, MD, SHEA Newsletter Editor, Division of Infectious Diseases, Michael Reese Hospital, Lake Shore Drive at 31st St., Chicago, IL 60616. Copy must be typed, double-spaced, and may not exceed five pages.

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