*EDITED BY MURRAY D. BATT, MD*
*CHARLES E. EDMISTON, PhD*
*JOHN HEGGERS, PhD*

# SHEA News

## THE SOCIETY FOR HEALTHCARE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AMERICA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PRESIDENT | William J. Martone, MD/Bethesda, Maryland | TREASURER | Alan I. Hartstein, MD/Indianapolis, Indiana |
| PRESIDENT-ELECT | Robert A. Weinstein, MD/Chicago, Illinois | COUNCILOR | John W. Froggatt, III, MD/Asheville, North Carolina |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Elias Abrutyn, MD/Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | COUNCILOR | Edward S. Wong, MD/Richmond, Virginia |
| PAST PRESIDENT | Bryan P. Simmons, MD/Memphis, Tennessee | COUNCILOR | Barry M. Farr, MD, MSc/Charlottesville, Virginia |
| SECRETARY | Lindsay E. Nicolle, MD/Winnipeg, Manitoba | COUNCILOR | Martha Tanner, MD/Idaho Falls, Idaho |

## SHEA Ballot Due by March 1

The biographies of the candidates for the offices of vice-president, treasurer, and Academic and Practice Councilors are in the current *SHEA Newsletter,* which is sent to all members. Ballots sent with the *SHEA Newsletter* are due in at SHEA headquarters by the end of February.

The vice-president elected this spring for 1998 automatically becomes president-elect in 1999, president in 2000, and past-president in 2001. The nominees for this 4-year tour of service to SHEA are Dale Gerding, MD, of Chicago, and Michael Tapper, MD, of New York City. The treasurer, elected for a 3-year term beginning January 1998, will be either Loreen A. Herwaldt, MD, of Iowa City, Iowa, or Matthew E. Levison, MD, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Two Practice Counselors will be chosen for 2-year terms on the board of SHEA. The Academic Counselor will be chosen between Leonard Mermel, DO, of Providence, Rhode Island, and Didier Pittet, MD, of Geneva, Switzerland. The Clinical Practice Counselor will be chosen from Donald Graham, MD, of Springfield, Illinois, and David Reagan, MD, PhD, of Johnson City, Tennessee.

## SHEA Consensus Panel on Infrastructure

As mentioned in Dr. Martone's report in the winter *SHEA Newsletter,* Dr. William E. Scheckler continues to chair the SHEA Consensus Panel on the Infrastructure and Essential Elements of a Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control Program. Panel members are Drs. Barry Farr, Richard Garibaldi, Walter Hierholzer, JoAnn Harris, Robert Haley, Steven Solomon, Peter Gross, William Martone, and Alfred Buck, and Ms. Linda McDonald.

Dr. Scheckler reports that, at its December 1996 meeting, it was agreed that the product of the panel will be a guideline whose major areas will include an introduction, to set the context for the paper; basic goals, functions, tools and resources, and outcomes important for, and in, the program; and a final section that links the infection control program with other important present and future hospital and healthcare functions and issues.

It is expected that the participating organizations' boards will have the opportunity to review a final draft document at their spring meetings, to enable publication in the SHEA and APIC journals this year.

## SHEA CME for 1997

SHEA now is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (CME) to sponsor CME for physicians. At present, both of our training courses and our Annual Meeting now are accredited internally. The SHEA/CDC Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology, which is next scheduled to be given in Atlanta, Georgia, May 17-20, is accredited for up to 27 hours of CME credit.

SHEA has designated its seventh Annual Scientific Meeting, to take place in St Louis, Missouri, April 27-29, for 16 credit hours in Category 1 CME credit for physicians.

Contact SHEA at 609-845-1720 for current information about availability of registration for either program.

*Brief items of interest for the SHEA News or Newsletter may be sent to Murray D. Batt, MD, SHEA News Editor, Washoe Medical Center, 77 Pringle Way, Reno NV 89520; fax (702) 328-4797.*

https://doi.org/10.1086/647574 Published online by Cambridge University Press