severity modifiers to diagnostic-related groups and begin clinical studies to measure the quality ot patient care. (Look for an article in the July issue of the journal, by **the** Severity of Illness Working Group describing case-mix adjusters.)

3. We will continue our efforts t o enroll **as** many members into SHEA as possible, given our eligibility requirements.
   a. We will provide our members with tltc journal, educational programs, peer support, and other appropriate forums to attract their continued involvement in the Society.
   b. We will encourage new members from the ranks of' infectious disease fellows and chairpersons of' infection control committees t o join SHEA, receive our journal, and participate itt our educational offerings.
4. We will attempt to improve the financial base and stability of' the Society.
   a. We will evaluate the impact of our present dues structure and journal affiliation on membership enrollment and revenues.
   b. We will develop educational programs, such as the international conference, which have tltr potential to generate revenue for the Society.
   c. We will consider the pros and cons of' soliciting grant support from industry for selected societal projects.
5. Finally, we will begin to prepare for t h e future. Past, present, and future presidents of the Society will ttteet to delineate priorities and list specific goals for the next five years.

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SHEA-CDC Training Course

The SHEA-CDC training program for new hospital epidemiologists and for infectious disease fellows interested in careers in infection control and hospital epidemiology (see February SHEA news) will have a pilot course August 11-13 1988 in Atlanta, Georgia. Because this is a pilot course, enrollment will be limited to approximately 20 students and the course fee will be waived. Individuals interested in attending should contact Allen B. Kaiser, MD, Chief, Department of Medicine, St. Thomas Hospital, PO Box 380, Nashville, TN 37202.

Joint Commission Revising Infection Control Standards

The Joint Commission is in the process of revising the "Infection Control" chapter of' the *Accreditation Manual for Hospitals*. An advisory group of experts on infection control, including representatives from SHEA, is reviewing and critiquing drafts of the revised standards developed by the Joint Commission staff. The product of this developmental process will be submitted for field review by 3000 to 5000 individuals and organizations. Any SHEA members interested in participating in the field review should *write* Carole Patterson, Department of Standards, Joint Commission on Accreditation of' Healthcare Organizations, 875 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.

Personnel Changes at CDC

James M. Hughes, MD, Director of the Hospital Infections Program, Centers for Disease Control, has been promoted to Deputy Director, Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC. William J. Martone, MD, has been appointed Acting Director, Hospital Infections Program.

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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