

Breaking News: CCWS is moving again. Please note for your records. As of April 1, 2006, CCWS headquarters will be located at 1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005. Phone, fax, email addresses and staff members will remain the same.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Industry Committee

The Industry Committee has recommended the formation of a Corporate Advisory Council. This would allow the wound care industry to contribute both advice and funds to The College. Plans are being finalized for a brochure to promote the program. If anyone has contacts in industry whom you think might be interested, please inform:



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Research Committee

The Research Committee is looking into ways to sponsor research and to get that research published. Many ideas were discussed. Interested Fellows should contact Liza Ovington with their ideas.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

IT is an honor to write the first chairman address to all the Fellows of the College of Certified Wound Specialists™. Since the formation of The College, I have been asked many times over “Aren’t the American Academy of Wound Management (AAWM) and The College of Certified Wound Specialists™ the same?” The answer is unequivocally no. They are two separate entities.

Historically, the AAWM is a certification body. As such, the Academy must not offer or refer anyone interested in

wound care, educational courses or asking about text books a response or an endorsement. This is done in order to keep the certification examination as removed as possible from the wound care industry and solely a certification body. Since the Academy is often asked about educational courses and text endorsement, we cannot endorse one course or text over another. This is also true in terms of unrestricted grants from industry or being involved with any political

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*Contest: Name This Newsletter

This newsletter needs a snappy title! The Board came up with boring names, such as “Biannual Newsletter” and “The Newsletter of The College of CWS.” We blamed it on the cold weather in Chicago and decided to ask our members for suggestions—with a prize to motivate. Next year’s dues will be credited to the Fellow who submits the best name. The winner will be announced at the Membership Meeting in September. Puns will be considered, but only as a last resort. Good luck! Submit suggestions to Chris Murphy, cmurphy@theccws.com.

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Education Committee

One of our first goals is to vet educational activities for our Fellows. A Board Review course, much discussed, is the subject of many inquiries to The College. We established a basic framework for evaluating such a course and will discuss specifics when the committee meets at the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care in San Antonio, Texas, in April.



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CCWS MEETINGS CALENDAR

May 16, 2006

Board of Directors Meeting
*Chicago O'Hare
International Airport*

September 28, 2006

Board of Directors Meeting
Orlando, Florida

September 29, 2006

Membership Meeting
Orlando, Florida

January 19-20, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting
*Location to be
determined*

September 8-9, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting
*Location to be
determined*

action group. The College of Certified Wound Specialists™ (CCWS™) will change this view.

SO WHY A COLLEGE?

The College was conceived with the idea to stimulate and support patient care, education, research and knowledge in the interdisciplinary field of wound management; and more specifically to elevate the standards of prevention, care and treatment of acute and chronic wounds and, thereby, improve the public health. Right from the very beginning, we have set out to build the most advanced multidisciplinary body of wound care professionals.

Our first objective is education. For the remainder of 2006, The College will initiate a study for the development of approved CWS® exam preparatory courses for prospective applicants seeking to become CWS® certified. This goal will be coupled with educating the public regarding the benefits of having their wounds treated by a FCCWS. The College will also provide a listing of endorsed continuing education seminars/workshop courses that address a variety of topics related to wound healing. Endorsed courses must meet all requirements of the AAWM blueprint.

Our second objective is forming a working relationship with manufacturers and industry. Presently, The College is seeking opportuni-

ties for Corporate Involvement. These areas comprise funding and unrestricted grants for education, research and other areas as deemed necessary to meet our goals. The College will in turn work with industry in meeting the needs of the wound care clinician. This will include development of a Corporate Advisory Council which will assist in determining/implementing programs and technology, that will accelerate wound management in a compliant manner.

Our third objective is research. The intent is to plan and conduct outcome-based wound care research projects, or assistance by providing funding for credible wound management projects.

Our fourth objective is the Political Action Group. Building on the first three objectives, The College intends to add substantial credibility to the CWS®. To do this, we must raise the bar by elevating the standards of wound management. One way would be to have everyone with "direct hands on" wound care to be certified by an accredited organization. Another objective is alliance with other organizations both nationally and internationally to share ideas, goals and strengthen wound management worldwide.

WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE SEE IN ITS FUTURE?

The CCWS™ will maintain its membership of interdisciplinary wound specialists who

hold and maintain the highest standards of advanced wound care. We will support the wound care community and industry with its involvement through advocacy and support of educational avenues to obtain the CWS® certification. The end result is to increase the public's perception of the need for a Certified Wound Specialist® in healthcare.

As the first Chair, I can say that we have the team, the expertise and the advanced network to make these things happen. As a member, you will have a voice in making a difference in wound care management for today and the future. This is why we are encouraging current CWS® members in good standing to lend their support and join The College.

In closing, I would like to thank the members who have stepped up and committed to making The College a success. We will have growing pains, but with your support we are overcoming the "first year challenges" and moving forward in our pursuit of new members and growth. I look forward to seeing all Fellows at different functions and sharing the ideas of wound care we are striving towards.

My best to all,

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THERE is a Wound Healing Society meeting coming up on March 20, 2006 in Bethesda at the NIH. It is called a consensus conference and is a follow-up to one last fall. Our Chair, Chuck Gokoo, was present at the last meeting and will be attending this one as well to represent the interests of The College, and thereby the interests of Wound Care. We are attempting to

keep up with these regulatory issues but it is a challenge. If any Fellow wishes to be involved with this vital work, or if someone hears of something that may not be well publicized but requires our attention, please contact the CCWS headquarters.

OUR first membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin and Wound Care in Orlando, Florida. The date and plans for the meeting have not been finalized, but there are rumors circulating that involve chocolate, midnight, and a glass slipper. Be there or be square.

The results of the election for the new Chair-elect will be announced at that meeting.

Our current Chair, Chuck Gokoo, will pass the baton on to our current Chair-elect, Don Mrdjenovich, in January 2007, and the Fellowship will be voting this summer on a replacement to follow Don. If you want to volunteer for the position, or know a Fellow in good standing who would be an effective Chair, please contact the Nominating Committee through Chris Murphy before May 16, 2006, cmurphy@theccws.org.

Website Goes Live: www.theccws.org

Our website is up and running. Besides answering questions about the organization, the website lists Board and Executive Committee members. We are considering adding a chat room for Fellows to network and as a place to get “curbside consults.” Please refer any suggestions to Chris Murphy, cmurphy@theccws.org.

