



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Thank you and welcome to our summer Magazine edition.

As always, we hope it helps you catch-up on the exciting activities and initiatives our Society has put together recently:

- SCMS Provider Recruiting Fair on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- SCMS Women in Medicine Conf. on May 17<sup>th</sup>
- SCMS Medical Education Comm. Arts & Humanities Contest: Winners + winning entries
- Foundation Bill Sherman, MD, Memorial Scholarship Winners to attend WSMA LDC
- Foundation: update on River City Youth Ops project support
- Foundation: AED award to 1<sup>st</sup> responder of the year at Spokane County EMS and Trauma Care Council awards luncheon on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- SRHD: Lead Poisoning Prevention: A Call for Increased Testing of Vulnerable Children

The Women in Medicine Conference was a standout success, again.

On behalf of SCMS, a big thank you to our organizing committee, fantastic speakers, attendees, and sponsoring organizations whose support is greatly appreciated.

Most importantly, I would like everyone to help me recognize Dr. Laura Fralich for her visionary efforts in creating this important forum for Women in Medicine, right here in Spokane.

This highly regarded conference provides an exciting array of presentations and workshops to complement clinical skills by expanding leadership skills for personal and professional growth. So, look out for next year's invitation to attend. Don't miss it.

## OUR VOICES: BETTER TOGETHER, STRONGER, EFFECTIVE!

If this call for action looks familiar, you are correct! This was the theme of my Winter Magazine message to our members.

In that message, I implored us, members of SCMS, to leverage the benefit of organized medicine, in alignment with other Medical Societies-WSMA, AMA, to have a coherent voice in shaping current and future local, regional, or national policies that impact our patients and practices-**IT TAKES A VILLAGE**.

I'm bringing back this existential topic not just because of its importance, but because there is that question as to how do we do it?

Well, it turns out the WSMA is coming to Spokane.

The WSMA 2024 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28-29 at the Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane. This is WSMA's primary **policymaking** and networking event that includes election of new officers and review and approval of resolutions that become new policy for the association as well as the imperative for advocacy.

SCMS would like to help our members attend and maximize their participation.

We have included helpful links from WSMA for your convenience:

#### Serving as a delegate

The WSMA House of Delegates is made up of delegates from the WSMA board of trustees, county medical societies, state specialty societies, and a few special sections. If you'd like to serve as a delegate from your county or specialty, contact your **county medical society** or **state specialty society** today to let them know of your interest. You can learn more [here](#) about serving as a delegate.

#### How to propose policy

As a WSMA member, you can help guide the direction of the association and raise awareness of issues of importance to the practice of medicine in Washington by authoring a resolution—a proposal asking the WSMA to take a position or act on an issue.

For a brief primer on resolutions, watch this [five-minute video](#). If you want to submit a resolution for consideration by the House, it's important to follow these steps: For guidance on each step, visit [How to Write a Resolution](#).

Finally, May/June is graduation month. I wish all those with new graduates continued success.

And to all, a very happy and blessed Summer.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information and resources. Also, follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

Thank you for your support.



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