Ladies and Gentlemen:
Your Speakers want to inform you of the upcoming 158th MSMA Annual Convention in St. Louis. If you have questions on the following items or on MSMA policy, please call 800-869-6762 or email Linda Bremer at lbremer@msma.org. Refer to the Official Program for times and meeting locations, available at the meeting. All meetings are held at the St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel unless otherwise noted.

DATE: January 2016
FROM: David Chalk, MD, Speaker, Lancer Gates, DO, Vice Speaker
TO: Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Leaders of Component and Medical Specialty Societies, Executive Directors, Special Sections and Groups, MSMA Members

Pre-Registration
There is no fee to participate in MSMA's Annual Convention, but attendees MUST register, because many Convention events, including access to the Exhibit Hall, require badges. Preregistration is encouraged. To register online visit www.msma.org/annual-convention.

On-Site Registration
Registration for the House of Delegates is located in the Concourse Foyer, and is open from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, and from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19.

Delegates MUST register at the Registration Booth to obtain Delegate credentials. Delegates are urged to register as early as possible so that they may be seated promptly when the House is called to order.

Hotel Accommodations
The MSMA strongly encourages you to book overnight accommodations at Convention headquarters, the St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel, at 800-468-3571 or online at www.msma.org/annual-convention. If calling, please mention “MSMA Attendee.” This helps MSMA meet its contractual obligations with the hotel and maintain current Convention benefits, as well as keep future hotel guest rates and fees reasonable. Group rates available until February 24, 2016. Double or King at $98 per night plus charges and taxes.

House of Delegates
The 158th Session of the House of Delegates will convene with the Opening Session in the Concourse CD Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 18, and conclude around 10:00 a.m. It will consist of reports, awards, speeches, and consideration of acceptance of late resolutions. On Sunday, March 20, the House will convene in the Concourse CD Ballroom at 8:15 a.m. to consider reports from the Reference Committees and install officers.

Reference Committees
Starting times for Reference Committees A and B are staggered. Reference Committee A will begin immediately following the first House of Delegates at 10:00 a.m. Reference Committee B will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Resolutions
The deadline for submitting a resolution is 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2016. Resolutions submitted after that deadline are considered late resolutions. The individual or society introducing a late resolution must supply sufficient copies, printed in standardized format, for the entire House of Delegates at its opening session (plus 10 copies delivered to the MSMA Secretary at the time of its introduction). Late resolutions will be accepted as business of the House at the opening session, but will be referred to a Reference Committee only if approved by two-thirds of the Delegates voting.

All members of the MSMA are privileged and urged to attend the sessions of the House of Delegates and meetings of the Reference Committees. While discussion in the House is limited to Delegates, any Association member may present his or her viewpoint during meetings of Reference Committees when recognized by the Chair.

Instructions for Delegates
Delegates MUST register at the Registration Booth and identify themselves as a Delegate so they may receive the Delegate's badge. Each Delegate elected to the House of Delegates by his/her component medical society or section will be included on a Delegate's list at the MSMA Registration Desk. If the elected Delegate is unable to be present at the Annual Convention, his or her duly elected Alternate Delegate will then be entitled to register as a Delegate.

Proceedings
Proceedings of the House of Delegates are conducted in accordance with Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.

Scientific Program Schedule for Convention
Programming for the 158th Annual Convention's Scientific Program is posted as it is received at www.msma.org/annual-convention.

CME Procedures
The Missouri State Medical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
**MSMA Members Receive Free CME Credit**

MSMA members receive FREE CME credit. Nonmembers of MSMA will be charged $50 per CME credit hour. Nonmembers will be billed for the appropriate number of CME credit hours or may choose to join MSMA during the Annual Convention to receive CME for free. CME certificates are mailed to members and nonmembers in six to eight weeks.

**Evaluation Forms - How to Obtain CME Credit**

In order to receive CME credit for attending scientific sessions, participants MUST complete and return the evaluation forms passed out at each scientific session. Turn them in to the moderator of the session you attended. After all evaluations are processed at MSMA Headquarters, you should receive your CME certificate in six to eight weeks.

**Disclosures**

The MSMA Commission on Continuing Education serves as the planning committee for the Convention. Commission members’ disclosure information will be included in the Official Program.

**Presidential Inauguration**

The Inaugural Ceremony for incoming Association President Ravi Johar, MD, St. Louis, is Saturday, March 19, in the Penthouse Ballroom. Seating will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. There will be a reception, music, and entertainment following the ceremony in the Renaissance Ballroom.

Jana Wolfe, 2016-17 MSMA Alliance President, and spouse James Wolfe, MD, Springfield, will also be honored. This special event does not require tickets or reservations. Attire: Black Tie Optional, Festive or Business Formal.

**MSMA Alliance**

The 91st Annual Meeting of the MSMA Alliance will meet in conjunction with MSMA, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19. Guest speakers include AMA Alliance President Julie Newman, Southern Medical Association Alliance President Barbara Blanton, Dr. Carrie Hruza, and Mrs. Carol Weisman, a nationally known speaker on board development and fundraising. Alliance meeting material can be found at www.msma.org/alliance-annual-meeting.

**Alliance Foundation Fundraiser/Dinner**

**“Wild Wild West”**

The Alliance’s Annual Meeting Fundraiser/Dinner will be the “Wild, Wild West,” a Jail and Bail fundraiser on Friday, March 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Alliance is asking members to volunteer to be arrested by one of our deputies. Bail for all arrestees will be set at a $100 contribution to the Foundation of their choice. Bail can be in the form of multiple checks from your friends and family. Entertainment includes a Willie Nelson imitator, horse shoes, and a specialty drink at Miss Sue’s Saloon. Western attire will be the dress for the occasion.

**Alliance Shopping Boutiques**

The MSMA Alliance Shopping Boutiques will be open during the regular meeting hours of the MSMA Alliance program. A percentage of the proceeds will be directed to the MSMA and AMA Foundations. Check www.msma.org/alliance-annual-meeting for dates/times.

**Component/Specialty Society Leaders Meeting**

All leaders (presidents, presidents-elect, etc.) and staff who represent local medical societies and medical specialty societies are encouraged to attend this interactive session on Saturday, March 19, at 3:00 p.m., to share experiences, successes, and challenges within organized medicine.

**Medical Sections**

The Young Physician Section, the Resident/Fellow Section, the International Medical Graduate Section, and the Medical Student Section will meet throughout the event. Check www.msma.org/annual-convention for dates/times.

**MSMA Boards, Local Component Societies & Medical School Meetings**

Caucuses, luncheons, and business meetings will be held throughout the Convention by the MSMA Insurance Agency, the Physicians Health Committee, MMPAC, Missouri State Medical Foundation, the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society, the Kansas City Medical Society, and the University of Missouri. Check www.msma.org/annual-convention for dates/times.

**Medical School Alumni Receptions**

The schools of medicine from Saint Louis University, Washington University, University of Missouri, and University of Missouri-Kansas City, will host receptions on Friday, March 18, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Medical Specialty Meetings & Events**

The following medical specialties and organizations are meeting in conjunction with the MSMA Annual Convention:

- Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists
- Missouri Society of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery
- Missouri Association of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
- Missouri Society of Pathologists
- Missouri Psychiatric Association
- Missouri Radiological Society
- Satellite Meeting: Christian Medical and Dental Association

**Convention Sponsors**

Sponsors and exhibitors are listed in the Official Program.

**MSMA Membership Resources**

MSMA’s Membership Division invites you to stop by the Association’s booth near the Registration Desk for information about membership services and the benefits of supporting organized medicine.

**MSMA Insurance Agency Booth**

Professionals from MSMA’s Insurance Agency will be on hand to discuss a multitude of coverage options that fit your specific needs.

**Exhibit Hall Schedule**

The Exhibit Hall will be open two days in Concourse AB: Friday, March 18, 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, 7:00 a.m. through 10:30 a.m. To support our exhibitors, designated viewing times are listed in the Official Program.

**Breakfast/Afternoon Refreshments**

Join colleagues, spouses, guests, and exhibit partners for complimentary breaks in the Exhibit Hall, including a continental breakfast, mid-morning break, and afternoon refreshment on Friday, and a continental breakfast on Saturday.
**Exhibit Drawing & Guidelines**
To be entered into MSMA’s Exhibit Hall prize drawing, visit at least 20 exhibitors and collect their initials on the Exhibit Cards located at the entrance of the Exhibit Hall. Fill out your contact information and deposit in the drum located at the entrance by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19. Winners will be announced at Sunday’s House of Delegates’ meeting. You need not be present to win.

**Open Attendance Policy**
The MSMA Annual Convention offers an “Open Attendance Policy” to all Convention attendees. Exceptions are food programs, which are members- or reservations-only, or closed board/business meetings.

**Appropriate Attire**
Appropriate attire for the Convention is business casual for all sessions and events, except the Presidential Inauguration and Reception on Saturday evening, which calls for Black Tie Optional, Festive or Business Formal.

**Meeting, Location & Time Assignments**
All room and time assignments will be listed in the Convention Official Program. Any changes to the schedule will be available through the MSMA Registration Desk.

**GENERAL SESSIONS & EVENTS**

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**FREE CME to Members**
- Multiple Medical Specialties Programming
- Two-Day Exhibit Showcase
- House of Delegates
- Wild Wild West Foundation Fundraiser/Dinner
- Presidential Inauguration & Reception

For meeting details, online registration & hotel reservations

**Call MSMA at 800-869-6762**
**Visit www.msma.org/annual-convention**

**Room Reservation Deadline: February 24, 2016**
**Call the St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel at 800-468-3571**
Pre-Convention Meetings

Thursday, March 17
2:15 pm  MSMA Insurance Agency Board Meeting
3:30 pm  MSMA Executive Committee
3:30-6:30 pm Convention Registration
3:30-6:30 pm Exhibitor Setup & Registration
5:00 pm  MSMA Council Meeting
6:30 pm  Alliance Dutch Treat Dinner [Offsite]
6:30 pm  University of Missouri Awards Reception & Dinner [Offsite]
6:30 pm  MSMA Council Reception & Dinner

Convention Meetings

Friday, March 18
6:30 am-4:00 pm  Convention Registration
6:30 am  University of Missouri Breakfast
6:45 am  Moneta Breakfast
7:00 am  Exhibit Hall Opens/Continental Breakfast for all Conferees
8:00 am  Opening Session
8:30 am  Alliance Board Meeting
10:00 am  Alliance General Assembly - Session I
10:00 am  Reference Committee A
10:30 am  Reference Committee B
11:00 am  Physicians Health Committee Meeting & Luncheon
Noon  SLMMS Caucus & Luncheon
Noon  KCMS Caucus & Luncheon
Noon  “Spirit of the Alliance” Awards Luncheon
1:30 pm  MSMA General Session
2:00 pm  Missouri Million Hearts Meeting
2:45 pm  Alliance Past President’s Reception
3:30 pm  MSMA General Session
5:00 pm  OMSSS Business Meeting
5:30 pm  Medical School Alumni Receptions
7:00 pm  Alliance Foundation Fundraiser/Dinner "Wild, Wild West"

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All Day  CME Programs, Lectures & Meal Functions
8:00 am  MSMA General Session
8:30 am  Alliance General Assembly - Session II
9:00 am  International Medical Graduate Section Meeting
10:00 am  MSMA General Session
10:00 am  MMPAC Meeting
10:00 am  Medical Student Section Meeting
10:30 am  Exhibit Hall Closes
Noon  Alliance Installation Luncheon
1:00 pm  Resident Fellow Section Meeting
1:00 pm  Young Physicians Section Program & Meeting
1:30 pm  MSMA General Session
2:00 pm  Missouri State Medical Foundation Meeting
2:30 pm  Alliance Board Meeting
3:00 pm  Component/Specialty Society Leaders Meeting
3:30 pm  OMSSS Educational Session
5:15 pm  Reception: 50-Year Pin Recipients & MSMA Past Presidents
6:30 pm  MSMA Presidential Inauguration
7:30 pm  MSMA Presidential Reception "Entertainment, Hearty Hors d’oeuvres & Cash Bar"

Sunday, March 20
7:00 am  District Breakfasts & Caucuses
8:15 am  Second MSMA House of Delegates
Immediately Following  Closure of the HOD
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Missouri State Medical Association
March 18-20, 2016  |  St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel

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