

Coming Soon: The IMLCC Annual Meeting

By Marschall Smith, IMLCC Executive Director

The 2019 IMLCC Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 18 and 19, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting will be held at the Luxor Resort and Casino. The first day of the meeting is a committee day and the second day will be the official annual meeting of the full Commission.

The agenda will be finalized in October, but the tentative schedule of events for planning purposes:

- Monday, November 18, 2019, starting at approximately 11:00 a.m. (local time), concluding at 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 19, 2019, starting at approximately 9:00 a.m. (local time), concluding at 3:00 p.m.

An interim telephone conference call of the full Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. This is to allow any business that must take place in advance of the Annual Meeting (including any rulemaking actions that would establish a public comment period prior to the Annual Meeting.)

Please visit www.imlcc.org for details.

A Report from the Treasurer

By Edward Cousineau, Treasurer/Budget Committee Chair (Nevada)

The IMLC continues to generate a strong revenue stream and effectively control expenses.

The IMLC Commission approved a budget for FY2020, which began on July 1st, and which has been subsequently augmented by the awarding of a new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration grant.

The new grant is for a 5-year period at \$250,000.00 per year, which was awarded after the IMLC's FY 2020 budget was approved.

The Budget Committee will be recommending that the approved budget be modified to take advantage of this new funding source at a coming meeting of IMLC Commission.

More information about the recommended budget changes will be on the IMLC's webpage.

FROM THE IMLCC CHAIR

By Ken Simons, M.D. (Wisconsin)

The dictionary defines compact as "an agreement or covenant between two or more parties." The IMLCC is now an agreement between 29 states, the District of Columbia and the Territory of Guam, where physicians are licensed by 43 different Medical and Osteopathic Boards, quite an accomplishment in just four years.

The noted inventor/entrepreneur Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." The IMLCC came together through the foresight of many dedicated individuals and prescient state legislatures who saw a need for a path to expedited licensure while maintaining state autonomy that would ensure the protection of each individual state's citizenry.

Benjamin Disraeli said, "The secret of success is constancy of purpose." The sole purpose of the IMLCC is to make it easier for physicians to acquire individual state licenses so that they may more easily provide quality care for patients.

The Compact has moved, to use the language of a physician, from infant/toddler to late adolescence. There are still some positive growing pains that we hope will occur through the acquisition of additional states but we are fast approaching young adulthood.

As we do so, the member states are both staying and working together to the benefit of the patients. Each member state has two appointed Commissioners and each one of them serves on at least one of the eight Compact Committees which, in addition to ensuring that each state is represented in fulfilling the obligations of the IMLCC, allows for the important business of the Commission to continually move forward.

Bear in mind that this is in addition to their day jobs.

Given these remarkable efforts and the willingness to serve the greater good, there is no doubt that the IMLCC will be successful in the long term.

IMLCC Officers for 2019

CHAIR: Ken Simons (WI)

VICE-CHAIR: Ruth Martinez (MN)

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EXEC. DIRECTOR/SECRETARY: Marschall Smith

News from IMLCC Staff and Committees

IMLCC Website to Get New Design, Functions

By Ian Marquand,

Communications Committee Chair (Montana)

As the IMLCC has grown and evolved, it's become obvious that its website must evolve, too. The IMLCC's Communications Committee made the website its #1 priority when it met in Denver last fall. Since then, Committee members have spent a great deal of time and effort reviewing the current website and talking with designers about how to enhance the IMLCC's web presence.

The Committee's vision includes:

- Making the site and its links to IMLCC business processes easily understood and navigable by physicians.
- Creating information areas that will be of special interest to states considering the Compact.
- Organizing Commission governance information (including rules and policies) so that anyone can find specific information more easily.
- Adding visual elements that are attractive to the eye and help convey the Commission's mission and vision.
- Making sure that text is clear and straightforward.

The Committee still has plenty of work to do, as do the designers engaged to carry out the vision. Together, we plan to have the new website up and running by the time the IMLCC holds its Annual Meeting in November.

Thanks to all involved for their efforts thus far and their efforts to come!