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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2012

What a great year for Cal AAEM! It is hard to believe that it has gone

by so quickly. A quick recap should also whet your appetite for a repeat performance in the year to come. We had great reviews and participation in our two speaker events, the Northern California Speakers Series, held in the Bay Area, and the San Diego Speakers Series. Both events, led by our own Cal AAEM board members let an intimate audience interact with respected speakers. These events are unique to our state chapter, and we look forward to repeat performances next year (Fall 2013).

This spring our national and state websites will be revamped, with the addition of links to our Cal AAEM Twitter and Facebook pages. However, you don't have to wait for a formal link to take part in this social media. Feel free to "like" us now and join our discussion on Twitter! As always Brian Potts, MD, MBA, and past president of Cal AAEM does a great job with our news service via our state chapter's email listserve.

It is time for our state chapter elections. First, I would like to thank our outgoing board members and resident representatives for a job well done. Please take the time to vote for next year's board when the election email arrives in your inbox.

Along with our educational efforts, up-to-the-minute news, online community and the ongoing battle for the individual physicians rights, Cal AAEM offers a number of "bonuses" that should not be forgotten. Need LLSA? Come to our website for free reviews

and updates. Think you need legal counsel? Cal AAEM is the only state chapter to provide free introductory legal advisory service for workplace fairness.

Cal AAEM

is not mandatory for members of national AAEM who reside in California. However, membership comes at a low yearly price, is free to residents and students and is locally grown and operated. So grab a colleague and sign him or her up, encourage the medical student interested in emergency medicine to join, and call up your residency program and ask them why they aren't on the list of 100% resident membership. Despite our collective challenges, it is a great time to be an emergency physician in California and Cal AAEM is here to promote and protect your rights. Thanks again for your support.

Trevor Mills, MD, MPH, President CA AAEM,

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/CalAAEM/172577489479442?sk=wall&filter=12>

<https://twitter.com/#!/CALAAEM>

