

# LETTER

# SPORTS MEDICINE

## President's Message



**Craig C. Young, MD**  
**AMSSM President**

AMSSM has changed a lot since I attended my first meeting in Sun Valley back in 1992. I'll never forget the camaraderie of that first meeting.

There were probably less than a 100 attendees, so it was almost a necessity to mingle. As I met various members, I realized what a friendly organization this was. Unlike other medical meetings, everyone, including the presenters, was wearing polo shirts instead of suits and ties. Everyone introduced themselves by their first names instead of as Dr. X. Over the next couple years, I looked forward to the meetings with great anticipation as they were a good time to renew friendships and you literally knew everybody else.

But the good old days weren't always that good. Many of us still remember starting new practices in communities as pioneers in the field and staring at an empty waiting room until the community finally figured out what type of patients we saw. AMSSM went through growing pains as well, and we almost folded at one point. However, we've grown a lot since those early days. AMSSM, as well as the field of primary care sports medicine has become fairly well known. For this we owe a debt of gratitude to our Founders who not only contributed money, but more importantly time and effort to our organization.

As we move forward towards the future, I urge you not to forget this organization's roots. Our Founders purposefully included the word "Society" in our organization name. A society is defined as a group of individuals having companionship or a friendly interaction with each other in a voluntary association who work together or periodically meet because of common interests, beliefs or profession. Although it's great to see old friends every year, we should try to make new ones as well. If you see someone standing in the corner or along the wall by himself or herself at break or at breakfast, invite them over to join you or your group. This welcoming of new members is and should be part of our continuing traditions.

Our organization has been blessed with good leaders through the years. What is a good leader? To me it's the ability

- 1) To critically evaluate ideas;
- 2) To be able to support good ideas even if it's for something you are not personally in favor of;
- 3) To be able to let go of "pet projects" when flaws are pointed out; and
- 4) To be able to put the good of the organization before oneself.

I clearly remember these characteristics being displayed by our recent Presidents in the past, Drs. Jim Moriarity and Paul Stricker. I will strive to live up to the standard they and others have set.

AMSSM continues its extraordinary growth; 15 years ago there were approximately 200 "Charter members", today we have over 1,124 members who cover 558 high schools, 520 colleges, 145 professional teams and 83 Olympic/elite teams. The ability to network with these individuals alone should be worth your annual dues. I know that when one of my patients or teams is playing out-of-town and I need assistance, the first place I look is the AMSSM member listing on the website. Another good example was my use of the AMSSM membership list to find sports medicine physicians for Brewers' minor league affiliates when they changed towns.

What makes sports medicine interesting and fun for me is that it is one field in medicine that truly remains an "art" as much as a "science". After all, if a person just wanted to get better all they have to do is stop whatever activity they are doing until it no longer hurts or is completely healed. Our patients seek us out because we often can get them better without telling them to stop their activities and because we are often willing to educate them in the risks of playing while injured or perhaps only partially healed and share the risk of return to play. Because our field is so much of an art, the diversity of our training helps us to envision different treatment plans as evidenced by the lively interchange that is frequently seen on the AMSSMNet discussions. While some argue that certain training better prepares you to be a sports physician, I would contend that each of us brings our own unique set of experiences and knowledge to the table and by discussing different solutions, we are more likely to solve unusual and difficult problems.

The visibility of any medical specialty is determined by several factors. These factors include the visibility of the specialty both to the general public as well as within medicine, the relevance of the specialty in providing quality of care and

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research, and the advancement of those individuals in academics in the specialty. Thus, my goals for the upcoming year are aimed at maintaining the growth and viability of primary care sports medicine. Short term, my goals will be to continue to have AMSSM be “the meeting” and “the group” for primary care sports physicians to be welcomed, to be educated and to network. I will continue to try to increase opportunities for involvement in our organization. I will continue to create initiatives designed to raise the profile of primary care sports medicine with both the public and the general medical community.

Opportunities for involvement in AMSSM have never been better; at this year's annual meeting we have over 60 volunteer AMSSM faculty members. These individuals donate their time to prepare these talks and are not compensated in any way; they even pay the same registration fees as everyone else. This year approximately half of our volunteer member faculty are making their debuts (as AMSSM annual meeting faculty members). We have instituted a plan to have rotating chairs of the interest groups, “Pardon-the-Interruption” and “The 2-Minute Drill”. At this year's meeting, we have created the sports specialty breakout sessions, to give people who have expertise, as well as those with interest, in smaller sports, a chance to participate in the annual meeting.

I am often asked how to get involved in AMSSM. The best way is to volunteer for a committee. Attend the meeting and stay involved. Individuals who stay committed are rewarded when it comes to selecting faculty for future meetings. After finishing a 3-year term with one committee, I'd encourage you to change to another committee. Networking does wonders when getting to know people and getting selected to help at the annual meeting. Three committees that are actively recruiting are the Education, Internet and Research Committees. In addition, your Board of Directors has created 2 new task forces, a Pronouncement Task Force, which will be creating a process for AMSSM to endorse national consensus statements, and a Development Task Force, which will work closely with the Foundation in fund raising efforts.

Another way that everyone can get involved is by being a Foundation donor. This is critical to the long term financial growth of our organization. Remember these donated funds come back to you in many ways including the funding of speakers and activities at the annual meeting. When potential donors look at an organization, one of the most important criteria are the percentage of members who donate. Thus, every donation, no matter what the size of how small, is important. That being said, I do want to take this opportunity to thank our Platinum Member donors who donated at least \$1,000 this past year. They are Drs. Kenneth Bielak, Kim Fagan, Brian Halpern, Greg Landry, Doug McKeag, Balu Natarajan, David Petron and Tracy Ray.

To welcome and involve new members, we have continued the Fellowship Fandango and the Fellow's Quiz Bowl. In addition, we continue to have randomly mixed team social events. I would again urge all members to actively seek out and greet people who have a new member badge and welcome them into our society. Remember you are the real reason people return year after year.

To raise our profile in the general medical community, I am proposing a new membership category for medical students. While I realize that not every student will eventually become a primary care sports medicine physician, simply having them know what we do will increase the familiarity of our specialty throughout the general medical community. To raise our profile in academic centers, I am proposing that we create a list of mentors for junior and mid-level faculty members to assist these individuals

in receiving academic promotions. We will also continue to be involved in national consensus statements and providing speakers to other medical organizations. The Economics Committee, in particular, Drs. Chris Madden, Steve Collina, Jim Bryan and Chad Carlson has been working on a project to get Medicare to recognize the field of primary care sports medicine as a specialty.

My long term goals are to create a blueprint for the future of AMSSM. To accomplish this I have created the Strategic Planning Task Force. I have charged this task force to design a plan for our future to include, but not limited, to the following topics: annual meeting, membership and ethical issues. These are the members of the Strategic Planning Task Force:

- Anne Allen, MD (Wilmington, NC; Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation; Private Practice; AMSSM 2004),
- Monique Burton, MD (Seattle, WA; Pediatrics; Academics; AMSSM 2004),
- Bill Dexter, MD (Portland, ME; Family Medicine; Academics; AMSSM 1992 – Charter member),
- Matt Gammons, MD (Killington, VT; Family Medicine; Private Practice; AMSSM 2002),
- Mark Niedfeldt, MD (Milwaukee, WI; Family Medicine; Academics; AMSSM 1996),
- Amy Powell, MD (Salt Lake City, UT; Internal Medicine; Academics; AMSSM 2002),
- Selina Shah, MD (Los Angeles, CA; Internal Medicine; Private Practice; AMSSM 2002) and
- Kevin Waninger, MD (Bethlehem, PA; Emergency Medicine; Academics; AMSSM 1997).

If you have any ideas for this plan, please fill free to contact them, their names are on the website.

In summary, these are my goals for the upcoming year:

- 1) Raise the profile of the field of primary care sports medicine;
- 2) Increase opportunities for involvement in AMSSM;
- 3) Develop a plan to continue growth of AMSSM.

Finally, I need to thank a few people . . . First, the Medical College of Wisconsin Primary Care Alumni, the Galen Society, thank you for your patience with me. Second to my fellow faculty members, Drs. Carole Vetter, Bill Raasch, Rania Dempsey and Laura Gottschlich, thanks for giving me the time to devote to AMSSM. Thirdly to Dr. Mark Niedfeldt who agrees with me that AMSSM is “the meeting” to go to for sports medicine physicians, but who has missed several meetings to cover the Brewers for me during my tenure as a Board of Director member and as an officer. Thanks also to you, the AMSSM membership for your support, and to the AMSSM Committee Members and Board of Directors for their hard work. Thanks to the volunteer speakers, moderators and the program planning committee, their hard work has created an outstanding academic program. Special thanks to Drs. Andrea Pana, Verle Valentine and Mark Stovak for going above and beyond with their efforts for the annual meeting and to Program Chair, Dr. Tracy Ray, for organizing and running, the best, the most efficient, and the most on-time annual meeting ever. I also need to thank the AMSSM office staff, Jody, Michele and Joan for keeping the organization on track. Finally, I need to thank my wife, Sharon, for her love and support and for letting me devote many an evening and weekend to AMSSM projects.

# AMSSM COMMITTEE REPORT

## Economics Committee

### Committee Statement:

The Economics Committee strives to increase awareness and to improve understanding of various sports medicine economics and practice management issues. We work primarily by identifying problem areas and impact issues that range from individual practice to national sports medicine professional levels. We actively educate the membership on an ongoing basis through annual economics workshops, listserv communication, individual member communication, and by developing high impact, sustainable resources such as the Sports Medicine Practice Tools webpage. Specifically, the committee uses the Practice Tools webpage as a resource to house important developments and access broad membership exposure. Primary areas of focus include sports medicine billing and coding, sports medicine practice management, sports medicine specialty credentialing, and various other individual practice areas that speak to a broad audience ranging from new physicians entering the field to well-established practicing physicians.

Our global philosophy is to educate the membership, to bring about change at individual and organizational levels, and ultimately to broadly improve and stabilize the sports medicine practice environment.

Co-Chair: Chris Madden, MD

Past Chair: Liz Joy, MD

Committee Members:

Marco Bosquez, MD

Jeff Brown, MD

James Bryan, MD

Chad Carlson, MD

Steven Collina, MD

Leslie Cooper, MD

Kim Fagan, MD

Mark Hallett, MD

Liz Joy, MD

Glenn Kotz, MD

David Lisle, MD

Jim Macintyre, MD

Felix Mesa, MD

Balu Natarajan, MD

Larry Powell, MD

Jared Price, MD

Judd Pulley, MD

Paul Rummo, DO

### Projects the Economics Committee is working on:

The Economics Committee continues to work on:

- The Medicare Sports Medicine Credentialing proposal by tracking and responding to Medicare's evaluation of the proposal. Currently, the proposal is hung up by a Medicare attempt to reorganize and standardize its specialty credentialing process. We hope to know more in four to six months.
- Additionally, the committee is developing a practice management area in Sports Medicine Business Practice Tools FAQs and working on other FAQs.
- We hope to post a "Starting a Practice" booklet to the Tools later this summer, developed by Dr. Kim Fagan and presented at the 2007 AMSSM 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.
- The Sports Coding Listserv Pearls have been a success and we will continue to submit these monthly and to help guide and troubleshoot economic discussions on the main Listserv.
- Finally, if time permits later this year, we hope to develop a Power Point presentation targeted specifically at insurance companies for marketing our specific skills and for dealing with credentialing and specialty recognition issues.

**As official patrons of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Sports Injury Prevention, we are excited to be able to announce the Second Announcement and Program for the congress:, which will take place in Tromso, Norway June 26-28, 2008. With 81 international invited speakers from all over the world, you are guaranteed to get a state-of-the-art multidisciplinary perspective on sports injury prevention. You do not want to miss this important event – and at the same time the opportunity to sample the wonders of Midsummer above the Arctic Circle!**



The 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress follows the format of the successful 2005 Congress in Oslo. The exciting three-day program includes 5 keynote lectures and 19 3-hour or 90-minute symposia. In addition, an extensive program of workshops and instructional courses will be announced in November

2007. Please note that registration is limited – and participation will be confirmed on a "first come, first served" basis. Be sure to register early!

**Also note that the abstract deadline is not until January 1, 2008. The Scientific Committee will review all abstracts, and the full program of free communications and posters will be announced in March 2008.**

**For more information regarding registration information, the scientific and social program and the call for abstracts, visit the official website at [www.ostrc.no/congress](http://www.ostrc.no/congress)**

**We hope to see you in Norway in June 2008!**

# AMSSM COMMITTEE REPORT

## Public Relations Committee

### Mission Statement:

To support the stated mission and goals of AMSSM in matters of public relations, act as a liaison between AMSSM and other medical (and professional) organizations. It will advise and assist AMSSM in increasing its presence in the medical and lay communities, and assist its members in developing enhanced public relations opportunities.

**Co-Chair:** Fran O'Connor, MD

**Past Chair:** Katherine Dec, MD (Year 3)

**Committee Members: Year 3 of term**

Amy Bohn, MD; Lisa Callahan, MD; Ron Hanson, MD; Suzanne Hecht, MD; Geoff Kuhlman, MD; Tracy Ray, MD and Rodney Van Andel, MD.

**Committee Members: Year 2 of term**

Marjorie Delo, MD; Andrew Hunt, MD; Chris Koutures, MD; Kelsey Logan, MD; Ken Mautner, MD; Christian Millward, MD; Grant Morrison, MD; Jim Ngatuvai, MD; Ross Osborn, MD; Andrea Pana, MD, MPH; Tony Reed, MD; Paul Stricker, MD; Verle Valentine, MD and Mark Williams, DO:

**Committee Members: Year 1 of term**

Chad Asplund, MD; Andrew Getzin, MD; Billy Haug Jr., MD; Tom Howard, MD; Andrea Matich, MD, MS, HSB and Joel Shaw, MD.

Thank you to Chad Carlson, MD and Michele La Botz, MD who are rotating off the committee now.

### Old Business:

- **Beginner Triathlete:** POC is Dr. Marjorie Delo. Katherine Dec, MD will send the template to Dr. Delo for running this program with the membership. The months are assigned through this December. The writers are posted on the website.
- **Little League Baseball Project:** POC is Dr. Katherine Dec. Katherine Dec, MD is awaiting a signature approval on our proposed agreement with Little League Baseball.
- **Positive Coaching Alliance:** POC is Dr. Paul Stricker. Paul Stricker, MD is discussing the status of our Agreement.
- **American Family Physician Project:** POC is Dr. Fran O'Connor. Two articles have been published and two articles are accepted for publication. A fifth article is on supplement received from Dave Jenkinson, DO.
- **Media Development List:** POC is Drs. Jim Ngatuvai and Andrea Pana. Katherine Dec, MD will mail what she has on this five-year process. The current emails need to be verified for authenticity and the lost contacts need to be redefined to assure we are reaching all pertinent press and organizations. Perhaps another query of the membership for local press contacts would be beneficial.
- **Athletic Therapy Today:** POC is Dr. Grant Morrison. Writers are assigned through 2008. Grant Morrison, MD will get the current writer list and information for this project from Katherine Dec, MD. It has discussed having a "how to submit" type of document to make this project easily understood. Tracy Ray, MD, Section Editor will review the final edit before sending articles for publication.

### New Business:

- **American Family Physician:** POC are Drs. Chad Asplund and Fran O'Connor. Fran O'Connor, MD is to engage American Family Physician to initiate a second series of articles.
- **Media Kit Development:** POC is Dr. Tony Reed. Tony Reed, MD will discuss this project with Katherine Dec, MD because the Physical Medicine Community has worked on a similar project.
- **Newsletter:** POC is Dr. Andrea Pana. Andrea Pana, MD, MPH will query the membership on an electronic conversion of the newsletter from paper and assess the future role of the newsletter.
- **Diversity Hyperlink:** POC is Dr. Billy Haug Jr. This will require coordination with the Diversity Committee. Will need to follow-up on verification with each of the 17 diversity organizations for our continuing link on their website. Will also discuss with Dr. Monique Burton, Diversity Committee, Dr. Dave Cosca, Internet Committee and Michele Lane, AMSSM Webmaster on this hyperlink.
- **Residency Awareness:** POC is Dr. Ron Hanson. Ron Hanson, MD has a three-page document outlining steps for the resident to cognizant of when pursuing a fellowship/career in sports medicine. Fran O'Connor, MD will consider possible relationship with work being completed in other AMSSM Committees i.e. Education.

### IT'S EASY TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

- Click on the button "Members Only" link on the website at [www.amssm.org](http://www.amssm.org)
- On the page that appears:  
User Name: Enter your "Last Name"  
Password: Enter your Member ID Number
- Submit any changes using the "Change of Information" form.

## RENDEZVOUS II

MARCH 25-29, 2008

## CAESAR'S PALACE, LAS VEGAS

The American Medical Society for Sports Medicine is excited to announce that plans are underway for Rendezvous II, to be held March 25-29, 2008 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. Over 800 participants are expected to attend this first rate international scientific program to hear world-renowned international speakers.

Members of the Program Planning Committee include: Jon Divine, MD (Chair); Douglas McKeag, MD; Preston Wiley, MD; Robert Dimeff, MD; Stephen Simons, MD; Winnie Meeuwisse, MD, PhD; Craig Young, MD; Kim Harmon, MD; Tracy Ray, MD; John DiFiori, MD; Mark Lavallee, MD, CSCS; Jeff Kovan, DO; Brent Rich, MD; Jim Moeller, MD; Jonathan Drezner, MD; Ched Garten, MD; Andrea Pana, MD, MPH; Sean Bryan, MD; Suzanne Hecht, MD; Mark Stovak, MD; Sharyl Truty, MD; Holly Benjamin, MD; Chad Carlson, MD; Verle Valentine, MD; Jim Bryan IV, MD; Mark Niedfeldt, MD; Craig Smith, MD; Tony Reed, MD and Michael Milligan, MD

This will be the annual meeting for AMSSM and CASM in 2008 – Save the date and make plans to attend. The deadline for the "Call for Abstracts" is November 16, 2007. More information including the brochure with the preliminary program, registration information and instructions for abstract submission will follow on the AMSSM website at [www.amssm.org](http://www.amssm.org)

# AMSSM COMMITTEE REPORT

## Fellowship Committee

## Mission Statement:

The mission of the Fellowship Committee is to provide support for sports medicine residents (current fellows), potential residents and fellowship directors in their effort to maximize the quality of postgraduate education in sports medicine.

**Co-Chair:** Mark Lavallee, MD

**Past Chair:** Michael Henehan, DO

### Committee Members:

#### Returning Members:

Robert Baker, MD

David Bernhardt, MD

Anne Boyd, MD

Bill Briner, MD

Sean Bryan, MD

Lamont Cavanagh, MD

Jay Clugston, MD

Brian Coleman, MD

Jim Daniels, MD

Bill Dexter, MD

Bob Dimeff, MD

Jon Divine, MD

Sameer Dixit, MD

Andrew Gregory, MD

Stephen Hartsock, MD

Marc Harwood, MD

Michael Henehan, DO

Anne Hoch, DO

Carrie Jaworski, MD

Kevin McAward, MD

Richard Okragly Jr., MD

Stephen Paul, MD

Matthew Pecci, MD

Bernadette Pendergraph, MD

Scott Rand, MD

Tracy Ray, MD

Daryl Rosenbaum, MD

David Ross, MD

Scot Scheffel, MD

Michael Shaffer, MD

John Shelton, MD

Mark Stovak, MD

Walter Taylor, MD

Michael Yorio, MD

Linn Young, MD

#### New Members:

John Baldea, MD+

Doug Comeau, MD\*

Kara Cox, MD\*

Scott Darling, MD\*

Shawn Ferullo, MD

Alysia Furgatch, MD\*

Heather Gillespie, MD\*

Steve Greer, MD

Liz Joy, MD

Rahul Kapur, MD\*

Jen Kootz, MD, MPH+

Jeff Kovan, DO

Farhan Malik, MD+

Matt Meschke, DO+

A.K. Misra, MD+

Jen Mitchell, MD

Robert Monaco, MD

Tony Reed, MD

Peter Sedgwick, MD\*

Keith Stuessi, MD

Ken Taylor, MD

+ resident member

\* fellow member

#### The following members are rotating off the Committee:

Joel Kary, MD

Ryan Modlinski, MD

Arnold Ramirez, MD

Kenji Sudoh, MD

Lucien Parillo, MD

The Research Workshop will be under the direction of the Research Committee while the Sideline Preparedness Course will be overseen by the Fellowship Committee.

#### • New AMSSM Fellowship Universal Application Form:

- 1) The new form was approved at the January 2007 AMSSM Board Meeting on April 4, 2007, the new form was posted on the AMSSM website in both Word and PDF formats.
- 2) The committee voted to make an addendum to the Universal application requesting the following addition to be placed after listing of publications.
  - i. **“(please include the front page of any listed publication along with your application)”**
  - ii. this was included as a way to address fraud and inaccuracies in the application.
- 3) The committee voted to APPROVE a **UNIVERSAL DEADLINE** of October 1<sup>st</sup> each year to accept completed applications for fellowship.
- 4) Will post on Fellowship Director’s Listserv to generate discussion.

#### • Periodic Fellowship Survey:

Michael Henehan, DO maintains fellowship survey via Survey Monkey. Survey results will be shared at the Fellowship Fandango, renamed Fellowship Forum. The survey will be repeated in January 2009.

#### • ACGME Competencies:

Task Force: Drs. Daryl Rosenbaum (Chair), Walter Taylor and Mark Lavallee.

- 1) Established a group to review and/or develop the best examples of tools for working with the 6 ACGME Competencies.
- 2) Will request all program directors share all their reasonable Competency Tools with Mark Lavallee, MD and AMSSM. An area will be developed on the AMSSM website in the “Members Only” section where program directors can view, download and share their different competency tools.

#### • In-Training Exam for Fellows:

Task Force: Drs. Stephen Paul (Chair), Jon Divine, Carrie Jaworski, Richard Okragly Jr., Matthew Pecci, Bernadette Pendergraph, Scott Rand, Mark Stovak, Michael Yorio, Linn Young, Mark Lavallee, Sean Bryan, Kara Cox, Alysia Furgatch, Michael Shaffer, Tony Reed, Robert Baker, David Bernhardt, Jim Daniels, Matthew Pecci, Anne Boyd, Bill Briner, Marc Hilgers, Michael Milligan, Christian Millward, John Turner and Joseph Luftman.

- 1) The exam will be used by directors to measure incoming knowledge and as a tool to assess fellows knowledge during fellowship.
- 2) Have identified 30-item writers among the Fellowship Committee.
- 3) Met with Roger Fain, Chief Editor of American Board of Family Medicine for a 4-hour item writer’s course on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

#### SHORT TERM GOAL:

- 1) Each director writes 3 questions/fellow. Due by July 1<sup>st</sup> or pay \$50/fellow writing to take the exam.
- 2) First In-training will be ready by February 2008.
- 3) First test will be 100 multiple-choice questions that mirrors the CAQ.
- 4) Test will NOT be secure, so critique, answers, references will be available.
- 5) Previous years’ exam can then be used as the next year’s entrance exam to assess knowledge of fellow at the beginning of their fellowship.

#### LONG TERM GOAL:

- 1) Provide a 200-item exam.
- 2) American Board of Family Medicine will conduct exam electronically around February each year.
- 3) Exam in place by 2009.

## Update from the Fellowship Committee:

### • Update of AMSSM Website’s Fellowship Program Directory (April 2006):

Mark Lavallee, MD continues to update as programs inform him of changes. After which, these changes are relayed to Jody and Michele to update the website.

### • ACGME PIF Task Force:

Task Force: Drs. Sean Bryan (Chair), Scot Scheffel, Michael Henehan, Tracy Ray, Robert Baker, Walter Taylor, Bill Dexter and Mark Stovak.

In November 2006, the final revision to PIF and Program Requirement were submitted to the ACGME. Recent feedback from Dr. Jerry Vesalis is ACGME voted on our proposed changes, and now will need to present to Pediatrics, ER and PM & R to see if they have any additions or deletions. Anticipate late 2008 before we hear back if our proposed changes will be implemented.

### • “Sideline Preparedness Boot Camp” with Research Workshop:

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Workshop: August 3-5, 2007 in Ann Arbor, MI.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Awards

The following awards were presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The AMSSM Foundation presented \$500.00 cash award and plaques for the "Harry Galanty Young Investigator's Award", "Best Overall Research Abstract", "Founders Award" and "AMSSM Resident Scholarship Award".

The recipients of the two AMSSM Awards, "Best Research Poster" and "Best Case Poster" were awarded by response by attendees at the meeting. \$250.00 cash award and plaques were presented to these two individuals. In addition, AMSSM presented two \$50.00 cash awards for the "Best 2 Minute Drill" Presentations".

For the third year, the NCAA sponsored and presented two awards, each receiving a \$250.00 cash award. This year's recipients were:

### AMSSM FOUNDATION AWARDS

#### Founders Award

Jim Moriarity, MD

#### Best Overall Research

James Glazer, MD

#### Harry Galanty Young Investigator's Award

John Su, MD, MPH

#### AMSSM Resident Scholarship Awards

Marci Goolsby, MD

Lynn Morski, MD

Chad Palmer, MD

Jeffrey Smithers, MD

### AMSSM AWARDS

#### Best Research Poster

Suzanne Hecht, MD

#### Best Case Poster

First Place John Hedge, DO

Second Place Jason Blackham, MD

Third Place David Frankel, MD

#### Best 2-Minute Presentations

Paul Stricker, MD

Tracy Zaslow, MD

### NCAA CSMAS AWARDS

#### Best Research Presentation

C. Daniel Hendrickson, MD

#### Best Research Poster

Jeff Roberts, MD

## Mark Your Calendars

Research Workshop  
for Sports Medicine Fellows  
Pre-conference course: Sideline Preparedness  
August 3-5, 2007  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Call for Research and Case Abstracts  
and "The 2 Minute Drill" Presentations  
for the Rendezvous II Meeting  
DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 16, 2007

2007 Advanced Team Physician Course  
December 6-9, 2007  
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa  
Indian Wells, California

Rendezvous II Meeting  
March 25-29, 2008  
Caesar's Palace  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### Links on the "Members Only" Section:

- Journal Links:
  - Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine*
  - British Journal of Sports Medicine*
  - Sports Discus*
- Sports Medicine Practice Tools
  - Tools
  - Economics FAQ
  - Practice and Salary Surveys
  - Sports Medicine Economics Listserv
  - Helpful Links
- AMSSM Forums and AMSSMNet Listserv
- Public Relations Presentations
- Beginner Triathlete Upcoming Author List
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Additional Handouts
- PPE (Form included)
- AMSSM Bylaws
- Jobs Available/Job Listing
- Change of Information Form

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# A Member in the Spotlight

**David E. Olson**

Written by Verle Valentine, MD



*Not only did David find his passion for sports medicine but was able to give back to his community by serving as a physician and educator at a residency clinic in an underserved area. David feels he is in his dream job.*

As AMSSM members, we often see that we live in a small world. The random pick of Dr. David E. Olson as our "Member in the Spotlight" made me see that it truly is a small world. It turns out that David was born in my hometown of Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the same hospital in which I currently work. He was adopted by a family from the rural town of Summit, South Dakota. David's father was a Lutheran pastor who moved his family to Minnesota when David was a small child. David has since lived most of his life in Minnesota.

David went to college in St. Peter, Minnesota at Gustavus Adolphus College and attended medical school at the University of Minnesota. He completed residency at the Allina Family Practice Residency in St. Paul, Minnesota, and then did his fellowship at the South Bend Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. (I guess he did escape Minnesota for one year). His current position includes splitting his time between being a faculty member at the North Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program in Minneapolis, Minnesota and working with the University of Minnesota Athletic Department. He serves as team physician with two local high schools, Minneapolis Community College, University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Ripknees (ABA), and the Minnesota Vikings (NFL).



Along David's journey into medicine he met many people that would influence his career path. After spending a summer with a pediatrician in Miami in an underserved area, David found his path in medicine. Even though faith and "giving back" was something instilled within him as a child, his time in Miami helped to lead him to work in an underserved area. He later met five prominent members of the AMSSM who he lists as influential in his career. They include Drs. Rob Johnson Bill Roberts, Jim Moriarity, Steve Simons and Mark Lavallee. Not only did David find his passion for sports medicine but was also able to give back to his community by serving as a physician and educator at a residency clinic in an underserved area. David feels he is in his dream job.

When I asked David if there were any obstacles he had to overcome to reach where he is today, he immediately answered "yes". When David and his brother were teenagers, his brother passed away unexpectedly, and as you can imagine this was a life changing experience. David and his family drew on their faith to help them overcome their loss. After this experience, David resolved to make a difference with his life and his career as a physician has afforded him that. David is now married with three children and cherishes his time with his family. If you can't find David at work, you will likely find him spending time with his family and enjoying outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and snow boarding.



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