

**Seminole County Medical Society**  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**Meeting minutes**

The meeting was opened at 7:15 PM by Dr. Bragg. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were approved.

**Volunteers** Rebecca Nichols and Eric Dunlap were thanked for their help throughout the year to the society.

**Vendors Acknowledged:** Dr. Bragg recognized and thanked the meeting sponsors: Cyrus Diagnostic, Sage Software, Gevity, American Express, Boston Diagnostic, FPIC, and Eidson Insurance.

**New members** were recognized: Dr. Ogburia (Dermatology), Dr. Gutierrez (Dermatology), Dr. Gossain (Radiation Oncology). The new members present stood and briefly introduced themselves.

**2009 Officer Elections:** The slate of officers for the 2009 executive committee was presented. Vraj Panara, MD – President, Tanya Agard, MD – President Elect, Thomas Kelley, MD – Vice President, Jon Wiese, MD – Treasurer, and Sanjay Reddy, MD – Secretary. The incoming positions were unanimously approved as presented.

**Drawing Winner:** The quarterly drawing for \$100 off annual dues was won by Dr. Helen Simpson.

**2009 President** Dr. Panara thanked Dr. Bragg for his service as president of the society in the past year. Dr. Panara discussed the importance of banding together in a county medical Society in the face of issues of decreased reimbursement, increased workloads, and increasing healthcare needs. He asked for members to help by volunteering on various committees within SCMS.

**Medical Reserve Corps:** Dr. Robertson was introduced and held a brief discussion about the Medical Reserve Corps being organized by the Seminole County Patient Safety committee.

**Program Partner:** Jan Marshburn representing the Moffitt Cancer Center was introduced. She presented the activities that her facility is involved in and the services offered there.

**SCMS Alliance:** Norma Ryan provided a brief presentation for the SCMS Alliance. The annual holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Guest Speaker** Diane Andrews (President of FMAA) provided a report of the FMA Alliance.

**Guest Speakers** provided information regarding community involvement in Seminole County:  
Karen van Caulil - Health Council of East Central Florida and SCHPP (Sem. Cnty. Health Planning Partnership)  
Laura Phipps- Kids House  
Cindi Kopelman- Shepherds Hope

**Keynote speaker:** Jennifer Pinson with Safe House of Seminole County presented an overview of domestic violence.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009 at Florida Hospital Altamonte.

**Total attendees:** 54

The motion was then made to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Thomas R. Kelley, MD  
SCMS Secretary, 2008

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