

**Seminole County Medical Society**  
**February 19, 2008**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 7 PM by Dr. Bragg. He recognized sponsors and volunteers assisting Mrs. Reyes from Seminole High School and Seminole Community College.

The minutes for the November 13, 2008 Member Meeting were approved and will be distributed.

**Student Volunteers** for the evening were Denise Aiyedatiwa, Meagan Keller and Brett Graham. Denise will also assist Mrs. Reyes 2 days a week in the office.

**Participating Sponsors** were Danna-Gracey, Eli Lilly & Co., FPIC, FRI Radiology, Novartis and Vitas.

**New members** were introduced: Lisa Utsey, MD, Pediatrician, Susan Drukman, MD, OB/GYN and Jorge Diaz, MD, Electrophysiology.

Dr. Bragg recognized the passing of Dr. Willie Newman. An update was given regarding the scholarship fund which now stands at \$35,000.

Follow-up was provided regarding the MRSA conference. Dr. Davis mentioned that a link on the medical society web site is available that will outline the information provided during the conference.

Mr. Greg Danyluk from the Seminole County Health Department gave a brief presentation regarding requirements for reporting communicable diseases and the role of the Health Department.

Dr. Bragg presented an award of recognition to Dr. John Robertson as immediate past president of SCMS. Dr. Robertson expressed his thanks for the support of the members of the society.

Financial update was provided by Dr. Tanya Agard, Treasurer of SCMS.

Dr. Vic Metha won the **exhibitor drawing** for \$100 off his 2009 annual dues.

**Cultural Awareness** -- Dr. Michael Branch gave a presentation regarding his mission trip to Peru with United Servants Abroad. He encouraged others in the medical society to remain active with volunteer work.

**Keynote Speaker** -- FMA president Dr. Karl M. Altenburger gave a presentation outlining the current activities of the state medical association. He discussed the current reorganization process that FMA has undertaken. The current legislation agenda focuses on **1)** improved Medicaid reimbursement rates to bring up to the level of Medicare. **2)** Managed-care bill. He outlined challenges that Medicare faces in the future in the state of Florida. There is still great concern with the tort system in our state. Each of these issues will challenge the medical community in the coming years. There is some concern that if they are not addressed, Florida may face a crisis in recruiting and retaining doctors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting will take place on May 20, 2008.

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