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The membership of the District of Columbia Society of Anesthesiologists (DCSA) is:

Active	164
Resident/fellows	28
Retired	53
Military	2
Affiliate	10

District of Columbia Society of Anesthesiologist (DCSA) continues to try to expand anesthesiologist assistance in the district. We continued to have shortages in manpower even with the passing of AAs ability to practice in the District of Columbia. With this in mind, the District of Columbia Society of Anesthesiologist Executive Committee has met with the Head of The Physician's Assistants Allied Health School at George Washington University Hospital, spring of this year. That discussion took place during the legislative conference in Washington. During this meeting, we also met with the executive leadership of the American Association of Anesthesiologist Assistants. This joint meeting with the Head of The Physician's Assistant School was to help the school fully consider the role of the Anesthesiologist Assistants and how to implement a school here in the District of Columbia. At the writing of this report, we are still awaiting a response for educational opportunities in the District of Columbia.

Our membership activities have been more organized this year. We have had four meetings with good turnout of the active membership. We also had a contest to support academic excellence between the two universities in Washington. The contest was between Georgetown University and George Washington University. This will be the first of many academic exchanges. The first prize for the event was \$500, second prize was \$300, and \$200 for third prize. Drs. Epstein, Hannallah, and Ved, were the academic judges.

This event not only spurred professionalism in the society, but more importantly peaked the residents' interest in terms of academic excellence.

DCSA and its advocacy programs continue to be on the rise. At this writing of this report, we have increased our Political Action Committee participation by 42%. Our now total giving of the total membership is 9.4%. This certainly is lower than the national average of 14%, but we are certainly moving in the right direction. Dr. Dombrowski has given a talk to Georgetown University Hospital in describing the events of the passing of the teaching a rule as well as prevention of Medicare cutbacks. After this talk, there were certainly greater interests in the PAC. There was a meeting of the leaders of the two academic departments with respect to the residents. The District of Columbia still lags behind many States with respect to resident participation. The hope of this meeting was to identify leaders in both residency as well as academic attendings departments. Hopefully, once two or three contacts in each department have been identified, they will then be able to disseminate the need to be a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and a member in the Political Action Committee.

DCSA continues to offer free ACLS to all attendings and residents in the society. The only request, is that the application for the ACLS program is a contribution to the Political Action Committee. District of Columbia's concerns is not the amount given, but that all members participate.

The above would be impossible to accomplish without the help of special people, including Drs. Raafat Hannallah, Eileen Begin, Susan Verghese, Carl Sylvester, Russell Wall, Mr. Ron Szabat, Manuel Bonilla, Ms. Lisa Harvey "Chip," Amoe, Ms. Lisa Albany, Ms. Sharon Merrick, and Ms. Sarah Byun.

Respectfully Submitted

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