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Dear Aesculapian medical Society members and friends:

The Aesculapian Medical Society meeting on Tuesday at the Fleming Steakhouse was fantastic! We had a great response (standing room only) with over 30 doctors in attendance and a few medical students and residents. The following is rundown of what transpired at the meeting.

First on the agenda, Dr. Kcomt gave a well-thought out talk on "Understanding Gout as a Chronic Disease". Alexia Patterson from Takeda Pharmaceuticals sponsored the meeting. Dr. Kcomt talked on sub-topics such as Gout Management Approaches, Reduction in Recurrent Gout Flares, When sUA levels are maintained at less than 6mg/dL, Monitoring sUA Levels, Factors Requiring Attention in the Chronic Gout Population, Conclusions and the Takeda drug ULORIC (febuxostat) and its clinical data overviews.

Immediately after Dr. Kcomt's talk, the Aesculapian Medical Society (AMS) President conducted a business meeting. He opened the floor for anyone that wanted to give any updates. Aundrea Tunstall, President of SNMA at IUSM, gave a brief introduction of herself and a brief update on the SNMA Regional Conference. She invited everyone interested in attending the conference to register. It's not too late to register for the conference, registration is only \$70 online until the event begins:

<http://www.regonline.com/snmaregionv>. Aundrea mentioned that the 2009 Regional Conference is tune up to the SNMA's hosting the National SNMA Conference in 2011.

Danielle Motley gave a brief update on the finances for the Regional Conference. The overall budget is slated to be approximately \$17,000 and to date the SNMA has raised \$13,500 with a shortfall of \$3,500. Dr. Moore as if there was a motion from the AMS membership to cover the shortfall. Dr. Desadier motioned and Dr. Mercy Obeime seconded the mtion. Approval was given to use AMS funds to cover the \$3,500 needed.

Dr. Rausch, Associate Dean of Diversity Affairs at IUSM, briefly spoke and pointed out that October 15<sup>th</sup> is the Dr. George Rawls Scholarship Dinner. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the scholarship. To commemorate the occasion, Dr. Rausch announced that a Mayoral Proclamation will be extended at this year's dinner honoring Dr. Rawls. Dr. Caine pointed out that the Health and Hospital Corporation is one of the principal organizers of the dinner. Both encourage all to attend and support the event.

Dr. Moore reminded the membership to pay their dues.

Dr. Mercy Obeime spoke briefly of participation in the recent Leadership Breakfast on Healthcare Reform. She also mentioned a project to celebrate or honor the first African American physician in the Indianapolis area. She will work with Dr. Rawls on the details and others interested in her

efforts. Additionally, Mercy mentioned she was recently accepted to be a Lugar Fellow. She wants to address AMS interests and concerns while a fellow and encourages the membership to make her aware of those interest and concerns as Health Reform continues to develop. Lastly, Mercy thanked everyone that supported her Mercy Foundation Gala on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Conseco Field house.

Dr. Caine introduced Matthew Gutwein and Lisa Harris from Wishard Memorial Hospital who made an appeal to the AMS to support the building of a NEW Wishard Hospital by voting YES to the November referendum. State Representative Gregg Porter was on hand to answer any questions from the membership as well. For more information, please go to [www.wishardyes.org](http://www.wishardyes.org). If you have a moment, check out the website and sign up to receive updates and support the cause. In general, to build the New Wishard, there is NO TAX Increase proposed, but instead funding will be made available by \$150 million cash on hand (with Wishard Hospital) and the rest through Build America Bonds made available for this type of construction project as part of the Recovery Funds. These Bonds have to be approved through a majority vote at the November election. Please pass on the information to as many people as possible to make them aware of how important their vote is on this issue.

Meeting was adjourned.

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