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*President's Column*

## Recent Events and a Rant

Robert Burchuk, M.D.



The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual SCPS Psychopharmacology meeting on January 31 was a success on all fronts. Mike Gales, MD, Chair

of the Program Committee, the Committee members and Mindi Thelen coordinated a meeting with excellent content, attendance and community for members and other participants. The opportunity for members to “catch up” on scholarship and friendship is a great combination.

The biggest current news impacting our professional roles is the imminent consideration of psychologist prescribing legislation in Oregon. We are the political underdogs and the vote may be completed by the time you read this. There was a well written opinion piece in The Oregonian by the Oregon Psychiatric Association President, Thomas E. Hansen, MD.

[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2010/02/oregon\\_shouldnt\\_permit\\_psychol.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2010/02/oregon_shouldnt_permit_psychol.html)

One of the interesting things about being SCPS President is the correspondence SCPS receives. In the past month, we got a hand-written

request from a student, perhaps a middle schooler, for information for a project on becoming a psychiatrist. We sent some information from the web and the APA. A member let us know how valuable our guidance had been in reversing an unreasonable malpractice premium hike and another member included a comment on his dues payment that he was “wasting his money”.

At Council, we had the stepping forward of a member in training, Jaroslava Salman, MD, with a request to lead a reinvigoration of the Women’s Committee that she has agreed to chair. There has already been discussion of a fall program and an email survey to learn about interest in the Committee.

I guess the comment about wasted money felt pretty crummy so let me rant a bit:

As a Society we are fiscally responsible with our members’ dues. Our office is functional but hardly luxurious and we continuously look for costs we can reduce or eliminate. We benefit from a dedicated staff and the time many members give to help sustain a local voice for our profession. Some of our members move on to leadership positions in CPA and APA. And we are our professional body.

I was a Councilor in the mid-90’s and then relatively inactive in the Society for about a decade. I had even considered letting my membership lapse. Upon my return to active participation I was pleased to see that SCPS had remained relevant and cohesive with some old familiar faces, active as always; and also many new engaged colleagues.

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Happy New Year  
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I heard at a recent committee meeting a conversation about the Society's needing to make clear to members what they are getting or we will lose them. If psychiatrists do not value and join their professional organization to keep it vital and relevant, it is psychiatrists who will lose themselves.

*SCPS would like to thank the following dues exempt members for their generous contributions to the Society:*

*Roderic Gorney, M.D.*

*Jay Mortimer, M.D.*

*Irwin Schultz, M.D.*

*(Dr Schultz was erroneously left off the list last month.)*

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# Letter from the Editor

## Brown Bombs Bill

Colleen Copelan, M.D.



The recent election of Scott Brown has destroyed the bullet-proof, filibuster-proof Democrat majority in the Senate and left health care reform in shambles.

The Senate and House have each passed a version of health care legislation. The two versions have been sent to a Senate-House conference committee to iron out the differences. The next step was to return that product to both chambers for a final vote—after which it goes to the President for signature and becomes law.

Brown left the bills in limbo at the conference committee. It is unlikely that a conference bill would survive a Senate vote. It is unlikely that the House would be persuaded to pass the Senate version just to have identical bills for the President. A budget reconciliation bill—which gets by with a majority vote in the Senate—could be crafted to deal with the financial components but not the policy issues of health care. But that is a problematic and incomplete solution.

The Republicans want to start over and be included on the ground floor. Given the polarization paralysis in Congress, now going into an election year, prospects for meaningful products seem dim at best.

All this after months—no, years—of arduous and relentless effort by organized psychiatry and medicine to inform the debate and shape the product. I wouldn't say it's a wasted effort, just a missed opportunity. The exercise helped us get our act together. We'll be there when the curtain rises next time.

SCPS and CPA Ballots will be mailed February 19, 2010. SCPS Due Date is March 20, 2010.  
CPA Due Date is March 17, 2010.

All Southern California Residents are invited to attend a mixer for residents:  
Chaya Downtown, 525 South Flower St, LA 90071 (213) 236-9577  
Please RSVP to [scps2999@earthlink.net](mailto:scps2999@earthlink.net). More mixers are being planned for Loma Linda and west Los Angeles.

All members are invited to the Annual SCPS Installation and Awards Ceremony with special guest speaker, Kenneth Wells, M.D. April 24, 2010, Le Merigot Beach Hotel and Spa, Santa Monica, 3-7 p.m. Please bring a non-member with you !

Any female SCPS members interested in joining the Women's Committee, please email [scps2999@earthlink.net](mailto:scps2999@earthlink.net)

# CPA Candidate Statements

**CPA ballots are enclosed with SCPS ballots and will be mailed on February 19, 2010**

## **Candidate Statement President-Elect**

**Ronald C Thurston, MD**

I bring the right experience and commitment to the office of President-elect.

I have served the last four years as Treasurer, working to create a solvent, coherent and pro-active professional organization. Together, we have built the team and mustered the will to meet formidable challenges, such as:

The Department of Public Health (DPH) recently proffered regulatory changes that would permit psychologists to direct overall care in hospitals. Since DPH licenses all hospitals, public and private, these changes would affect all hospitals in California.

Economic constraints and federal interventions have put severe pressure on the state to simultaneously cut cost and improve the appearance of health care in state prisons and hospitals. The state is trying to solve this problem by expanding privileges for less expensive clinicians. The California Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) have tried to create pilot projects, change licensing and bend regulations in order to grant new or enhanced medical responsibilities to non-physicians.

Psychologists have been eager to seize the opportunity and have separately litigated and legislated to authorize the Board of Psychology to create and regulate a practice of medicine for psychology.

California's diversion program has expired. A Medicaid 1115 waiver—incorporating integrated care—is on the table.

We are meeting these challenges.

Numerous bills are introduced every year that affect patient care. We are there to oppose the worst and to work for the best. We work with the Legislature and state agencies to develop sound health care policies.

I have served on the Government Affairs Committee since the late twentieth century—my first engagement with CPA. I have been Chair since 2008. The GA Committee is at the heart of our organization. We receive the wisdom of our staff and direct their work with legislators and allies, and we develop recommendations for Council. We track dozens of bills every year.

I have been your representative on the California Medical Association's Council on Legislation since 2002, adding psychiatry's voice to CMA legislative policy.

I am a long-time member of our Political Action Committee and Chair since 2003. We support intelligent and informed candidates for the Legislature.

I was Chair of our delegation to the Specialty Delegation of the CMA House of Delegates from 1998 to 2009. The Specialty Delegation is comprised of representatives from specialty organizations. It gives us valuable insights and connections, and a unique voice in the policy-making branch of CMA.

I have served as a district branch President—twice—and as Assembly Representative. I understand the history and loyalties that have flowed into CPA, our great statewide union.

Meanwhile, I have been active in CMA and my local Ventura County Medical Association. I was President in 2008. In 2009, I was elected to the CMA Board of Trustees for District V (Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo Counties). The Board directs the organization and implements policy as passed by the House of Delegates.

I need your support—and vote—to continue the work. [thurstonrc@dock.net](mailto:thurstonrc@dock.net)

### **Candidate Statement President-Elect**

**Kushro Unwalla, MD**

Organized Psychiatry and our CPA has the responsibility to serve its individual members and enable them to practice psychiatry in the setting of their choice with the least possible interference from external forces.

#### **Positions:**

Champion for parity and access to care for all patients with Mental Illness including Substance Abuse, and Developmental Disorders and preserve and enhance reimbursement of psychiatric care. This is done by public educational campaigns, lobbying legislatures and influencing insurance companies, hospital administrators working with the state Department of Corrections and Mental Health, HMO's and physician unions like UAPD.

#### ***There is no Health Care without Mental Health Care!***

Promote the science of psychiatry by recommending experts for the DSM task force, APA practice guidelines and editorial boards of our professional journals. Hold educational meetings and CME activities whilst avoiding conflict of interest with pharmaceutical companies. Integrate the activities of chapters, district branches and APA and provide additional resources to residents and early career psychiatrists.

Clearly define the parameters of scope of practice for psychiatry and its various sub-specialties and prevent encroachment by those not qualified to practice medicine. Work with allies like NAMI and CMA and support and fund our Judicial, Government Affairs, and Political Action Committees.

I am honored to be nominated for the office of President-Elect and have the credentials and motivation to represent and serve our members in California.

**Candidate Statement, CPA Treasurer  
Donald M. Hilty, MD**

CPA, APA and our district branches play a key role in the lives of many patients. With imminent changes in organization and financing, we need a careful, methodical and creative treasury plan. Experience with these issues at all levels of the organization, and with the nuances of finances, is needed. I humbly ask for your vote to take these challenges on.

I have served California and its people related to the CPA since 1991. I started as a Resident Councilor of the Northern California Psychiatric Society, while training at California Pacific Medical Center. At UC Davis in 1995, I served as an Early Career Psychiatrist for the Central California Psychiatric Society, before becoming an officer. I have been President of CCPS since 2005, staying an extra term due to a geographical move by the President-Elect.

In CPA, I have served on Council representing CCPS on Council for many years. I represented California as the Deputy Assembly Representative from CCPS. Also in the APA, I have worked with the Scientific Program Committee for years, currently serving as Co-Chair for the 2010 Annual Meeting, and providing input from Californians to the Committee. I have greatly appreciated working with CPA officers, Council members, members and staff, who have taught, mentored and supported me both professionally and personally. In the past, I testified many times at the legislature and have done 30+ interviews via television, radio and newspaper media for public affairs.

My work at UC Davis since 1995 involves outpatients with mood and anxiety disorders. I established a telepsychiatry service for rural primary care patients, teaching primary care physicians how to efficiently deliver care. I research service delivery models provided by telemedicine to help underserved, ethnic and rural Californians. I direct the Rural-PRIME, a 5-year MD/MPH rural medical education program, which is training students and linking more sites with telepsychiatry. Collaborating with many fine colleagues, I have authored over 100 articles, chapters, and books.

I would describe myself as a fiscal conservative who has experience with treasury positions. I have served as treasurer for CCPS in 2002-04 and reserves grew by 50% during my term, thanks to hard work and dedication by our team of officers. I have also served as treasurer for the Association of Academic Psychiatry (AAP, 400 members), a leading national psychiatric education organization. The AAP reserves also grew during my term by 50% from 2000-02 and the Annual Meeting grew from 100 to 150 attendees.

My plans for CPA Treasurer include, but are not limited to, the following:

To reduce spending

To evaluate the organization's funding and continue to prioritize spending

To advise CPA Council on ways to maximize individual and group benefits to membership, in order to raise "grass root" money

To find small, but creative options to raise income, and maximize the number to have an overall impact

To solicit ideas from other successful state or district branches

**Campaign Statement, CPA Treasurer  
Timothy Murphy, MD**

Our organization will be confronted with dangerous challenges and exciting opportunities during the next two years. Shrewd management of our financial resources will be essential in addressing the interests of psychiatry and the patients we treat. As Treasurer, I will work hard to make sure your dues – and your contributions to our Advocacy and Litigation Fund (ALF) – are spent wisely and efficiently. Specifically, I hope to:

Identify ways that modern technology can improve the ways in which we communicate and interact, while at the same time spending less money to do so.



Identify the true costs of our activities and restructure those that are not cost-effective  
 Increase California's share of APA block grants to a truly equitable level  
 Explore ways of increasing the profitability of our Annual Meeting  
 Better inform members of the real value of their dues and ALF contributions  
 Increase membership – our main source of energy, ideas – and income

I believe priorities for our organization should include: aggressively protecting our profession and our patients from those who endeavor to practice medicine without an adequate education; access for all Californians to quality mental health services; and improved integration of mental health care with the rest of medicine. As the nation moves forward with reform of its health care system, it is essential that psychiatrists be partners with other physicians on the medical team.

I studied medicine and (after 3 years in the USAF as a general practitioner) psychiatry, at Dartmouth Medical School. In 1986, I moved to Fallbrook, California, where I have served as the community's only full-time psychiatrist for over 22 years. In addition to my private practice, I perform consult-liaison services at Fallbrook Hospital and its skilled nursing facility. For the last six years, I have been the Assembly Representative for the San Diego Psychiatric Society. Past positions have included Chief of Staff, Fallbrook Hospital; Chair, San Diego County Mental Health Board; President, SDPS. I have also served as SDPS Regional Affairs Representative, State Legislative Affairs Rep, and member of CPA's Government Affairs Committee. Memberships include CMA, AMA, and NAMI.

### **Campaign Statement, CPA Treasurer Donald Sharps, MD**

I am asking you to support my candidacy for CPA Treasurer.

#### **My goals for CPA Treasurer**

My goal as Treasurer is to work with CPA Council and Staff in the managing and reporting of CPA's budget. I believe reporting to CPA members should be "maximally transparent." This will enable members to better understand CPA's finances and make meaningful, financially sound decisions to enable CPA's continued representation and advocacy for psychiatrists and patients.

#### **Who am I?**

Since joining the APA in 1982, I have had many opportunities to participate in local, state, and national APA roles. Following medical school at Ohio State and a Pediatric, Ob-Gyn, Surgical, and Medical internship, I joined the APA and started psychiatry residency at LAC-USC in 1982. In 1986, I left my private practice to serve in the Public Health Service in Micronesia where I continued as an APA General Member. In 1988, I returned to Orange County and became a very active member of OCPS. While president of OCPS from 2004 – 2006, I implemented a spreadsheet for maximum transparency of the current budget, past trends, and budget forecasting.

Currently, I am the OCPS Assembly Deputy Representative and serve on the OCPS Government Affairs Committee. Within the CPA, I co-chair the Public Psychiatry Subcommittee, am a member of the CPA Government Affairs Committee and attend CPA Council Meetings. Nationally, I attend APA Assembly meetings and participate in APA Advocacy Day.

Recognitions I have received include APA Distinguished Fellow election in 2003, the APA Bruno Lima Award for New Orleans disaster-relief work after Hurricane Katrina in 2007, and the Ed Rudin CPA Government Affairs Award in 2009.

In addition to roles within APA, I am an Associate Medical Director for the County of Orange and an Assistant Clinical Professor at UC Irvine.

#### **Budget Needs**

Of my APA dues in 2010, \$565 will go to the APA, \$325 to OCPS and \$353 (28%) to CPA. The total dues per month are only \$104, which is less than the amount I send my homeowner association!

I am awed that so much is achieved with that \$104, however, maximum transparency is important for members to see that their \$29 / mo CPA dues continues to be effective in addressing issues such as: psychologists practicing medicine, parity for mental illness, access standards for Mental Health care, and oversight of funding for

MHSA money.

Additionally, in these challenging economic times, it will be important to consider new methods of revenue generation and cost minimization.

### **Addressing the Need**

Maximally transparent CPA budget reporting the current status AND past trends.

Increase revenue from non-pharma sources.

Increase membership of underrepresented public sector psychiatrists.

Inform non-member psychiatrists of the graduated dues for the APA and DBs.

Provide reminders to psychiatrists who lapse in their dues about automated monthly payments.

Work with all of five District Branches as well as the CPA council to build on previous accomplishments.

### **AMA FOUNDATION HONORS CALIFORNIA PHYSICIAN FOR VOLUNTEERISM**

[Chicago] – Judith T. Broder, M.D., of Los Angeles, Calif., is a recipient of the 2010 Pride in the Profession Award. Presented by the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation, in association with Pfizer Inc, the award is part of the Excellence in Medicine Awards program and is presented to physicians who aid underserved populations in the United States.

Dr. Broder will be recognized on Monday, March 1, 2010, at the Excellence in Medicine Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. The award recipients are honored for their altruism, compassion, leadership and integrity.

Many people in the military are apprehensive to seek help for issues such as post traumatic stress disorder, depression and family problems through military channels, for fear it could adversely affect their careers. Dr. Broder launched *The Soldiers Project*, offering mental health services for the military and their families. Now, there are 400 licensed therapists participating in the program, and in Southern California alone, over 300 people have consulted therapists. The program has expanded to Seattle, Chicago, New York City, Sacramento and San Diego.

“Dr. Broder has shown, in her work and actions, a genuine concern for the military and their families,” said AMA Foundation President Richard Hovland. “She saw the need to provide free, confidential mental health services to this population, and due to her remarkable efforts, *The Soldiers Project* is expanding throughout the United States.”

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### **Physician Wellness the LACMA District 5 Series**

Maria T Lymberis, MD  
District 5 President

Back in June 2009 as I assumed the office of President of LACMA District 5, I thought to myself : “So what do I do?” As it often happens, reality events gave me the answer. In a very sort time in our District we had two suicides. As a practicing psychiatrist I knew it was time to focus on physician stress. On November 4th 2009, in partnership with LACMA & CAP-MPT, District 5 sponsored a very successful CME dinner program on Physician Wellness. The presentations focused on depression, suicide and the stress of malpractice litigation. The meeting was very successful and very well attended with around 100 participants.

Clearly there is a major need among physicians for more information on stress management and wellness. An encore was clearly in order. The Board of LACMA District 5 and the Doctors Company came together on a follow up meeting on Physician Wellness . This time the focus will be on personal stressors in the life of physicians: problems in such areas as personal and office relationships, marriage, divorce, parenting, illness of a close family relative such as one’s child, parent or spouse. Such can significantly aggravate the ordinary stressors inherent in the practice of medicine with serious health consequences for the involved physician.

Note: We encourage your active participation. Please send us your questions, concerns, or any request for information **ahead** of the meeting by email [maria@lymberis.com](mailto:maria@lymberis.com) or by fax to (310) 454-1039.

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**Linda Hawes Clever, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine, UCSF; Member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; President of RENEW; author and lecturer.**

Stay tuned for formal announcement.

**When:** Wednesday, April 7th, 2010

**Time:** 6:00PM-10:00PM

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See you there.

# Council Highlights

## January 14, 2010

Mary Ann Schaepper, M.D., *Secretary*



The commute went quickly because Lauren Agarwaal, MD, a second year psychiatry resident at Loma Linda, was coming to Council with me. She was excited to learn about SCPS Council, and I was inspired hearing her perspectives and thoughts about our profession and our responsibility.

2010 SCPS Council started out with our president, Robert Burchuk, MD, introducing 2 candidates for CPA treasurer. Timothy Murphy, MD and Donald Sharps, MD came to speak to their platforms and answer questions. Dr. Murphy promises to look for ways to economize, to increase revenue, to increase membership, to make sure members understand what CPA is doing for us, and to keep CPA healthy. Dr. Sharps believes reporting of finances and management should be “maximally transparent.” He will work to increase revenue from non-pharma sources, to increase membership, to inform non-member psychiatrists of graduated dues, and to work with all 5 DBs and CPA Council together. Donald Hilty, MD sent a candidate statement which was distributed. Highlights included his plan to reduce spending, to evaluate the organization’s funding, to advise CPA Council on ways to maximize individual and group benefits to membership, and to solicit ideas from other successful state and DB’s. The question and answer period was lively and the candidates responses well received.

The Program and Events Committee recommend that the upcoming installation event in May be a celebration and in addition a recruitment event. Ideas to make this happen include “Going Black Tie,” inviting a relevant and inspiring speaker, having live music, changing the time to pm, and looking at different settings. A taskforce was set up of Drs. Lawrence, Schaepper, Burchuk, Moreno, and Red.

Of note, David Ruecker, MD, MIT Representative and the Recruitment Committee are planning to repeat the Pink Taco event, and do 3 separate MIT events in West LA, Inland, and LA. They are considering even a paintball event to include the ECP cohort. I think Council would make a great counter team.

Robert Burchuk, MD asked William Arroyo, MD, chair of the Ethics Committee, to review the Conflict of Interest (COI) taskforce document and report back to Council in March, 2010.

Allen Mogos, MD, our treasurer, reported we have collected more than this time in 2008. Publication income is less than budgeted. We have collected more for meetings than was budgeted to date. We are over budget for overall income. For expenses we are over budget.

His report ended on a positive note: “Considering the 2009 economy and the stock ‘crashes,’ our December 31, 2009 financial and cash on hand reports do not look bad at all.”

Sam Miles, MD, the Federal Legislative Representative, reported on New York’s Medicare decision to use only those drugs with an FDA indication for Micromedex high evidence-based research. Tom Ciesla, MD, Area VI Trustee to the APA, updated Council on approximately \$200,000 cuts made from the Assembly budget. The cuts are due to a decrease in membership, in funding from Pharma, and publications. Dr. Ciesla spoke about options for restructuring APPI/APIRE/APA which are under careful review at the APA.

Mindi Thelen updated Council for Michael Gales, Program Committee Chairman on the January 30, 2010 Psychopharmacology Conference.

Ron Thurston, MD, State Legislative Representative reviewed the following: No psychology prescribing bills in sight ;Budget deficit main attraction in Sacramento; Prop 63 monies again in jeopardy; SB 399 addresses life with-

out parole for minors; SB 294 the “anti-diversion” bill; CSAM/CPA/CMA still working to develop a diversion replacement.

The Public Psychiatry Committee Chair, Rod Shaner, MD, noted that MHSA has increased to one billion dollars this year. CPA sent a letter to the Department of Health Care Services re. the 1115Medicaid (MediCal) Waiver which targets redesigning a care system that provides better care to low-income Californians. The final white paper shows a push to integrate health and mental health.

Finally the Compensation Committee, including, Robert Martin, MD, Larry Lawrence, MD and Robert Burchuk, MD presented a compensation proposal for the executive director and the assistant’s pay and benefits. Council chose to have Dan Willick, Esq. review it and report back in February.

Council adjourned at 9:15pm and as Dr. Agarwaal (MIT) and I drove back to the Inland Empire I remembered why I love being a training director, and why I invite residents to join our Society and the APA. I get to train and work with incredible people who make and continue to make a difference and with an organization that is dynamic and matters!

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