Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities over the last few weeks. As always, my previous updates can be found at http://www.mag.org/resources/executive-directors-message.

**MAG House of Delegates**
I want to thank everyone for attending the House of Delegates in Savannah. We had another fantastic turnout to address the issues important to your profession and to your patients. On that note, some of you have expressed an interest in running for office within MAG. Here are some offices available so far and where physicians have already shown interest:

- **President-Elect:** E. Frank McDonald, Jr., MBA, MD
- **Speaker of the House of Delegates:** Edmund R. Donoghue, MD
- **Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates:** No One Declared Yet
- **Second Vice-President:** Katarina Lequeux Nalovic, MD, MPH

If you are interested in running for office, please let me know and we will provide information as to these and other offices.

**American Medical Association Interim Meeting**
The AMA Interim Meeting is being held in Atlanta this year from November 14-17. On November 12, MAG, Medical Association of Atlanta and the Cobb County Medical Society are hosting a dinner with AMA leadership to discuss “How the AMA is helping physicians in Georgia.” If you are a member of MAG, MAA or CCMS, then the event is free for you. For more information on the event and to register, please go to http://www.mag.org/news/articles/maa-ama-ga-event.

**Health Insurance Mergers**
At the recent board meeting, the MAG Board of Directors voted to oppose the Aetna/Humana and Wellpoint/Cigna health insurance mergers. Towards that end, we are working very diligently in our opposition to these mergers. We have reached out to the appropriate state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over the mergers. Formal correspondence will be filed with the appropriate agencies according to the deadlines posted. We are also working with a number of national organizations on opposing the mergers. If you would like more specifics on MAG activities, please feel free to contact me directly. Please see a copy of a letter attached to this email that we sent to the U.S. Department of Justice.

**National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)**
Attached please find the AMA's most recent letter to the NAIC Regulatory Framework Task Force. This Task Force is the parent committee to the Network Adequacy Subgroup, the group that revised the model act. Several groups, including the AMA, highlighted concerns laid out in the AMA letter on a call with the Task Force. Regulators, however, did not consider any changes on the call. The model act now moves to the next and final parent committee -- the Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee -- for consideration in the next week or two. The AMA's advocacy on the issues in this letter will continue throughout this process as well as when the model act may be under consideration in the states.

As always, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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