

# **ISMS COUNCIL DESCRIPTIONS**

## **ISMS Resident and Fellow Section 2012/2013 term Responsibilities and Purposes**

### **Council on Membership and Advocacy**

Aggressively develops and pursues marketing strategies and programs designed to retain existing members and promote recruitment of new members. Promotes membership value through continued development and enhancement of member resources, services and benefits.

### **Council on Communications**

Oversees and actively participates in outreach and communications activities, assuring ongoing communications with members on a timely basis, via a diverse array of communications vehicles and formats. Continually seeks new channels of information distribution for important messages. Also works to build visibility and awareness of membership value at the grassroots level.

### **Council on Economics**

Considers issues that involve ongoing relationships with third party payors and health care cost and utilization review activities. Deals with all physician-related Medicare and Medicaid issues, credentialing issues, and issues that affect private utilization review practices and concerns. Also responsible for liaison with the Illinois Peer Review Organization (PRO) and the Medicaid inpatient review contractor. Meets regularly with PRO representatives and staff to discuss and attempt to resolve PRO issues of mutual concern to Illinois physicians. Deals with issues relating to the collection and publication of data by the Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council.

### **Council on Education and Health Workforce**

Studies and evaluates all phases of medical education, including development of programs by and for the Society. Communicates to deans of medical schools, directors of residency training programs and directors of medical education, recommendations from the viewpoint of the practicing physician. Advises the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation regarding issues related to physician licensure and discipline. Liaison is maintained with medical students and physicians-in-training. Activities regarding physician distribution and retention are also within the scope of the council. The council also is charged with reviewing issues that impact access to care in rural, suburban and urban Illinois.

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## **Council on Governmental Affairs**

Keeps the ISMS and its members aware of all state and federal legislation and laws affecting the health of citizens of Illinois and the practice of medicine in Illinois. Promotes legislation to improve the health care of citizens of Illinois and the practice of medicine in Illinois, and cooperates with the AMA in similar programs. Develops programs to educate the public and ISMS membership in the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

## **Medical Legal Council**

Focuses on legal developments which affect the medical profession. Conducts educational programs, assesses trends and developments and makes recommendations about the development of materials designed to enhance understanding of key legal issues. Oversees the Impartial Medical Evaluation program, an activity in which the Society responds to requests from the Industrial Commission and the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to have physician members provide examinations and reports on contested medical cases before these bodies.

## **Council on Medical Service**

Attends to a wide array of issues pertaining to the provision of medical care and health services in the public and private sectors, including OSHA, CLIA, medical waste, emergency medical services, health facilities and delivery systems, laboratory services, environmental and community health, maternal and child health, nutrition, workers' compensation and rehabilitation. Proposes legislation and regulations in these areas and provides recommendations regarding their potential impact for physicians.

**\*\* All of the above Councils meet quarterly. Meeting schedules are not available at this time (first meeting is normally in August or September). Appropriate ISMS division is liaison for specific council; RFS coordinates ISMS RFS Governing Council meetings. Telephone conference participation is available upon request. Travel reimbursement is provided. All ISMS RFS representatives to ISMS councils are members of the ISMS RFS Governing Council and are expected to participate in its meetings.**