

# President Letter

Dear colleagues and friends,

It was my privilege and honor to work you during the past two years as a vice president. It was also my great pleasure to work with Drs. Henry Chen (President), Lisa Eng (Secretary), Huachen Wei (Chairmen of Advisory) and many other board members.

Under Dr. Henry Chen's leadership, ACAP has made a great progress in past two years. Continuing our tradition, we had two very successful annual conventions and galas in 2007 and 2008, in addition to the excellent spring and fall symposiums. Our membership expanded significantly with the addition of the most recent Westchester/Connecticut Chapter (under the leadership of Dr. Jun Xu). We continue expend our community services and jointly hosted the first health fair in Flushing in 2007 with NYHQ. Working with a local community hospital (i.e. NYHQ), ACAP lunched the first community based research program-Asian Breast Cancer. We also established a meaningful dialogue with several local hospitals including NYHQ and New York Downtown Hospital to further meet the needs of our members and our patients.

Thanks for the efforts of Dr. Zhiwei Ma, Dr. Lisa Eng and Mr. James Long, we have a brand-new look of our web site. The new web allows for online registration for members and for updating member's information. Many new features and member-only benefits will be added in near future. Please visit our web site at [www.acaponline.org](http://www.acaponline.org).

Looking forward, we will have many important tasks. We will continue to emphasize on the following important missions:

1. Further improve the ACAP visibility in mainstream medical communities by interacting and participating in the activities of Medical Society of the State of New York and many county medical societies. We will continue take the leading role in protecting our members' benefit by supporting the taut reform, addressing malpractice insurance crisis, improving the payment of Medicare/Medicaid and other medical insurance, and lobbying for the universal health coverage.
2. Continue promote the health of our communities by working with the local hospitals, community organizations and business leaders. We will host another health fair this fall in Queens and we are looking forward your participation. We will also expend our research program with focus on the healthcare disparity of Chinese patients.
3. Continue support our members in their practice by providing excellent education programs, including medical practice update, estates protection, investment, EMR, etc. We will also continue support medical students (especially Chinese Medical Graduates), residents and junior physicians in advancement of their professional career and enhancement of their practice.

ACAP can not grow without your support. I encourage you to participate in the ACAP activities, to volunteer your time and to voice out your concern and suggestions. Together, we can take ACAP to the next level. I am looking forward to work with you in next two years.

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President (2008-2010)  
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