1. Approved minutes from Board of Governors meeting held January 30, 2010, Las Vegas, NV

2. Welcome and introduction of new Governors
   - Brazil - Edson Jurado da Silva, M.D., FACG
   - Idaho - John Witte, M.D., FACG
   - Indiana - Charles Kahi, M.D., FACG
   - Kansas - Ervin Eaker, M.D., FACG
   - Mississippi - Billy Long, M.D., FACG
   - North Carolina - Caroll Koscheski, M.D., FACG
   - Northern California - George Triadafilopoulos, M.D., FACG
   - Northern New York - Vivek Kaul, M.D., FACG
   - Southern New York - Brad Dworkin, M.D., FACG
   - Southern Ohio - David Mangels, M.D., FACG
   - Tennessee - Ron Pruitt, M.D., FACG
   - Washington - Otto Lin, M.D., FACG
   - Wisconsin - Kia Saeian, M.D., FACG

3. Announcement of the recipients of the 2010 ACG Governors’ Award for Excellence in Clinical Research
   - Adenoma Detection Rate is Not Influenced by the Timing of Colonoscopy, When Performed in Half Day Blocks
     Suryakanth Gurudu, MD, Shiva Ratuapli, MD, Jonathan Leighton, MD, FACG, Russell Heigh, MD, Michael Crowell, PhD, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ
   - GERD Induced Sleep Disorders and a Reversible Driving Impairment with Esomeprazole – A Prospective Pilot Study
     David Johnson, MD, FACG, Louise Holmes, RN, Jennifer May, PhD, J. Catesby Ware, PhD, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Digestive and Liver Disease Specialists, Norfolk, VA
   - The Prevalence and Epidemiology of Overweight and Obesity in Children with Inflammatory Bowel Disease
     Millie Long, MD, MPH, Wallace Crandall, MD, Ian Leibowitz, MD, Lynn Duffy, MD, Fernando del Rosario, MD, Sandra Kim, MD, Mark Integlia, MD, James Berman, MD, John Grunow, MD, Richard Colletti, MD, Bess Schoen, MD, Ashish Patel, MD, Howard Baron, MD, Esther Israel, MD, George Russell, MD, Sabina Ali, MD, Hans Herfarth, MD, PhD, Christopher Martin, MSPH, Michael Kappelman, MD, MPH, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dept. of Medicine, Div. of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Chapel Hill, NC, Center for Gastrointestinal Biology and Disease, Chapel Hill, NC, Div. of Gastroenterology, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH, Inova Pediatric Digestive
Disease Center, Fairfax, VA, Nemours Children’s Clinic, Orlando, FL, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dept. of Pediatrics, Div. of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Chapel Hill, NC, Dept. of Pediatrics, Maine Medical Center, Portland, ME, Dept. of Pediatrics, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, Dept. of Pediatrics, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, Div. of Pediatric Gastroenterology, UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children’s Medical Center, Dallas, TX, Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition Associates, Las Vegas, NV, Dept. of Pediatrics, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, Div. of Gastroenterology, Children’s Hospital and Research Center, Oakland, CA

- **Early Resuscitation with Lactated Ringer’s Reduces Systemic Inflammation in Acute Pancreatitis: A Multi-Center Randomized Controlled Trial**
  Bechien Wu, MD, MPH, James Hwang, MD, Timothy Gardner, MD, Kathryn Repas, BA, Ryan DeLee, MD, Song Yu, MS, Peter Banks, MD, MACG, Darwin Conwell, MD, MS, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA; Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

- **Pentoxifylline Improves Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis: Results of a Double-Blinded, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial**
  Claudia Zein, MD, MSc, Prema Gogate, Lisa Yerian, MD, John Kirwan, PhD, Arthur McCullough, MD, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH, Louis Stokes VA Medical Center, Cleveland, OH

4. **2010 Governor’s Awards**

  **Freshman Governor’s Award:** Costas H. Kefalas, M.D., FACG  
  **Senior Governor’s Award:** John R. Saltzman, M.D., FACG  
  **William D. Carey Award:** Edgar Achkar, M.D., MACG

**Board of Governors’ Service Awards**

- Kenneth J. Chang, M.D., FACG  
- Adam B. Elfant, M.D., FACG  
- Norman H. Gilinsky, M.D., FACG  
- Rafael A. Mosquera, M.D., FACG  
- Peter F. Purcell, M.D., FACG  
- March E. Seabrook, M.D., FACG  
- Mohammed Umar, M.D., FACG
5. **Report of the Chair (Samir A. Shah, M.D., FACG)**
   a. Governors’ Election Results (Attachment 5)
   b. Governors’ Responsibilities
   c. Governors’ Annual Reports 2010
   d. Governors’ Handbook – Now Online
   e. Governors’ Letters to Members
   f. Governors’ Letters to Non-Members
   g. Messages from the Chair/Vice Chair (Attachment 6)
   h. Plans for 2011
      • Governors Meeting and Legislative Fly In, April 6 – 8, 2011, Washington, DC
      • Regional Course Dates (Attachment 7)
      • Elections (Attachment 8)
         • Governors whose Term is Expiring
         • Election Guidelines/Timeline

8. **ACG GI Circle (Jennifer King of Within 3)**
Jen congratulated the Governors who used the Board of Governors community to discuss topics prior to the annual meeting.

The new design of the ACG GI Circle is great for Governors to ask questions of the GIs in their state/region. The new features of the community include:

- Spotlight - specifically for ACG to share their latest news about the College or highlight a member or committee
- Member Discussions - specifically for members to discuss the latest issues on their mind including a difficult patient case, healthcare reform, EMR, Propofol use and GI procedures. Congrats to Dr. Caroll Koscheski for using the Circle to ask members a question he needed feedback on to prepare for a state meeting.
- Poll Question - If the Governors have a poll question they would like to see in the Circle, please contact Maria Susano.
- iPhone is now available! For those Governors who have not yet downloaded it, please open a new safari browser on your iPhone and type this in the address field: [http://m.within3.com/acg/install](http://m.within3.com/acg/install)

For any questions regarding the ACG GI Circle - please feel free to contact Jennifer King at jking@within3.com.

9. **CPT / RUC Report (Daniel C. Demarco, M.D., FACG)**
Dr. Daniel DeMarco provided the CPT/RUC update. Unfortunately, GI has no permanent representation on the RUC. We are represented on a CPT advisory committee that reports to the RUC. Dr. DeMarco is serving in this capacity. Dr. Demarco provided an overview of the CPT and RUC process and described some proposals the GI community had in front of the CPT panel in 2010 such as colonic motility, GI tract transit and pressure measurement, paracentesis codes, as well as other coding issues GI may face in 2011 such as the global period for hemorrhoid thermal therapy, fecal bacteriotherapy, and the difficulty of coding certain procedures with new medical devices. Another item the College is monitoring carefully is the potential for the RUC to open the colonoscopy base code in the near future as it conducts a survey of certain GI codes pursuant to the health reform law.
10. Report from the Governors’ representatives to the Nominating Committee (Naga P. Chalasani, M.D., FACG and March E. Seabrook, M.D., FACG)

Nominating Committee Proposes
Slate of Officers
October 2010-2011

President: Delbert L. Chumley, M.D., FACG
President-Elect: Lawrence R. Schiller, M.D., FACG
Vice President: Ronald J. Vender, M.D., FACG
Secretary: Stephen B. Hanauer, M.D., FACG
Treasurer: Harry E. Sarles, Jr., M.D., FACG

Nominating Committee Proposes
Trustees for 2-year terms
October 2010-2012

Carol A. Burke, M.D., FACG
Naga Chalasani, M.D., FACG
Francis A. Farraye, M.D., FACG
W. Elwyn Lyles, M.D., FACG
Nicholas J. Shaheen, M.D., FACG

ACG’s Secretary, Harry E. Sarles, Jr., has announced that the College’s 2010 Annual Business Meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2010, at 5:45 p.m. at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. The Nominating Committee will present its proposed slate of officers at that time, and all Fellows and Members are encouraged to attend and to vote on this and all other items of business at the meeting.
11. **Report from the Governors’ representative to the Credentials Committee (Alyn L. Adrain, M.D., FACG and Daniel J. Pambianco, M.D., FACG)**

The Credentials Committee met during the Annual Meeting in October 2009, and in January, April and June 2010 by conference call. The Committee reviewed a total of 226 applications and made the following recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

- 15 candidates were elected directly to Fellowship
- 65 candidates were advanced to Fellowship
- 118 candidates were elected to Membership
- 25 candidates were elected to International Membership
- 3 applications were deferred

The Chairman reviewed and approved 597 applications for Resident/Trainee Membership from August 1 – July 31, 2010. In addition the committee reviewed and approved 100 applications for Allied Health Membership from August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010.

The total number added to the rolls by this report is therefore 923.

The Committee will meet during the Annual Meeting in October 2010 to consider additional applications for the period of June 2010 through October 2010.

12. **Report of the National Affairs Committee (Scott M. Tenner, MD, FACG, Committee Chair)**

Dr. Scott Tenner, the outgoing National Affairs Committee Chair, provided an update on key issues in the recently passed health reform law in March, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as well as the College’s efforts in getting certain provisions of the Supporting ColoRectal Examination and Education Now (SCREEN) Act into the larger health reform package. Dr. Tenner also discussed state attorneys general challenges to the health reform law currently in the courts, CT colonography, sedation/propofol, and of course, the need for a permanent fix to Medicare provider and facility reimbursement.

13. **Report of the ACG Board of Trustees Executive Committee**

a. President’s report – Philip O. Katz, M.D., FACG
b. President-Elect’s report – Delbert L. Chumley, M.D., FACG
c. Secretary’s report – Harry E. Sarles, Jr., M.D., FACG
d. Treasurer’s report – Ronald J. Vender, M.D., FACG

14. **Regional Caucus Reports**

Region 2 Report
All Governors were present.

**Issue 1:**
North Carolina- There has been a change with third party payors beginning to limit reimbursement for anesthesia provider usage/billing for endoscopic procedures to “medical necessity” only determined patients. It was noted that this has been the existing policy in Virginia.

**Action:** none.
Issue 2:  
North Carolina- A large 3rd party payor has begun to enforce a “healthgrade” program that incorporates all providers of a patient to be responsible for all the patient preventive services. For example, if the gastroenterologist fails to ask and document if a female patient had her Pap test, this would reflect negatively in the gastroenterologist’s healthgrade profile. No other states have encountered this issue for specialists.
Action: none

Issue 3:  
North Carolina- It was noted that third party payors were decreasing reimbursements to within 70% of Medicare payments. This has not occurred in other states in the region.
Action: none

Issue 4:  
South Carolina- Pathology labs in ASCs were being challenged by hospitals. It was discussed that careful adherence to the Stark law requirements be followed.
Action: none

Issue 5:  
Alabama- Family Practice performance of screening colonoscopy was on the rise. It was noted to continue to be an issue in South Carolina but minimally present and stable elsewhere. It was emphasized that the ACG has organized multiple documents for educating and establishing appropriate hospital credentialing committee process on the website. If further support was necessary, contacting Brad Stillman would be the next step in dealing with this issue.
Action: none

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Region II,
Daniel J Pambianco, MD
Region II Councilor

15. Results of the Governors’ Nominating Committee & Vote
   a. Credentials Committee – Stephen J. Ferney, M.D., FACG
   b. Nominating Committee – Immanuel K.H. Ho, M.D., FACG
   c. Vice Chair – Daniel Pambianco, M.D., FACG