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SDSMA Elects New Officers, Announces Award Winners at Annual Conference

SIOUX FALLS – June 6, 2016 – Tom Hermann, MD, of Sturgis became the 135th president of the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) during the organization’s 2016 Annual Leadership Conference June 3 in Sioux Falls. Outgoing president Tim M. Ridgway, MD, of Brandon presented the presidential medallion to Dr. Hermann at the SDSMA’s banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Sioux Falls. “Physician leadership is important and the SDSMA is here to be a voice for our patients,” Dr. Hermann said. “As the future of medicine continues to change, we must work together to advocate for patients, and to protect and promote the ideals of the medical profession.”

Other officers elected during the session were:
- President-Elect – Robert E. Van Demark, Jr., MD, of Sioux Falls
- Vice President – Christopher T. Dietrich, MD, of Rapid City
- Treasurer – Michelle L. Baack, MD, of Sioux Falls
- Secretary – Robert J. Summerer, DO, of Madison
- At-Large Executive Committee Member – Benjamin C. Aaker, MD, of Brandon
- At-Large Executive Committee Member – Kara L. Dahl, MD, of Aberdeen
- SDSMA Delegate to the American Medical Association – Mary S. Carpenter, MD, of Winner
- SDSMA Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association – Robert L. Allison, MD, of Pierre

SDSMA President Dr. Hermann has been a member of the SDSMA since 1986. He is a family medicine physician at Massa Berry Regional Medical Clinic in Sturgis. He is also a clinical professor of family medicine at the University of South Dakota (USD) Sanford School of Medicine and is a fellow in the American Academy of Family Practice.

Dr. Hermann has been involved in the leadership of organized medicine for several years. Prior to becoming SDSMA president, he held offices within the SDSMA’s Executive Committee, served as a councilor for the Black Hills District Medical Society. He also served as the SDSMA Foundation Board chair. In addition, Dr. Hermann has volunteered for the SDSMA’s advocacy efforts during state legislative sessions by participating in the SDSMA Doctor of the Day program. Dr. Hermann received his medical degree from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine in 1984 and completed his residency in 1987 at Sioux Falls Family Practice. Dr. Hermann and his wife Terry have a son Joel and a daughter Molly.

SDSMA Honors Members with Awards

The SDSMA honored South Dakota physicians at the organization’s annual banquet held on June 3.

The SDSMA’s Distinguished Service Award recognizes a physician or lay person who has been of outstanding service to the medical profession in South Dakota. This year’s Distinguished Service Award was presented to John R. Oliphant, MD, of Sioux Falls.
The Outstanding Young Physician Award was presented to Jennifer J. Tinguely, MD, of Sioux Falls. This award is given to a young physician under 40 or within the first eight years of professional practice after residency and fellowship training. This physician is recognized for outstanding achievements, dedication and service to the community and the SDSMA at the local, state and national levels.

The SDSMA’s Community Service Award is presented each year to a physician who separates himself or herself through outstanding work in the area of community affairs. This year the award was given to two recipients: Mark L. Harlow, MD, of Rapid City and Patricia A. Peters, MD, of Sioux Falls.

Keith A. Hansen, MD, of Sioux Falls, received the SDSMA’s Media Award. The Media Award recognizes an individual who has helped promote the medical field and medical issues.

The Young at Heart Award is presented to a physician who has inspired young physicians as a mentor, role model and leader. This year’s recipient is David W. Bean, Sr., MD, of Sioux Falls.

Mary J. Milroy, MD, of Yankton, received the SDSMA’s Past President’s Award. This award is presented each year to the immediate past president of the SDSMA in recognition of their many years of work and dedication to organized medicine.

Nine physicians were recognized with the SDSMA’s 50-Year Award for medical practice in South Dakota. Physicians who received that award were: Frederick R. Entwistle, MD, of Sioux Falls, James A. Kunz, MD, of Rapid City, Charles M. Loos, MD, of Rapid City, Martin F. Petereit, MD, of Sioux Falls, Barry T. Pitt-Hart, MD, of Sioux Falls, Morris L. Radack, MD, of Yankton, Richard D. Schultz, MD, of Sioux Falls, Lonnie L. Waltner, MD, of Bridgewater, and Ronald O. Wyatt, MD, of Big Stone City. These physicians have been practicing medicine for a half-century and have contributed greatly to the medical profession.

The SDSMA serves more than 2,500 physician and medical student members who are dedicated to the health of South Dakotans. The mission of the SDSMA is to promote the art and science of medicine, to protect and improve the health of the public and provide leadership and advocacy in the field of quality health care.

Learn more about the SDSMA at www.sdsma.org.