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Barb Hanas honored as 2008-2009 IMS Alliance Member of the Year

Barb Hanas, member-at-large from Clinton, was honored at the 80th Annual Meeting of the IMS Alliance on April 18, 2009, as the Alliance Member of the Year. This honor, bestowed annually, celebrates an individual who has been an active IMSA member and has made an outstanding service contribution, over a period of years, to the Alliance.

Barb's service to the state Alliance dates back to 1999, her first term as a District Councilor; she continued in this role until 2002, when she was installed as Vice President and, as one duty of that position, held a spot on the IMSA Finance Committee and served as Chair of Membership. In 2003 Barb stepped into the roles of President Elect and Chair of Strategic Planning. In April of 2004, Barb ascended to the IMSA Presidency. Upon completion of her tenure, Barb sat on the IMSA Advisory Committee and served as Chair of the Nominating Committee. It was during this time that Barb began her service to the AMA Alliance as a member of the Health Promotion and Nominating Committees. 2006-2007 saw Barb chairing the IMSA Health Promotion and SAVE Committees and sitting on the Alliance Advisory Committee, all while serving as the AMA Alliance Health Promotion Chair.

In addition to her other responsibilities, Barb has been active with Carlines and as a member of Spouses Offering Support (SOS) for many years.

Since becoming an AMA Alliance Director in 2007, Barb has served on the AMAA Finance and Bylaws Committees. Barb is looking forward to being installed in June for her third term as a Director at the AMA Alliance Annual Meeting.

Barb and husband Steven, a Family Physician, live in DeWitt. They have two grown daughters and one daughter who is deceased. Barb is a registered nurse, a member of PEO and an active member of her church community.



Hurry!

Reserve hotel room for Summer Board by June 15

Those planning to come to Des Moines the night before Summer Board, rather than driving in the morning of the meeting, take note: A block of ten rooms is being held for the night of July 15 at the Comfort Suites at Living History Farms for \$72 + tax (\$80.64). The rooms will be held at this special rate only until June 15; the rooms are under group #7367. You must call the hotel directly at 1.515.276.1126 to get the group rate.

Board members will receive their official Summer Board Meeting notice and information via email.

All other IMSA members interested in attending, please contact Alliance Coordinator Deb Whitver to receive the meeting's e-packet of materials.

IMS Alliance to receive Best Collaborative Project Award at AMAA Annual Meeting

Debbie McCalla and Kathy Lariviere will be in Chicago June 13 to receive, on behalf of the IMS Alliance, an AMA Alliance Development Project (MDP) Award in the category of the Best Collaborative Project.

The AMAA website states that the Best Collaborative Project Award is presented annually "to one state, county or MSS/RPS Alliance who conducted an outstanding collaborative membership project with their respective medical society."

Debbie McCalla and Kathy Lariviere submitted the IMS/IMSA project offering panel discussions for medical students and podcasts for residents on the IMS Website. In an email to IMSA Board

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Best wishes, Barb!

Barb Savage, a sitting member of the IMS Alliance Board, will be gracing another state's Alliance in a few short weeks.

In 1987 Barb joined her local Alliance in Buffalo, NY, in response to an invitation from



a friend. Since coming to Iowa, Barb has served in myriad capacities, including IMSA President and AMAA Director. Barb was named the IMSA's 2008 Member of the Year in part to honor her commitment to and efforts on behalf of health literacy.

We'll miss you, Barb. Be well and happy.

July 15 is deadline for grant applications to AMAF Fund for Better Health

July 15 is the deadline to apply for grants from the AMA Foundation's Fund for Better Health.

Visit the [Website](#) to read about recipients of previous Fund for Better Health grants, AMA Foundation success stories and to find answers to the most Frequently Asked Questions.

Call for Nominations: The Spirit of Hermina Award

Do you know of an Iowan or a group of Iowans who:

- Is involved in making a difference in the health of Iowans;
- Demonstrates the ability to collaborate with other groups to form an effective coalition to address community health concerns; and
- Can show effectiveness, creativity and commitment in efforts to improve the well-being of his/her community and/or Iowa?

Consider nominating this individual or group for the 2009 Spirit of Hermina Award!

Begun in 2003 in partnership with the Iowa Department of Public Health and sustained by the generosity of Dr. Philip Habak of Bettendorf, the The Spirit of Hermina Award is named in memory of IMS Alliance member and past state president Hermina Habak, whose commitment to an active and healthy lifestyle transformed her life and inspired all who knew her. The ultimate purpose of the Spirit of Hermina Award is to honor special people or groups who have impacted the health of Iowans and to encourage others to make similar efforts. Send a one-page description of the efforts and person(s) involved. Include all contact information for the nominee. Materials in support of the nomination should not exceed five pages.

The Spirit of Hermina Award nomination form is available on the [IMS Alliance](#) web page.

Please submit nominations by September 1, 2009, to Dorothy Carpenter, 7 Larchwood Court, Newton, IA 50208 Questions? Call 641.792.3961 or email [Dorothy](#).

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members announcing the win, IMSA Immediate Past President Debbie McCalla noted that "while many were involved and the project benefited a great deal from IMS resources, even the best ideas need a driving force to come alive. Kathy [Lariviere] was that driving force."

Kathy cites the contributions of Debbie McCalla, Sharon Andresen, Darshini Jayawardena and various other IMS and IMSA members whose questions and concerns helped shape the form and content of the panel discussions.

The AMA Alliance Young Member Connection blog offers this description of the goals of this project:

"The primary goal of the project was to connect the MS/RP and their spouses with the State Medical Society and Alliance while providing valuable information regarding practice and life decisions.

The Alliance Board strongly feels that connection with this segment of medicine is the lifeblood of the future of Medical Societies and Alliances nationwide. Through this program, a bond is created that has multiple benefits for our young physicians and their spouses as well as organized medicine and its adjunct organizations.

Panel discussions were comprised of physicians in various practices, a Medical Society Executive and the Alliance President or President Elect. Medical Students and their spouses spent time listening to the panel describe facets of their medical practices and home life in that branch of medicine. The information was rounded out by input from the Medical Society and Alliance individual that gave an overview of the benefits of membership in these groups.

The web resources offered vignettes involving the benefits of medical practice in our state, types of practice settings and governance, employment agreements and contracts, how to review financial reports, legal aspects of joining and leaving a practice, what to expect in the interview process from the perspective of the physician and the spouse, and possible red flags the interview process."

Intrigued? Want to learn more? Visit the AMAA Young Member Connection <http://physiciansintraining.blogspot.com/> for a complete description of the goals and outcomes of this IMS/IMSA joint venture.

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