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Members of state physician organization elect Indianapolis-area doctors to leadership positions

INDIANAPOLIS – The approximately 8,400-member Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) swore in new leaders during its 160th Annual Convention Sept. 25-27 in Indianapolis. Several physicians from the Indianapolis area were among those taking an oath of office to serve the ISMA and its members.

John J. Wernert, M.D., M.H.A., of Carmel was re-elected to the position of vice speaker of the House of Delegates, a policy-making body that helps to set the ISMA's agenda for the coming year. A geriatric psychiatrist, Dr. Wernert will now begin serving a second one-year term as vice speaker.

Currently, Dr. Wernert is chief medical officer and vice president of medical affairs for MDwise, Inc., an Indiana Medicaid managed care plan. A Distinguished Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association, he also serves on the medical staff of St. Francis Hospital and cares for patients at a number of nursing and group homes throughout central Indiana.

During convention activities, several physicians took the oath to serve as trustees and alternate trustees for the organization. The ISMA Board of Trustees is composed of representatives from 13 districts in the state and three subsidiary societies.

A. Michael Sadove, M.D., a plastic and reconstructive surgeon with Meridian Plastic Surgery Center, was sworn in to serve a second three-year term as trustee. He is a professor of surgery at IU School of Medicine and chief of plastic surgery at Clarian's Riley Hospital for Children.

Michael Sha, M.D., an internal medicine and geriatric specialist with the Roudebush VA Medical Center, will serve a one year term as trustee

representing the Young Physician Society, an ISMA component organization, and Mary Baker, M.D., will serve as trustee for another component entity, the Resident and Fellow Society. A doctor-in-training, Adam Haste, took the oath to serve as the trustee for the Medical Student Society. Haste attends the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

Additionally, several physicians will serve as alternate trustees. John McGoff, M.D., an emergency medicine physician, begins a one-year term. John Ellis, M.D., president-elect of the Indianapolis Medical Society, also will serve a one-year term as alternate trustee.

Representing the Medical Student Society, Paul Haste took the oath to serve one year as alternate trustee.

The ISMA has worked for 160 years to promote sound health care policy in the public, private and governmental sectors, and support continuing medical education for physicians.

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Editor's note: For photos and more on the ISMA convention, go to www.ismanet.org/news/convention/media_center.htm.