

MEMORANDUM FOR SPACE MEDICINE BRANCH (SMB) MEMBERS

FROM: SMB SECRETARY/TREASURER

SUBJECT: Annual SMB President's Letter
Annual Dues Statement
Election of Officers Ballot
Committee Member Listing

1. Hello, everyone! Hopefully, this past year has been good to you. It's now time to conduct some of our annual business and this mailing contains important items in that regard. First, you will find a letter from our Branch President, Dr. Robin Dodge. Dr. Dodge has carried on the great tradition of leadership that our Branch has enjoyed over the years and I know he has been enjoying the opportunity of working with many of you during this past year.
2. Next, you will find the 2000 Member Dues Statement. You should have received a statement regardless of whether your dues expire this year or not. Hopefully, our records agree with yours, but if not, please don't hesitate to let me know. One important point to be aware of is that our Branch constitution and bylaws require each SMB member to be a member of our parent organization, the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA). If you are not currently a member of AsMA, we will certainly not drop you from our rolls, but will consider you to be an inactive member until such time as you have renewed your AsMA membership. The dues statement reflects our record of your status with AsMA. For our record keeping purposes, please verify this information. Please return the dues statement, along with dues payment if required, to me at the address found at the bottom of the dues statement. Please return the statement even if you are not required to pay dues at this time so that we may keep our records up to date regarding your address, phone and fax numbers, email address, AsMA status, and any other information you would like us to have.
3. The third item is the ballot for our annual election of officers. Please note that there is information on both sides of each page. This year you will be electing the Branch President for the 2001-2002 term, the secretary/treasurer for the two-year term of 2000-2002 and two members at large for the 2000-2003 term. You may not be aware that the immediate past president (in this case, Dr. Dodge) will then join the two elected members for the ensuing three-year term as members at large. So, please vote for one of the two candidates as your choice for President-elect, vote for one of the three candidates for secretary/treasurer, and vote for two of the three candidates to serve as members at large. Please return your ballot to me, along with your dues statement, as soon as possible, but certainly no later than 30 April 2000. There will be an opportunity to pay your dues at our annual luncheon, in Houston, but I need your ballots returned by the end of April.
4. The last item is our current listing of Executive Committee members, including officers and members at large. On the reverse of this page is a listing of all our committees, with current committee chairpersons and members. There will be an opportunity at our annual luncheon for you to sign up to serve on any committees that interest you, and I'm sure our hard-working committee chairs will be happy to have you aboard.
5. Thanks for your continued support of and interest in SMB activities. If you have any thoughts or ideas for any officers of the Branch, please don't hesitate to let us know. Please join us for our annual Business Meeting and Luncheon on Thursday, May 18th, in Houston!

James D. Collier, M.D.
Secretary/Treasurer