



MEMORANDUM

TO: ACS Chapter Presidents, Governors and Administrators

FROM: Alexis Walters, Regional State Affairs Associate
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SUBJECT: **Nomination Request** -- Arthur Ellenberger Award for Excellence in State Advocacy

DATE: May 25th, 2010

In 2003, the College created an award to recognize excellence in advocacy. Named for Art Ellenberger, the long-time and recently retired Executive Director of the New Jersey Chapter and expert in state grassroots advocacy, the Arthur Ellenberger Award for **Excellence in State Advocacy** is presented periodically to “*recognize a career of outstanding leadership and distinguished service and commitment to protecting patients’ access to high-quality surgical care by their involvement with their state’s legislative and regulatory process.*” In 2009, the award criteria were expanded to include Chapters as potential recipients of this award.

Nominations for the 2010 award are being solicited from Chapter Presidents, Administrators, and ACS Governors. The award will be presented at the Chapter Leadership Conference in July. If you have a Chapter, individual surgeon or Chapter Administrator in mind who you think is deserving of this award, please forward to my attention a letter of recommendation containing the following information:

- name, address, and contact information of the nominee;
- position/involvement in the Chapter (officer, administrator/lobbyist, legislative committee chair, etc.);
- brief description of nominee’s participation in **state grassroots advocacy – lobbying/advocacy program or activity of the Chapter, involvement in development of Chapter state advocacy program and activities, etc.**; and
- why in your opinion the nominee deserves the award.

Please submit your letter of recommendation by June 23rd, 2010. Once all nominations have been received, they will be reviewed by the Governors Committee on Chapter Activities Subcommittee on Advocacy. The committee’s recommendations will then be provided to the final selection committee composed of the Chair of the Board of Governors, the College’s Executive Director, and the Director of the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy.

Thank you for your assistance with identifying a recipient for the Ellenberger Award. If you have any questions, please contact me at 312/202-5446 or via email at awalters@facs.org.