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The Executive Committee: A number of our members have expressed interest in knowing more about how AACH is governed. We have a Board of Directors that charts our strategic direction and approves major appointments and policies. Day-to-day governance is under the Executive Committee.

The "Execs" meet monthly by conference call. As there are, or soon will be, two new members, I will mention them first-- as a way of letting everyone know who will be joining AACH's leadership. Shak Rehman has been elected the new Vice President for Research. As everyone is well aware, Shak has been the highly energetic driving force behind the success of our Research and Teaching Forum and the upcoming ICCH. He will provide a guiding hand in working with leadership of future Forums and promote research in other ways. Dennis Cope, one of our most highly respected and experienced facilitators, will assume Chair of the Membership Committee, and will be nominated for Vice President for Membership. Dennis will bring enormous personal warmth, embody all the values of AACH and tap his extensive network of friends in reaching out to folks from all disciplines who may share an interest in AACH.

Other members of the Execs are myself (as Chair), Norm Jensen (as President-elect), Maysel White (as Vice President for Education), Donald Brady (as Vice President for Organizational Resources, Sec-Treas), Peter Weissmann (as Vice President for Communication) and Chris Pallozola (Executive Director).

This group manages the ongoing agenda of projects that fall under each Vice President as well as special projects like the Putnam Scholars led by Bill Clark and Adina Kalet. Special guests, such as last month Paul Haidet, Editor of Medical Encounter, may join the call for issues pertaining to their areas. Members should feel free to contact me or any of the members of the Execs (especially the VP charged with a specific area of concern) if they wish us to hear about, consider or discuss suggestions or issues pertaining to AACH.

With all best wishes,
Bill Branch, President