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TO: Operating Room Council of California (ORNCC)

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SUBJECT: California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA)
Annual House of Delegates Meeting
May 14, 2011

I was privileged to represent ORNCC at the annual House of Delegates meeting of the CSA held in San Jose, CA on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Current president, Narendra Trivedi, MD, gave a “state of the union” report, including a recap of their opt-out lawsuit relative to the independent practice of CRNA’s. It is still in the appeals stage, but the intent of the CSA is to take it all the way to the CA Supreme Court. He also talked about the importance of political contacts, cited CSA membership growth (but noted that less than 50% of Kaiser docs are members), and the development of a CSA committee to review the issues around the cost of healthcare and to make recommendations.
- Incoming president, Kenneth Pauker, MD, presented his goals and described what he thought were the issues facing the CSA. They included: the opt-out lawsuit, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, ACO’s, performance measurement, and political advocacy on both the state and federal level.
- President Elect of ASA, Jerry Cohen, MD, reported to the group. Issues discussed included ACO’s and some of their concerns, as well as Scope of Practice issues.

During the House of Delegates, I was introduced and the important working relationship with perioperative nurses was acknowledged.

Thank you for asking me to represent you at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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