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FMDA Elects New Officers and Directors

- Election results announced during the FMDA Annual Membership Meeting

West Palm Beach, Fla. – FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute & Long-Term Care Medicine recently completed its 24th annual conference which gathered more than 240 long-term care and post-acute care based practitioners at *Disney's Yacht & Beach Club* Resort in Orlando. The well-known PA/LTC conference was another huge success and capped another great year for the association.

At this year's annual awards luncheon the new officers and directors were sworn into office by AMDA President Dr. Naushira Pandya. Assuming office for the term of 2015-2017 is President Leonard Hock Jr., DO, MACOI, CMD, HMDC; Vice President Rhonda L. Randall, DO; Secretary/Treasurer Michael G. Foley, MD, CMD; Chairman of the Board John G. Symeonides, MD, FAAFP, CMD; and Immediate Past President Robert G. Kaplan, MD, FACP, CMD.

FMDA Directors elected for 2015-2017 are Marva Edwards-Marshall, DNP, ARNP-BC; Elizabeth Hames, DO; Gregory James, DO, MPH, CMD; Michelle Lewis, MSN, ARNP, FNP, GNP; Claudia Marcelo, DO, CMD; John Potomski, DO, CMD; and Angel Tafur, MD, CMD.

FMDA President Dr. Leonard Hock is excited to work with such a dedicated group of individuals.

"I am excited to start a new chapter of FMDA leadership and I am fortunate to be surrounded by like-minded colleagues who share the same passion that I do for the health care and well-being of our seniors," he said. "I intend to take the association to greater heights and help FMDA become a vehicle for best care practices and advocacy across the state."

Lastly, during the Annual Awards Luncheon at this year's conference, winners of the 11th Annual Poster Presentation Session were announced. Greg James, DO, MPH, CMD, took home first-place with Simone Minto-Pennant, PharmD, in second-place, and Lilian Vilar, MS-II in third-place. The quality of posters was excellent this year, and Dr. Pandya who chaired the Posters Review Committee is excited about the continued success of the program.

For more information about next year's Best Care Practices Conference taking place at Disney's *Grand Floridian Resort*, October 13-16, 2016, please contact FMDA's Senior Manager of Association Services, Matt Reese at (561) 689-6321.

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FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine represents nearly 250 medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses in Florida's post-acute care continuum including sub-acute care, hospice, skilled nursing, and assisted living facilities, as well as in continuing care retirement communities. The mission of FMDA is to promote the highest quality care as patients' transition through the post-acute and long-term care continuum. FMDA is dedicated to providing leadership, professional education and advocacy for the inter-professional team.

FMDA is the official state chapter AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, Florida.