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Further reading of Board minutes through the years indicate a decided change from AOEC actively disassociating itself from the American College of Occupational Medicine (it didn't add Environmental to become ACOEM until after AOEC came on the scene) and coming to a realization that we must work together to help promote good occupational and environmental health. This is probably best exemplified by the joint AOEC/ACOEM research educational session at the annual American Occupational Health Conference. It is also reflected in the leadership of both organizations. Tim Key, former AOEC Board Treasurer, is now the ACOEM President Elect. Cheryl Barbanel, long time active clinic member, will follow Tim into that position. Tee Guidotti, former AOEC Board President is running for ACOEM Vice President this fall. As I follow the rather complex rules of succession at ACOEM, that would make Tee ACOEM President after Cheryl. In hockey terminology, that would be a hat trick for AOEC. It would definitely be a plus for academic occupational medicine.

[Question: WHAT ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE?]

Other things have changed considerably. In 1990 there was no discussion of mold, bioterrorism, or kids. Now among our major accomplishments as an organization are the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units, we are actively seeking funding for a conference on the clinical aspects of mold exposure, we have not one but two peer reviewed modules on bioterrorism, and a position statement on smallpox vaccination on our website. While one goal of the staff is to keep members up to date on emerging issues, we also are very aware of information

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AOEC has participated in CDC Clinician Communication calls since last November. These calls are held once a month to provide associations such as the American College of Occupational and

Environmental Medicine, the American Hospital Association, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, etc. with an opportunity to be briefed on the latest government policies such as smallpox vaccination programs. It also provides a forum to ask questions of the CDC.

The CDC Clinician Communication calls are designed to provide rapid communication from CDC to clinicians in a variety of organizations. This works very well for those of our members on e-mail. It does not work as well for those not on e-mail since the calls tend to be announced with very short notice and the opportunity to listen to recordings usually exists for less than seven days following the calls.

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The presence of AOEC members among the ACOEM leadership continues this coming year. Cheryl Barbanel is current ACOEM President with Tee Guidotti currently serving as President-elect. Our string of AOEC representatives as ACOEM President will end for at least a year or two but AOEC individual member Natalie Hartenbaum is running for Secretary Treasurer.

In July 2005, former AOEC Board President, Howard Frumkin, MD, DrPH, MPH, was named the new Director of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and ATSDR. NCEH/ATSDR is part of the CDC Coordinating Center for Environmental Health and Injury Prevention. Dr. Frumkin brings many valuable perspectives to the leadership of CDC and ATSDR's environmental health programs. Most recently, Dr. Frumkin was the Professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University, and Professor of Medicine at Emory Medical School in Atlanta.

AOEC is among seven organizations that were awarded recovery grants to enhance existing government-funded programs. The federal programs provide funding to screen and monitor World Trade Center responders, but do not cover their treatment costs. The program AOEC is involved in reflects the Red Cross's strategic, short-term support for public and private sector efforts to address the needs of the people who were most seriously affected by the events of September 11. The grant of \$775,000 to AOEC will make screening and treatment for September 11-related health problems available to approximately 500 workers and volunteers from around the country who responded to the World Trade Center site.