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Dear Fellows of the Academy:

This letter is a brief update on the recent activities of the ABMR Executive Council (EC), and some reminders.

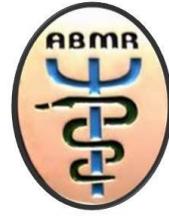
On our conference call yesterday, the EC elected a large incoming class of ABMR Fellows from a total of 27 nominations. Formal announcements will follow, but let me take this opportunity to thank all nominators, and especially to recognize the hard work done by Anna Marsland, Daichi Shimbo, and the membership committee. This year's new fellows represent the best and brightest leaders in the field of behavioral medicine today. We will have a chance to personally welcome our newest group of fellows at the annual meeting in Santa Fe, June 21-24.

### ***Important Reminders!***

**1) Make your hotel reservations right away:** I am pleased to announce that our conference hotel, La Fonda on the Plaza, in Santa Fe has won the 2016 Historic Hotels Award of Excellence. These awards can result in a surge of popularity, so I urge you to make your room reservations as soon as possible. Hotel reservations at the conference rates (\$219) can be made directly on the [La Fonda ABMR Reservation link](#), or the link on our [ABMR Annual Meeting web page](#). Conference rates are available 3 days before and after the conference for those who wish more time in this beautiful resort area. Please make conference plans now to assure availability of rooms in this unique setting.



La Fonda on the Plaza-  
Santa Fe



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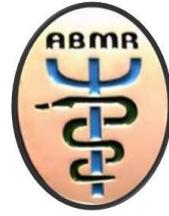
**2) Please register for our annual meeting:** [The conference registration link is here.](#)

Please be sure to register soon. *Please note: For all our secure payment pages, if you do not care to use PayPal, please click on the “Pay with Debit or Credit Card” button at the bottom of the page.*

**3) Please pay your annual ABMR dues:** Please remember to pay your annual dues at <http://www.academyofbmr.org/#/members-pages>, and consider a legacy donation or a 100/100 Club contribution to further support the ABMR mission. Please think of a tax deductible donation to ABMR as you prepare your end-of-year annual giving.

**4) Invite a colleague to join us at ABMR 2017 in Santa Fe:** We will continue our “Visitor Pass Program” – designed to allow a small number of non-ABMR guests to attend the meeting. This program is especially designed for “up and coming” junior or established investigators who may eventually be considered for ABMR membership nomination. We believe that the annual meeting is an ideal place to meet and engage with investigators who eventually might be considered for membership. We are providing a total of 10 “visitor passes” available for ABMR members to invite non-ABMR colleagues to attend this year’s meeting. We encourage the invitation of individuals that represent diversity of gender, race/ethnicity, and scientific discipline including clinical medicine (i.e. physicians). To be eligible for using one of the visitor passes, the member must also attend the meeting, and invited guests are responsible for their own registration and travel costs. Please email Lori McBurney [lorimcb33@gmail.com](mailto:lorimcb33@gmail.com) to obtain one of these passes. They will be available on a “first come first served” basis through January.

**5) Nominate a colleague for the Neal Miller New Investigator Award:** Stay alert for the formal call for nominations for our [Neal Miller New Investigator Award](#). Please nominate a worthy junior colleague for this prestigious award. Awardee will give a keynote address highlighting their research at the ABMR annual meeting in Santa Fe.



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And finally, please allow me to wish you a peaceful and meaningful holiday season and a gratifying and productive new year. See you in Santa Fe!

Warmest regards,

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