

The Legislative Committee continues its work between legislative sessions. The party primary and runoffs are over, and we have our candidates locked in for the general election in November. The House of Medicine has been very successful in its influence and endorsements throughout this election cycle.

TSGE was represented during the recent TMA Advocacy Retreat preparing well ahead of next Session for the issues that may arise. We may rest assured that scope of practice will be front and center again. The TSGE remains committed to the proposition that the best way to deliver medical care is with a team approach with the physician as the lead. Other issues such as the expansion of Medicaid and ensuring there are reasonable limits to the corporate practice of Medicine are anticipated.

We encourage all our members to develop a personal relationship with their legislator. When that is accomplished, please let us know. Would it not be great to have a list of Members who know their Legislators? When issues critical to the practice of gastroenterology arose in the Legislature, we could contact our members and inform them so they could educate their representative. It is an attainable vision.

We wish you the best for the summer season. Be safe in your travels and we look forward to seeing you all in September in Austin for the Annual Meeting which already is looking like it will be the best!