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Our meeting in Anaheim may have been the best ever. Dr. Bill Lenahan is certainly to be congratulated for the diversity of subject matter and the excellent quality of the speakers.

Our board meeting resulted in several significant changes. The Right to Life movement deserves more active participation by all Catholic physicians. Right to Life booklets and periodicals will be sent to each member of our Federation. Each doctor can read these himself, then make them available to his patients in his office. Each Catholic physician's office should become an educational center for the unborn baby. Certainly we have never had a cause which has so united us.

Each OB-GYN is encouraged to join the ACOG PRO-LIFE OB-GYN group headed by Dr. Matt Bulfin of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida. Each physician is urged to join the physicians Right to Life Committee headed by Dr. Mildred Jefferson of Boston University.

We encourage more participation on the national level by individual physicians. Each regional director has been asked to name a physician from his region to each of our standing committees.

Dr. Jim Nix of New Orleans is seriously ill. We thank him for over a decade of dedication to the National Federation. His position as Chairman of the Health Care of Religious Committee has been taken by Dr. Clem Cunningham of Rock Island, Ill. Dr. Charles Pfister of Chicago will replace Dr. George Blaha as Chairman of the By-laws Committee. Dr. John Kavanaugh of Kalamazoo will replace me as chairman of the Family Life Committee.

Dr. John Burke of Framingham, Mass., has resigned as Regional Director in New England. He is leaving for the missions. Dr. William Lynch of Brookline, Mass., has been chosen to replace Dr. Burke as regional director. Dr. James Langley, Thornton, Col., is the new director for Region VIII, replacing Dr. James Delaney, new NFCPG Treasurer.

Our organization is going to meet with the Catholic Chaplains in the fall of 1975 in Washington, D.C. Dr. John Cavanagh is in charge of preparations. Address all suggestions to him.

I still believe the name of our organization should be changed to "American Catholic Physicians' Association." I would appreciate discussion of this in local guilds. I do believe this would be a big help politically as we fight secularism in the Right to Life battle. If we are to have one goal this year it is that each Catholic physician gets to know his legislators better — on the local, state, and federal level.

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