At the 48th Critical Care Congress, members from the Northeast Chapter met to discuss the chapter’s growth and activities over the past year. Like previous years, the attendance at the annual business meeting continues to increase every year. Membership is up by 12% and continues to rise monthly. Thank you all to our new members and those who continue to support our chapter. We have an exciting year planned ahead.

At this year’s business meeting, President James Lunn, RRT, MHS, PA-C, FCCM presented the 1st Annual SCCM Northeast Chapter Clinical Congress Scholarship Award to Ms. Jordan Seaver, RN and Mr. Thomas Manning, PA-C. Congratulations to you both and well deserved for their contributions to the ongoing research in critical care. Both of these members, which are first-time Congress attendee’s, have made significant contributions to the ongoing research in critical care. The Steering Committee also presented the “987” award that memorializes Dr. Joseph Civetta, who passed in March 2016, to recipient Ryan O’Gowan, MBA, PA-C, FCCM. Ryan has helped the chapter grow over the past two years, while serving as the chapter president.

Educational and outreach opportunities, which have always been a focus of the chapter, have continued to grow over the past year. In 2018, the chapter sponsored four Fundamental Critical Care Support courses, incorporating hybrid simulation at Trinity Health of New England – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. At the 4th Annual Introduction to Point of Care Ultrasound Course, Peter Sandor, Ash Seth, James Lunn, and Dr. Guy Arestide invested time to develop a new curriculum which educated 26 students from seven different hospitals and representing five states that the chapter serves. This year, the chapter will help support and give back to the region that we serve by participating in a one-day medical camp led by president James Lunn.

The 48th Critical Congress marks the beginning of a new Chapter Steering Committee. Congratulations to James Lunn, RRT, MHS, PA-C, FCCM (President), Scott May, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP (President Elect), Lori Calavan, MSHS, PA-C (Secretary/Treasurer), Ryan O’Gowan, MBA, PA-C, FCCM (Immediate Past President), David S. Shapiro, MD, FCCM, FACS (Chapter Alliance Executive Support), and Ashish Arora, MD (Chairmen of Education) will work with special board representatives Peter Sandor, RRT, MHS, PA-C, FCCM and Rafael Barrera, MD, and state representatives Vijay Jayaraman, MD, FACS (Connecticut), Carl Geahchan, MD (Massachusetts), Francis Louis Kirk, MD (Vermont), Craig Hertz, DO (New York), Jillian Gregory, DO (Maine), and Milind Bhagat, MD (Rhode Island) to help grow the chapter and meet the needs of our members. We are looking to build upon the already excellent educational support provided by the chapter by having educational dinner lectures and using the SCCM-Connect Chapter forum to reach as many members as possible.

If you are not a current member and interested in joining our chapter, this can be accomplished through the SCCM web-page. If you are interested in learning more about our chapter, contact us at [sccmne@gmail.com](mailto:sccmne@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook.