

AAP Chapter Annual Reports - Chapter Activities – Seniors - 2008

CA 3 -A senior member and immediate past president, Bron Anders, MD is still actively involved in the Chapter. Through her continued involvement and mentoring in Reach Out and Read and as committee chair of the International Health/Global Children's Health, many pediatricians have benefited. She has actively encouraged involvement of other senior members.

VT - We have two senior fellows on our board. They have a tremendous relationship with other senior chapter fellows.

WI - Our senior committee liaison makes telephone calls to recently retired physicians to identify ways they might become active in the chapter. Indeed his own involvement in WIAAP post-dated his practicing years.

WA - We are engaging senior pediatricians and enlisting their support in advocating for children. We have activated former district chair Jon Almquist to assist us in vaccine related issues. We hope to develop a formal senior section in the near future.

VA - The Chapter has an unofficial Senior Section that is an untapped resource.

UT - A senior pediatrician representative sits on the Executive Committee. Senior members are recruited to actively participate at the state capitol during the legislative session.

US West - Encourage retired military to actively participate in all of our activities. Allow retired military to hold office on Executive Committee. Encourage volunteering of retired military for Chapter committees.

US East - Changed by-laws so that retired members can serve as Member at Large. Assigned retired member to be Chapter Breastfeeding Champion.

TN - Both our present Foundation Board president and our Legislative Chair are retired from practice.

SC - Retired pediatricians are offered “emeritus membership” so that they can continue participation at lower cost.

RI - Our seniors are active in all general Chapter activities. Dr. Jack Farley is active with the AAP National Senior Section and regularly updates the Chapter President on news and activities related to this section.

PR - Dr. Pedro Mayol is working in summarizing the history of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the AAP and has the collaboration of graduate history students of the Interamerican University. He is performing interviews of our senior members to obtain information.

PA - The PA Chapter has a number of emeritus fellows involved in chapter programs both as advisors, presenters and participants. One senior member serves as the PA Chapter liaison to the PA Medical Society Board of Directors. However, there is no formal senior section that meets as a group.

OR - OPS leadership has engaged retired OPS members to join OPS committee activities and OPS Child Health Advocacy Committee

OK - The Board plans to sponsor a past president's dinner before the next Chapter CME meeting to be held in April. The Chapter has waived dues for all retired and emeritus members.

OH - The Seniors Committee has been formed. Although the past chair has relocated to another state, the committee held a focus group session at the Annual Meeting. They made plans for collaboration with a pediatric senior's group in the Cleveland area. They also discussed options for semi-retired or part-time seniors to re-enter the work force, and will schedule a meeting or seminar for that purpose.

NY 3 - The membership of NY Chapter 3 includes pediatricians of many ages. Our senior members are active and share experiences with younger pediatricians, guiding and mentoring them as they advance in the practice of pediatrics and in the work of the AAP and the Chapter

NY 2 - Under the leadership of Drs. David Annunziato and Joe Greensher, the Committee on Senior Pediatricians arranges for senior pediatricians to speak at chapter executive meetings. These talks are always instructive and offer a unique perspective to younger pediatricians about the evolution of pediatric practice. In addition, the committee seeks to address the needs and the interests of this growing segment of our membership.

Senior members of our chapter are very active, serving in leadership roles in both the chapter and the district.

NY 1 - We have encouraged our senior members to become involved in the section's activities. We are relieved that most of them continue to be directly engaged in chapter and district work, too.

NM - Every spring we bring together the seniors of the Society for a special gathering. Last spring they dovetailed their gathering with our speed mentoring event. The seniors have been fully committed to help fund the International Travel grant for residents. The senior group is further interested in socializing, advocacy, mentoring and history.

NJ - We have an active Senior section chaired by Dr. Larry Frenkel. A meeting was held on Medicare benefits. The senior section also tries to provide the chapter with members who are able to testify to the legislature. Testimony often happens with little notice and fortunately some of our seniors have a more flexible schedule.

NH - We have plans to begin a NHPS Senior Section, but we have not yet done so. We hope this will occur in the next year or two – some of our most active members are our “seasoned veterans”!

ND - Retired pediatricians never seem to leave NDAAP—they are invited and expected to remain active. Their expertise is sought as leaders, teachers, and “doers of the work” that gets done.

NC - The Chapter distributed a survey to all Senior members regarding interest in a group email, advocacy efforts and other activities. Over 50 responses have been received and will help shape a renewed seniors program in 2009. Senior members have enrolled in the Mentoring program.

MO - We recently made contact with our chapter Senior Section member, discussed strategies for greater involvement with our Senior Section. In addition, we published an article in our last PedsLines on our Senior Section and opportunities for involvement by seniors.

MN - The free clinic is under development by a retired physician. As new committees form, MN-AAP looks to our senior membership to provide mentorship to residents and young physicians as we identify co-chairs.

CA 1 - CC1 has a very active Vintage Docs committee.

CC1 Vintage Docs are working with the Young Physicians committee to further develop a mentorship program for residents and young physicians.

The Vintage Docs are a big part of our Getting to Know Your AAP dinner we hold each Fall.

MI- The Chapter expanded incentives for Seniors to maintain membership in the MIAAP by revising the bylaws to extend voting rights to Seniors and offering non-dues membership for Seniors.

ME - A couple of board members are retired physicians. They are sought out for legislative testimony, representing the Maine AAP at conferences, and classically enjoy attending the collegial dinner meetings.

MD - Dr. Fayette Engstrom has agreed to try to reinvigorate our Seniors Section.

MA - One of the Chapter’s senior members who has been an active member on the Chapter’s CME committee for over 10 years, has agreed to lead senior activities on the Chapter level. The resource tool entitled “Establishing Senior Member Committee for AAP Chapters” will be used as a guide.

KY - This we created a Senior Committee lead by Dr. Tom Pinkstaff, past President, and Dr. Jackie Noonan. They have 12 other individuals who have volunteered to mentor YPs in the areas of career development and plan to share stories with one another about how medicine has changed from one generation to another. These stories will be posted via a Chapter young physician’s blog for all member to view, comment, and learn from.

KS - KAAP Seniors members get reduced rates for Chapter membership and CME meetings.

IN - Many of our most active members are in the senior division of the AAP. They contribute their expertise and leadership in many ways.

ID - We are considering organizing a senior-young pediatrician mentoring program.

GA - This year we have revitalized the Senior Section, and named a new, wildly energetic chair! They will address issues of retirement, health insurance etc. as well as to keep the social spirit of the chapter on the up and up.

FL - Seniors are a large part of the pediatric population in Florida and we actively recruit seniors to participate as leaders and as volunteers.

DE - In November, we hosted a breakfast for seniors with the goal to reignite the committee. There have been several members that expressed interest and given the handbook, however no one has committed to it.

DC - George Cohen has been pursuing the senior members to determine what types of activities they are interested in having the chapter undertake with them or on their behalf.

CT - We were able to allow Dr Robert LaCamera to present his work on environmental issues and plastics in particular, to the attendees of our Annual Meeting.

CA 4 - The Chapter recruits retired pediatricians to volunteer at several community health venues. Of note is the involvement of seniors at the El Sol preschool which provides a health clinic that cares for up to 500 families in a high need area offering health screening to “at-risk” and underserved school children.

CA 2 - 1. A Committee on Service, Education and Mentoring was formed in 2007 by Chapter senior physicians as one vehicle through which senior physicians can remain involved in the Chapter
2. Discounted Chapter membership is offered to retired AAP fellows.

BC - We offer a lower cost membership to retired pediatricians.

AL - The Chapter leadership often relies on the wise counsel of past presidents, and is currently looking at adopting a mentoring program that partners the wisdom of past leaders with young pediatricians in leadership roles.

AK - We encourage our retiring Pediatricians to maintain their chapter membership free of charge. They are encouraged to become involved in legislative advocacy and mentoring