

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS DISTRICT I RESIDENT SECTION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2006

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Welcome to District I of the American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section! The first newsletter of the year will provide you with an overview of the resident section in addition to several great ideas from District I residency program initiatives already in place. It will also provide you with contact information for elected district officers and program delegates for the 2006 academic year in addition to a list of important dates and deadlines.

Section Overview **What is the Resident Section?**

The section on residents of the AAP was founded in 1889 in order to enable residents, post residency training fellows, and medical students of the AAP to meet for the purpose of developing ideas and generating programs and projects which will improve the care of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The Resident Section serves in a consulting capacity to the AAP Board of Directors and makes recommendations regarding policy statements related to pediatric residency training and other matters relating to the education and well being of pediatric residents. The section is made up of ten districts based on geographic location, except for two military chapters in District I and VIII, and has over 9,000 members.

The leadership of the Resident Section consists of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary. Sarah Corathers MD, Christopher Strother MD and Angela Fimbres MD will serve in these positions for the academic year 2005-2006. The executive committee also consists of District Coordinators and Assistant District Coordinators from each of the ten districts. Finally, the section also has over twenty liaisons to AAP Committees, other Sections, and outside organizations. These liaisons report to the Section either in person at one of the two Resident Executive Committee meeting per year and/or in writing to be included in the agenda book or for inclusion in the Resident Report.

The Resident Section publishes *Resident Report*, twice a year and a bimonthly email newsletter both of which update resident membership on section activities and issues. The Section also provides educational programming at the National Conference and Exhibition of the American

Academy of Pediatrics consisting of a keynote address, two educational breakout sessions, district meetings, elections, and general sessions.

Some of the main initiatives of the Resident Section include rewarding residents for local advocacy projects, supporting residents with grants for international electives, NCE travel, financial-need based scholarships, and for residents wishing to complete research during residency. The Section has several subcommittees charged with marketing resident/Academy services, recognizing local residents, and providing educational resources to residents. Please explore your section and district information further at <http://www.aap.org/sections/resident>.

New Executive Committee Officers for District I

Jennifer Owen, your Assistant District Coordinator from last year was elected by the District I Program Delegates present at the NCE in Oct 2005 to be the District Coordinator for the 2005-2006 academic year. She is a PGY-3 at the National Capital Consortium Pediatrics Residency Program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC and therefore a member of the Uniformed Services Chapter of District I. She has recently married and changed her name to Jennifer Hanowell. Alex Holston was elected to the position of Assistant District Coordinator. He previously served as the liaison to the Section on Administration and Practice Management and is currently a PGY 3 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia, also a member of the Uniformed Services Chapter of District I. The District and Assistant District Coordinator communicate directly with the Residency Program Delegates, who are chosen by the residency program as voting delegates at the AAP NCE or national annual conference, usually held in the fall of each academic year. The program delegate list is currently being updated on the district website, but can also be found below:

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District I Program Highlights

Please write with any new resident achievements and program activities to include, but not limited to, AAP grants and scholarships, advocacy campaigns or educational lectures to jchanowell@aap.net. Feel free to contact program delegates for more information on how to start a similar program at your institution!

1. **District I proposed resolution to evaluate the need for legislation regulating seat belts in school buses passed unanimously** at the 2005 NCE in Washington DC. From there, the resolution will be passed to an oversight committee to determine the best course of action for evaluation. More to follow...

2. **Yale-New Haven Medical Center:** Lobbied in Hartford against Medicaid changes and in support of a bill to ban junk food and soda from schools. Also, organized a Katrina relief fund assisted by matching funds from the institution of Yale itself.

3. **Maine Medical Center:** Collected signatures in support of legislation to eliminate soda from vending machines and over-haul the nutritional program on a state-wide level. Residents also participated in an exchange program with Haiti. Finally, residents established a program to bring legal aid into the clinic twice a week.

4. **University of Connecticut:** Residents are currently connecting with international medical needs in Paraguay and Africa, in addition to work on programs aimed at preventative screening of tuberculosis.

5. **Brown University-** hosted the 2nd Northeast Residency Advocacy Conference including a panel discussion, resident poster session and numerous workshops. The program is the recipient of several catch grants in adolescent leadership and refugee health and is involved in a 1 month

clinic exchange program to Cambodia. Finally, the Young Doctors Club, a program taking middle-schoolers who are interested in the medical field and matches them up with residents who show them a "day-in-the-life-of-a-resident" has been very successful.

6. University of Vermont- Residents organize and operate weekly clinics for local refugees in need of medical care, in addition to spear heading a community obesity project.

7. Massachusetts General Hospital- Pediatrics residents are currently coordinating a residency day at the state house tentatively planned for March, 2006. More information to come, but all are invited! Contact the program delegate for more information!

Important Dates and Deadlines

Pediatrics Ethics Essay Contest: 1,000-1,500 words with 5-10 references identifying an ethical issue in pediatrics and describing the author's ethical approach. \$200-\$300 awards in addition to publication in the Section on Bioethics Newsletter . DEADLINE January 31, 2006 to bioethics@aap.org. Email abaker@aap.org or call 1-800-433-9016 for more information.

Resident CATCH Application: Up to \$3000 for pediatric residents to develop or implement proposals for innovative, community-based proposals to increase children's access to health care. DEADLINE: January 31, 2006. www.aap.org/catch/residentgrants.htm.

Resident Research Grant: \$2000- \$3000 research grants awarded to resident members who initiate and complete research projects related to their professional interests. DEADLINE: Feb 3, 2006. <https://www.aap.org/sections/resident/ResAppForms/research2005-view.cfm> for the application.

Resident Section Scholarship: \$1000- \$5000 scholarships awarded to resident members based on financial need and hardship. DEADLINE: February 3, 2006. For the application, go to <https://www.aap.org/sections/residents/ResAppForms/scholarship2005-view.cfm>.

Legislative Conference for the AAP: Sign up to attend the 3 day conference in Washington, DC from April 2-4, 2006 that focuses on teaching the pediatrician how to understand the federal and state legislative processes, acquire skills to successfully impact congress and state legislatures and develop strategies to effectively utilize the media. Participants visit with a member of congress, have hands-on work sessions, and start building relationships with peers, politicians and the press. DEADLINE. February 3, 2006. <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/washing/legconf06.pdf>

One-day Advocacy Training: February 2, 2006, 8:30 am to 4 pm, in Washington, DC. Peds residents get a full morning of advocacy training, including learning basic skills and discussing in-depth one child health legislative issue. The afternoon is spent meeting with congressional offices to effectively present that issue and put new advocacy skills to use. kbutterfield@aap.org.

Free AAP email address: Free app.net email address under personal profile that you can link directly to your academic or personal email account. NO DEADLINE !

AAP NCE 2006: Atlanta, GA from October 7-10. It's never too early to start planning....

Watch for the next posting in March and contact Jen or Alex with new questions!

