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District II - New York State

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National Conference & Exhibition
Atlanta 2006, Oct. 7-10

Registration continues thru October 4th!

Resident Section Annual Assembly

Meets Saturday, October 7

- Keynote address will focus on obesity
- National and District officers will be elected
- Resolutions will be debated
- Education Workshops on motivational interviewing and oral health
- Advocacy Workshops on international health and talking with your congressman

Resolutions?!

An AAP member's (that's YOU!) way of influencing Academy to:

- o Develop policy
- o Inaugurate a program/activity
- o Change operating procedures

Resolutions can be submitted at the NCE or in advance (online Member Center (see more below)). Samples of resolutions are also accessible there.

We know that the resident life is busy and may not include trips to Atlanta, so the rest of the newsletter will focus on other aspects of your AAP membership...

AAP Membership includes:

- Pediatric Review and Education Program (PREP) - annual Self-Assessment Exercise Questions (200-250 questions) and monthly Pediatrics in Review
- Pediatrics and AAP News
- Red Book, Yellow Book (nutrition), Green Book (environmental health)
- Pedialink and Pedsjobs
- Leadership opportunities within the Resident Section or as liaison to other sections within the AAP or organizations outside the AAP
- Grants for research projects, international travel or community advocacy



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How to learn more about being a Resident Member

www.aap.org/sections/resident

The Resident website is not the greatest thing since sliced bread, however, a new portal is being introduced at the NCE.

Currently, some of the useful information that can be found:

- About Us – info on the structure of the AAP, benefits of membership, etc.
- Career Planning – finding a job, fellowships, CV writing, boards, PREP
- Child Advocacy – basic how-to for the state and federal level
- Grants/Awards – application forms and deadlines
- Resident Report – released twice a year, available on line back to 2000
- FAQs – more than we can cover here!!
- Leadership – how to get more involved within your program, district, or nationally

Other AAP Membership Information

Member Center can be accessed from www.aap.org

Helpful Hint: Your membership number is 6 digits long and on the publications you receive. Your initial password is the first 12 letters of your last name.

Advocacy within the Resident Section

- Within the AAP Resident Section Executive Committee there is an advocacy subcommittee. Each year they pick an advocacy issue to focus on. The resident section advocacy project for 2006 will focus on the **Deficit Reduction Act**, passed in February 2006.
- Currently the Resident Section is working with the Committee on Federal Government Affairs to develop interactive training for residents.
- The first interactive CD will provide information on how to become an effective advocate, the contact information of local AAP chapters and local congressmen.
- The second CD will address the specifics of the DRA.
- Both CDs will be presented during the Resident Section Annual Assembly (with a little how-to) and then distributed to the program delegates.
- If you have any questions please contact preeti.jain@mssm.edu

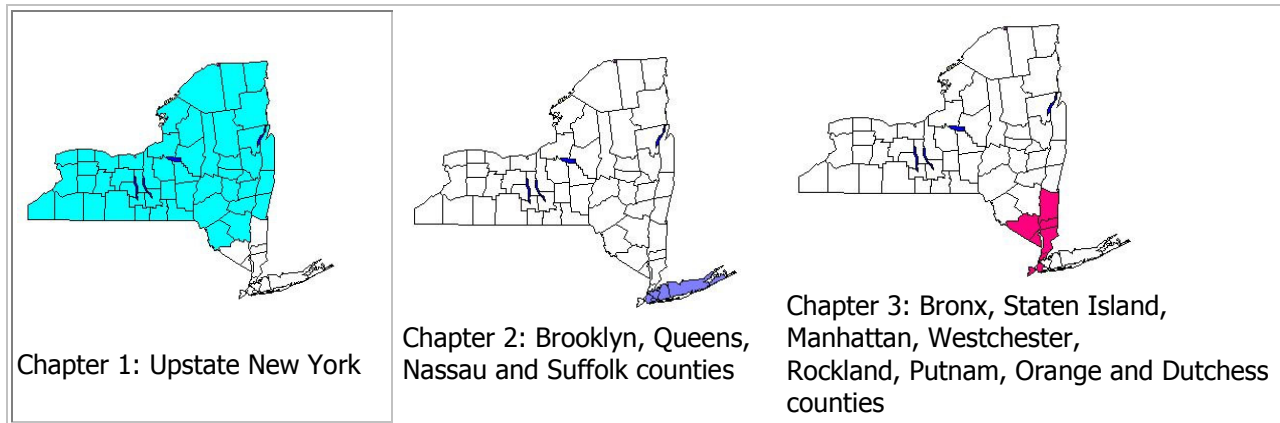
Other avenues for advocacy within the AAP

You can get more involved through the Federal Advocacy Action Network, and the website www.aap.grassroots.com has important federal advocacy links. Each year there is also a Federal Legislative Day in the spring (it will be posted on that site). District II has a State Legislative Day each winter (you can learn more at www.aapdistrictii.org).

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More about District II

- New York is a District unto itself. (California is the only other state like this, other districts include 3 to 11 states each.)
- Each District has an executive committee with two resident members – the District Coordinator and Assistant District Coordinator. The DC and ADC are elected at the Resident Section Annual Assembly (at the National Conference and Exhibition). Until then, the DC is Preeti Jain from Mt. Sinai (preeti.jain@mssm.edu) and Jenni Linebarger from the University of Rochester (Jennifer_linebarger@urmc.rochester.edu).
- The District is divided into three geographic Chapters:



- Each chapter has *its* own executive committee and its own resident representative. The resident rep is voted on at Annual Assembly... Until then, the reps are:
 - o Jennifer Trask, University of Buffalo (jlpayne@buffalo.edu)
 - o Monique Richards, SUNY Brooklyn (moe_richards@yahoo.com)
 - o Carrie Long, Columbia University (caroline.long@columbia.edu)
- Each residency program should also have a program delegate. If you don't know who your PD is, check with your residency program director (they have to submit a name to the national organization).