

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
SECTION ON RESIDENTS (SORe)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes

**Friday, October 10, 2008
Boston, MA**

Members Present:

Jennifer Linebarger, MD, Chairperson
Amy Jost, MD, Vice Chairperson
Melissa Pujazon-Zazik, MD, MPH, Secretary
Ashley Brunelle, MD, District I Assistant Coordinator
Thomas Hermann, MD, District II Assistant Coordinator
Tyler Smith, MD, District III Coordinator
Lanre Omojokun, MD, District III Assistant Coordinator
Stephen Pont, MD, District IV Coordinator
Norah Ledyard, DO, District V Assistant Coordinator
Daniel Schumacher, MD, District VI Coordinator
Elizabeth Newell, MD, District VI Assistant Coordinator
Rachel Dawkins, MD, District VII Coordinator
Julia Conlon, MD, District VII Assistant Coordinator
CAPT. Renee Matos, MD, District VIII Coordinator
Kathy Anderson, MD, District VIII Assistant Coordinator
Caroline Castleforte, MD, District IX Assistant Coordinator
Sarosh Batlivala, MD, District X Coordinator, Clinical Case Co-chair
Jessica Kirk, MD, District X Assistant Coordinator
Christopher Strother, MD, Immediate Past Chairperson

Members Excused:

CAPT. Devon Kuehn, MD District I Coordinator
Patrick Dolan, MD, District II Coordinator
Denise Aronzon, MD, District IV Assistant Coordinator
Chike Madueme, MD, District V Coordinator
Mana Golzari, MD, District IX Coordinator

Guests Present:

Dipesh Navsaria, MD, MPH, MSLIS, Liaison, CATCH
Michael Warren, MD, FAAP, Liaison, COFGA

Staff Present:

Julie Raymond, Manager Young Physician Initiatives
Terri Howard, Director Division of Member Services & Relations

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Jennifer Linebarger, MD welcomed the outgoing executive committee at 1:20pm. Everyone told something new about themselves that had happened over the last 6 months.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from February 8-10, 2008 were approved. Action items were reviewed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr Linebarger gave a recap of the last year. The section gained a lot momentum this year. Attendance at meetings was better. The section name change is on consent calendar for the Board's October meeting. We are also being asked to speak at more meetings about resident and young physician areas of interest and issues.

ACTION: Dr Linebarger will share the PowerPoint presentation from the Perinatal-Fellows meeting with the executive committee.

Dr Batlivala gave an overview of the clinical case program. There will be 10 clinical case posters, approximately 4 international travel grant posters, as well as resident district boards at the reception. Johnson and Johnson will again be supporting the reception this year.

Dr Linebarger reviewed the agenda and process for Saturday's resident assembly. Each of the District Coordinators (DCs) and Assistant District Coordinators (ADCs) have specific agendas to follow during the lunch breakouts. They were asked to try to fill the chapter resident representative positions. The DCs and ADCs were also asked to keep in touch with the new DCs and ADCs to assist in the transition.

Dr Batlivala then reviewed this year's advocacy campaign on tobacco cessation. There recently was a CD from the Richmond Center sent out to program directors. The CD being distributed to residents at the assembly has all of the same information on it, but also includes a morning report presentation and a longer presentation that residents can give at their programs. Dr Batlivala will now be working with the Richmond Center staff on an evaluation. It was suggested to put information on the YoungPeds Network (YPN) about how to do an advocacy project. Programs can then use this information to fulfill ACGME requirements. It will be important to stay in touch with the program delegates this year to see how the advocacy campaign is being utilized.

The section's new name, the Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT), will officially be approved by the Board at their meeting at the NCE. The SOMSRFT executive committee will need to now work at improving and promoting benefits and resources for medical students and fellowship trainees.

The Resident Initiative Fund program was briefly discussed. The program will once again be funded in 08/09, but this year by the AAP Friends of Children Fund. It was suggested to follow up with 07/08 recipients to determine their success.

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

Ms Raymond briefly reviewed the 08/09 Resident Strategic Plan. In preparation for the Resident Planning Meeting in February, there will be a resident survey disseminated to staff. This information will then be used to collect, promote and involve residents in specific project opportunities. This will specifically address the Lead/Advocate objective. As for the Education/Quality objective, the redesign of the PediaLink Resident Center and Program Director Center is schedule for 2009. A specific date is not yet available. There continue to be a handful of members from the SOMSRFT executive committee on the PediaLink workgroup. A suggestion was made to have a prompt on the site to ask residents to update their contact information. Finally, to fulfill the Professional Home objective, there will be additional resources available at the resident reception this year to promote added value in Academy membership. The Department of Membership is also working on a Resident to Candidate Bridge Packet to be marketed to graduating residents in hopes to improve retention rates post-graduation.

The section's budget was then reviewed. The section continues to have a healthy non-core reserve balance. Everyone agreed that keeping approximately \$30,000 in the reserve fund in case Resident Report funding was lost was crucial. The executive committee would like to continue giving out grants for the International Elective Award program and the Legislative Conference.

There have been some recent frustrations with the resident listservs, specifically with regard to executive committee access. They would like to see listserv upkeep made a priority over the coming year.

The section has been asked to respond to the 2008 resolutions. Ms Raymond was seeking three authors to write up the responses.

ACTION: Ms Raymond will share examples of resolution responses with Drs Strother, Linebarger and Batlivala in order for them to put the resolution responses together.

LIAISON REPORTS

Dr Navsaria gave the Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) liaison report. CATCH approved its 1000th grant this cycle! This is a significant milestone for a program that has really made a big difference in community pediatrics. In addition, this year marks the 15-year anniversary for the program. With the meeting in April, we approved the second cycle of grants for 2008. This most recent round of applications led to 27 of 63 CATCH Implementation grants and 15 of 23 CATCH Resident grants funded. Given the growing interest in CATCH grants, the desire for appropriate allocation of funds remains an on-going discussion as CATCH solidifies its goals. IRB approval as related to resident grants was discussed given the lengthy process it presents to time constrained residents. In addition, the issue of IRB review for *all* CATCH grants was discussed. Given that we encourage grantees to share their findings (and even provide a venue for it via poster sessions), it is clearly important for our technical assistance process to include IRB advice. Prior to the national meeting in April, the District CATCH Residents Liaisons

were contacted for any concerns or questions to be discussed at the meeting. One matter of importance addressed was the difficulty in acquiring contact information for pediatric residency programs so as to promote the CATCH program. The possibility of a list of chief residents or of the current AAP representatives was discussed. CATCH and Healthy Tomorrows Training on August 15th-16th successfully united 157 health care providers from 44 states including five of the District CATCH Resident Liaisons and the two National CATCH Resident Liaisons. We achieved our goals of networking, acquiring new skills and sharing experiences through workshops, plenary sessions and roundtable discussions.

Dr Warren gave the Committee on Federal Government Affairs (COFGA) liaison report. The Mental Health Parity Bill passed Congress attached to the Economic Stimulus Bill. The SCHIP reauthorization will run out March 30, 2009. It was thought that the SCHIP reauthorization would take center stage in January/February 2009, but it most likely will take a back seat to the current economic issues. The Immunization Coalition (www.vaccinateyourbaby.org) has involved actress Amanda Peet as their spokesperson. There are currently two public service announcements being publicized. The Tobacco Bill has passed the House, however it is not through the Senate yet. The Richmond Center is holding a training just prior to the Future of Pediatrics Conference. The Legislative Conference is once again going to be held at the end of March. The AAP Federal Affairs Office continues to address the loan deferment issue. Dr Warren also wanted to make everyone aware of a series of Web casts from Kaiser Foundation on McCain/Obama debate coming on October 16, 2008.

One of the executive committee members mentioned that the FAAN/Key Contact information on the YPN is not clearly written, specifically what the difference is between the two.

ACTION: Ms Raymond will work with Federal Affairs staff to update the YPN Web page on FAAN and Key Contact information.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Brief reports were given by each of the districts. The resident district newsletters have improved dramatically over the years. They have become a great resource for the residents in their districts, but also for the district leadership.

ACTION: Ms VandenBrook will update executive committee members with the grant recipients for their district newsletters.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Raymond
Manager, Young Physician Initiatives