

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS  
SECTION ON MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS &  
FELLOWSHIP TRAINEES (SOMSRFT)  
*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING***

*Minutes*

**Sunday, October 12, 2008  
Boston, MA**

**Members Present:**

Amy Jost, MD, Chairperson  
Joshua Smith, MD, Vice Chairperson  
Sarosh Batlivala, MD, Secretary  
Ashley Brunelle, MD District I Coordinator  
Lanre Omojokun, MD, District III Coordinator  
Jennifer Wolford, DO, District III Assistant Coordinator  
Jennifer Williams, DO, District IV Coordinator  
Katherine Snyder, MD, District IV Assistant Coordinator  
Stephen Patrick, MD, District V Coordinator  
Meghan Keaton, MD, District V Assistant Coordinator  
Daniel Schumacher, MD, District VI Coordinator, Medical Student Chair  
Julia Conlon, MD, District VII Coordinator  
Elizabeth Ann Thyssen, MD, District VII Assistant Coordinator  
David Tayloe, III, MD, District VIII Coordinator  
Kathy Anderson, MD, District VIII Assistant Coordinator  
Caroline Castleforte, MD, District IX Coordinator  
Christina Robinson, MD, District IX Assistant Coordinator  
Jessica Kirk, MD, District X Coordinator  
Sara Slovin, MD, District X Assistant Coordinator  
Jennifer Linebarger, MD, Immediate Past Chairperson

**Members Excused:**

Olive Eckstein, MD, District I Assistant Coordinator  
Hina Talib, MD, District II Coordinator  
Melissa Grageda, MD, District II Assistant Coordinator  
Clara Filice, MD, District VI Assistant Coordinator

**Guest Present:**

Herbert Winograd, MD, FAAP – SFMC Liaison

**Staff Present:**

Julie Raymond, Manager Young Physician Initiatives

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Amy Jost, MD welcomed the new executive committee at 8:45am. An ice breaker was utilized to introduce everyone and to learn a bit more about one another.

Dr Jost let everyone know that the Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT) executive committee has a private group on Facebook. It was suggested to the executive committee to go on Facebook and request access to the group. Current administrators of the group are Drs Linebarger, Jost, Dawkins and Ms Raymond.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

The Committee reviewed the Academy's policy on Conflict of Interest and Voluntary Disclosure. Members were given an opportunity to disclose any direct or indirect financial interests, or any personal, family or other relationships that conflict (or could have the appearance of conflicting) with their duties, responsibilities, or exercise of impartial and objective judgment with respect to the meeting's agenda.

There were no disclosures.

## **RESIDENT REPORT NEWSLETTER**

As secretary of SOMSRFT, Dr Batlivala led the discussion on authors and topics for the next issue of Resident Report. The spring 2009 issue is scheduled to mail on March 15.

Insights inside: Dr Slovin will write an article on going with your gut when you feel something is happening with a patient

Point/Counterpoint: The topic will be on the decrease of resident duty hours to 56 hours; Dr Kirk will write against decreasing hours and Dr Williams will for the decrease in duty hours. It was suggested to not include information in the article on extending residency.

Resident Reception: Dr Castleforte will write the article this year on the resident reception.

Angles on Advocacy: Dr Snyder will write an article on PUSH.

Career Corner: Dr Schumacher will write an article on how to be a teaching clinician. Dr Castleforte will write an article for the fall issue on leadership training. Dr Smith offered to assist Dr Castleforte with the article.

Diversions: Dr Omojokun will write an article about Facebook etiquette for residents.

Practice Management: Either Dr Linebarger or the DC/ADC from District II will write an article on sailing into practice.

Creative Learning: Dr Brunnelle will write about the funding she received from the Resident Initiative Fund for her book club.

Educational Update: Dr Batlivala will write an article on PediaLink, PREP materials, studying for boards, and the Pediatric Care Online (PCO). It was suggested to include the PCO logo.

Dr Winograd stopped by the meeting to introduce himself. He is the section's representative to the Section Forum Management Committee (SFMC). The SFMC handles all section specific requests and issues. He can carry forward anything the section would like to do or address as needed.

## **DISTRICT AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR ORIENTATION**

Dr Jost gave an overview of the meetings that the executive committee would be required to attend in 2009. Everyone from the executive committee is invited to attend the Long Range Planning Meeting (LRPM) in February and their District meetings that are scattered throughout the summer. The section's officers and DCs are invited to attend the Resident Planning Meeting, just following the LRPM, and the Annual Leadership Forum (ALF). If the DC can't attend the ADC is invited in their place. The AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) is in Washington, DC in 2009. Please plan now to get these dates off.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will send letters out to DCs/ADCs program directors and chief residents notifying them of their achievement within the section and the required meeting dates.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will change the ALF attendance requirement in the SOMSRFT absence policy.

The importance of communicating with program delegates over the next year was stressed with the DCs and ADCs. This task can be the hardest part of the DCs/ADCs job. Some strategies were shared with the executive committee such as taking down information from the program delegates at the district lunches and using it to follow up with them. It was suggested to follow up with the program delegates immediately following the NCE by sending out an email. Personally writing to the program delegates can also increase your response rate. You can utilize the same email, just change the greeting to address them personally.

**ACTION:** Staff will put the new DCs and ADCs on program delegate listservs. Staff will also confirm that they are on their appropriate resident listserv.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will send the link to the Young Physician Guide to the AAP to the executive committee.

Each DC/ADC is required to put together three district e-newsletters for the year. The deadline for the first newsletter is December 1<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested to provide a recap of the NCE. A site called yousendit.com can send large files for free. Make sure to list your contact info in the newsletter, as well as the program delegates name and email address. Other items to include in the e-newsletter are the web addresses to district Web pages, information from Ms Raymond or Ms VandenBrook, grant information, upcoming meeting dates and locations, local CME events, any hot topics, information on Vision 2020, and information from the YPN What's New Web page. DCs and ADCs should encourage their program delegates to print out the e-newsletter and post on a bulletin board at their residency program. The DCs and ADCs should also be sending the district e-newsletter to their district leadership.

**ACTION:** Staff will update the district leadership spreadsheets and email them out to the DCs and ADCS.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will follow up with the staff person for the Council on School Health regarding money for residents to include in the district e-newsletters.

**ACTION:** Staff will update the program delegate information on district Web pages, as well as make sure the information is accurate on listservs.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will send out the District Coordinator (DC) and Assistant District Coordinator (ADC) info sheets to utilize for the District Web pages on the YoungPeds Network (YPN).

### **DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES FOR COMING YEAR**

Ms Raymond gave an overview of the 08/09 resident strategic plan. There are three domains to the plan, 1) Lead/Advocate, 2) Education/Quality, and 3) Professional Home. The section's subcommittees are arranged to align with each of the plan's domains. This year's plan includes initiatives around providing additional leadership and involvement opportunities for residents, enhancing and promoting the PediaLink Resident Center, and communicating the value of membership beyond residency. Additional information on the plan and its progress will be reported on at the section's long range planning meeting in February.

### **SUBCOMMITTEES**

The work of each of the section's subcommittees was reviewed. Subcommittee members were selected as follows:

Lead/Advocate: Co-Chairs will be Drs Snyder and Slovin; members will be Drs Patrick, Williams, Tayloe, Eckstein, and Batlivala.

Education/Quality: Chair will be Dr Brunelle; members will be Drs Keaton, Omojokun, Grageda, Thyssen and Wolford

Professional Home: Chair will be Dr Kirk; members will be Drs Anderson, Robinson, Schumacher, Conlon, Smith and Castleforte

### **LIAISON REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

See ATTACHMENT A for a summary of the liaison report highlights.

**ACTION:** Dr Patrick will email the AMA advocacy issue brief to Dr Linebarger.

Dr Jost noted in Dr Riebschleger's report that the Pediatric Residency and Review Committee (RRC) wants to talk with AAP leadership. The Pediatric RRC is looking at adding an additional resident. Dr Riebschleger will be staying on in the role of a fellow. The Pediatric RRC would like one of each on their committee. They are waiting on approval from the Accrediation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will follow up with Dr Riebschleger regarding the RRC's request to speak with AAP leadership.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will follow up with Mr Jewett to see if he has heard from the ACGME with regards to adding another resident to the Pediatric RRC.

Dr Krista Smith, liaison to the Section on Early Education and Child Care (SOEECC), commented to Dr Jost during the resident assembly that the section was going to fund her travel to the NCE, but then retracted.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will follow on Dr Krista Smith's funding from the SOEECC to attend the NCE.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will follow up with Federal Affairs staff to determine if residents are automatically signed up for the FAAN and as a Key Contact or if they must sign up on their own. An article can then be placed in the resident district newsletters.

**ACTION:** Dr Slovin will send Ms Raymond the PowerPoint and article on navigating the AAP Federal Affairs Web pages and the AAP media Web pages.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will link NCE 2008 liaison summary to liaison page on the YPN.

### **MEDICAL STUDENT DISCUSSION**

Dr Schumacher briefly discussed his ideas for leading the Medical Student Subcommittee. He would like to have additional help from the executive committee either in the form of an additional co-chair or assistance and support with some of the work coming out of the subcommittee. It was suggested to put together a medical student task force, with Dr Schumacher as the chair and Drs Williams, Patrick and Brunelle.

### **MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

The executive committee discussed the need for a fellowship task force now that the section's name has changed to be more inclusive of this member group. Drs Linebarger and Jost agreed to be on this task force.

Liaison applications will be due just following the NCE. A review committee was formed with the task of reviewing all the liaison applications and choosing the most suitable liaison for each of the openings. Drs Snyder, Tayloe, Brunelle, Omojokun and Smith will review the applications.

**ACTION:** Ms Raymond will pass along the liaison applicants that aren't selected to the staff person for that section/council so that they can find ways for them to still get involved.

The first cycle of the International Elective Awards recently ended. Drs Robinson, Castleforte and Batlivala will review and choose the award recipients. The deadline for reviewing the applications is November 15.

The AAP Department of Membership is putting together a resident to candidate bridge packet to help educate graduating residents on their membership categories and benefits as they finish residency. Ms Raymond asked for two executive committee members to sit on the workgroup. Drs Linebarger and Kirk will help with putting the packet together.

Every year at this meeting a clinical case co-chair is chosen. Dr Castleforte will be the primary chair and Dr Wolford will be the secondary co-chair.

A welcome message from the current chair of the section is posted on the YPN.

**ACTION:** Dr Jost will write the welcome letter for YPN.

Ms Raymond explained to the executive committee that the AAP Department of Membership is being tasked with identifying and moving forward the top two priorities of each of the sections within the department. The executive committee agreed that the top two priorities of the section this year are, 1) its name change to the Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees and increasing opportunities and benefits for medical students and fellowship trainees, and 2) the section's advocacy campaign.

It was suggested to ALF staff by Dr Jenkins to have the AAP Executive Committee meet at the ALF with both the SORe and the SOYP executive committees. Only if there is enough time in the schedule will the meeting take place. Suggested discussion topics included, 1) reaching out to medical students/fellowship trainees, 2) funding for travel to meetings (residents, medical students and fellowship trainees), 3) advocacy campaign and taking it to the next level with the chapter leadership.

Dr Jost recognized Dr Linebarger for her contributions to the last year as chair to the section. She was presented with an AAP plaque.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Raymond  
Manager, Young Physician Initiatives

# ATTACHMENT A

## October 2008 Liaison Reports

### AMA – Henry Lin

- Working in concert with AAP on legislation for medical education debt repayment (want to reinstate 20/220 pathway)
- Working with ACGME to ensure coverage of health benefits begin on first day of employment without a waiting period
- National campaign to cover the uninsured – “Voice for the Uninsured”
- Resolutions: eval of increasing RRC requirements, FMLA policies for residents and fellows, enforcement of Duty Hours to improve safety, and several others

### Section on Internal Medicine/Pediatrics – Jackie Meeks

- Medical student outreach: quarterly e-newsletters to medstuds applying for AAP membership who checked med peds interest
- Resident poster competition – two winners present posters at AAP med peds section event
- Documents revised and available at section website: Med-Peds 101, Med-Peds Fellowship Guide, Med-Peds Job Search Guide
  - Add to med student website?

### Section on International Child Health (SOICH) – Sheila Ravendhran

- Section giving financial and technical support to the Haitian Pediatric Society (HPS) to “empower” pediatricians in Haiti
- Resident travel grants – 14 distributed; consider encouraging residents to apply through local chapter first if grants available?
- International Community Access to Child Health (I-CATCH) Grants Program: designed to give financial and technical support to pediatricians in developing/emerging countries to implement a community-based health initiative to improve access to child health care – 6 awarded

### Section on Hospital Medicine (SOHM) – Julia Aquino

- Ongoing discussion at meetings about hospital medicine fellowship programs
- Working to establish an area on SOHM website specifically for residents – place to read listserv threads, access info about fellowship
- ? lobby to allow residents to join 1-3 sections at no cost (frequent burning issue of prior years as well....)
- 4 residents awarded \$500 travel grants to pediatric hospital medicine conference – write piece for newsletter for Section news journal
- Working to develop a list of possible mentors for residents interested in Hospital medicine

### Section on Home Care – Bea Zepada

- Attended meeting in Chicago 4/11/08; section interested to know what kind of meetings would interest residents; discussed future meetings, resident RRC requirements for Home Care/Medical Home; home visits for residents

### Section on Epidemiology – Odiraa Nwankwor

- Section has developed slides “Reading the Medical Literature” directed at residency programs; will be accessible through PediaLink
- Interest in recruiting more resident members; Section is trying to contact Program Directors to get them to disseminate info on how residents can join sections of their choice on graduation

### Section on Early Education and Child Care (SOEECC) – Krista Smith

- First resident liaison, participated in conference call; provisional to permanent section July 1, 2008
- Section website ([www.healthychildcare.org](http://www.healthychildcare.org)) has resources for parents, child care providers, and health care professionals
- Discussing lack of curriculum re early education and child care in med school/residency programs; plan to develop EECC module and also possible power point presentations on topics such as child health care consultation, advocacy, and infectious diseases

### Section on Child Abuse and Neglect (SOCAN) – Katherine Snyder

- Katherine working to develop online education course that will standardize resident education on child abuse and neglect; collaborating with ACGME/RRC
- Developed a child abuse reference card for pediatric residents; to be included in next revision of AAP’s child abuse CD-ROM
- First child abuse pediatric specialty boards November 16, 2009; preparation course developed by SOCAN

### Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) – Benson Hsu

- Benson recently started role on Editorial Advisory Board of Practice Management Online (PMO) – helping to guide promotion and content of PMO in addressing issues relevant to the new pediatrician
- Section offers info for practitioners on Contract negotiations (PediaLink module, expensive), vaccine financing, quality improvement

### Section on Adolescent Health (SOAH) – Jennifer Chuang

- Section developed “Covering the Bases: Adolescent Sexual Health” – PediaLink module – free to residents?
- Website ([www.aap.org/adolescenthealth](http://www.aap.org/adolescenthealth)) is being redesigned and once complete will have a tab linking to section on residents
- Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health (PRCH) has developed web module for pediatric residents about adolescent medicine
- Lots of discussion about recruitment/retainment of resident members into section, section considering subsidizing portion of \$25 fee

### Pediatrics RRC – Meredith Riebschleger

- Reviewed 100 programs at April meeting
- Revised several subspecialty program requirements and approved first program for new subspec of Pediatric Transplant Hepatology
- Discussing possibility of adding a second resident member to committee to ensure presence of fellow and resident; would require ACGME executive committee approval, so not likely in near future

### Council on School Health (COSH) – Alex Blum

- Learned about debate between medical home proponents who often feel school clinics fragment care and school health proponents who feel school clinics capture population that wouldn’t go to physician otherwise and thus would not have a medical home

- Updated outcomes and objectives of COSH strategic plan

#### **Committee on Residency Scholarships – Tommy Hong**

- Resident liaison encourages residents to apply for scholarships and also encourage residents to be better financial managers using resources:
  - Aap.org/ypn section on financial planning
  - Aamc.org – FIRST program for residents (financial planning)
- \$100,000 from McNeil continues in 2008 to continue with scholarships for residents in need; applications discussed at meeting
- Working on writing a review based on a survey to publish article about resident indebtedness

#### **Committee on Pediatric Research – Jessica Shand**

- primary responsibility is to review Resident Research Grants – funded 15 grants this year, 37 applications reviewed; most common barriers to being selected = inadequate mentorship or project not feasible during residency
- discussions about how to recruit residents into Physician-Scientist Development Program – allows protected time during residency for basic research

#### **Committee on Membership (COM) – Renee Matos**

- AAP changed recently to netFORUM – new database system for membership – however, now have annual billing cycle; need to communicate to AAP if this change is impacting resident and fellow members
- COM concerned about decline in membership of graduating residents (59% retention); programs not permitted to provide forwarding addresses; wonder whether residents could sign waiver intern year so that AAP can solicit addresses from residency program
- Student Assistance Foundation began offering loan consolidation in 2006; only processed 15 consolidations; due to changes in federal law regarding Student Loan industry, SAF not accepting applications since October 1, 2007; actively working to resolve this issue
- Discussions on extending Young Peds Connection to all members; waiting to see how program goes in YP section
- Supported formal addition of post residency training fellows to Section on Residents (name change)

#### **Council on Community Pediatrics – Melissa Briggs**

- Community Pediatrics Self-Assessment tool - may try to link this to ACGME competencies
- Mentorship and Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) grants – one resident grant for reach out and read project
- Working to develop a toolkit for recognizing and addressing disparities in one's own practice
- Resident CATCH grants – 31 grants distributed
- In future greater focus on difficulties faced by young physicians entering primary care practices

#### **Council on Clinical Information Technology (COGIT)**

- Discussed need to recruit more residents and young physicians
- Reviewed new pediatric care online website ([www.pediatriccareonline.org](http://www.pediatriccareonline.org)) , launching soon – residents to receive free one year subscription
- [www.aapcocit.org/emr/index.php](http://www.aapcocit.org/emr/index.php) -- website that reviews current EMR software; want to encourage residents to write in reviews about EMRs used by their hospital
  - Considering distributing online survey to poll residents concerning EMR experiences

#### **Childhood Immunization Support Program Advisory Committee – Jenny Hoetler**

- Ongoing development of eQUIPP module regarding improving vaccination practices in primary care offices
- Developing “vaccine survival guide” to assist physicians to negotiate fair payment for vaccine administration fees
- Also developing educational resources for residents regarding vaccine practices based on survey of residents last year

#### **Section on Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health – Sarah Schlegel**

- Oral health one of top three issues for AAP 2008-2009 strategic agenda
- PEDS21 this year is about Oral Health
- “perceptions of oral health training and attitudes toward performing oral health screenings among graduating pediatric residents” was published in august 2008, concluding residents don't get enough training in oral health and most want more

#### **Committee on Federal Government Affairs – Michael Warren**

- Primary areas of focus include legislation addressing issues relevant to immunizations, access/coverage, tobacco, safety, primary care and the medical home, student loan deferment; Residents should visit AAP Federal affairs website to get updates on above issues; sample letters and talking points available – easy advocacy project!
- Session at NCE related to election “Opportunities and Challenges”; also reception for Key Contacts and FAAN network members

#### **Medical Student Subcommittee / AMSA – Dan Schumacher**

- Medical student subcommittee established this past year; published first ever newsletter in April 2008; 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter after NCE
- Subcommittee positions – 3 Education and Opportunities Workgroup members and 3 Networking Workgroup members
- Student members completed text for Pediatric Interest Group Resource Guide – hope to release soon
- Working with executive committee of COMSEP (committee on medical student education in pediatrics) to strengthen bonds between AAP and individual med schools
- Lots of interest from medical students at AAP booth at AMSA convention