

## 2008-2009 ANNUAL REPORT OF SECTIONS

*Submission Deadline: August 15, 2009*

**Name of Section: Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees**

**Chairperson: Amy Jost Starmer, MD**

**Section Founding Date: 1989**

**Staff Manager: Julie Raymond**

### Membership

<b>Number of Full, Active Members (i.e., do not include members dropped for nonpayment of dues:</b>	<b>Number of Affiliate Members:</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease from Previous Year</b>	<b>Reported Market Share (for medical specialist or surgical subspecialist sections)</b>	<b>% of section members who attend section business meetings</b>	<b>% of section members who return election ballots</b>	<b>% of section members who return surveys</b>
2008-2009: 10,733 2007-2008: 10,442 2006-2007: 10,017 2005-2006: 10,289	2008-2009: 881 2007-2008: 769 2006-2007: 522 2005-2006: 529	2008-2009: +291 2007-2008: +425 2006-2007: -279 2005-2006: +3020*	2008-2009: N/A 2007-2008: 2006-2007: 2005-2006:	2008-2009: 3% 2007-2008: 3% 2006-2007: 4% 2005-2006: 3%	2008-2009: one resident per training program votes in elections 2007-2008: 2006-2007: 2005-2006:	2008-2009: 8% 2007-2008: N/A 2006-2007: 3% 2005-2006: 7%

### **Recruitment activities undertaken this year:**

The Section officially changed their name this year to the Section on Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees. They did this to better include the medical student and post residency training members of the section. Post residency trainees are now be automatically affiliated to the section just like the residents since dues are \$0 for these members. The medical student outreach, activities and resources have increased this last year which has brought about more medical student members in the section.

### Leadership

**Please list the name, city, state, district, and term of each core Executive Committee Member.**

**Amy Jost Starmer, MD**

Brookline, MA

District I

Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09

Chairperson

**Jenni Linebarger, MD**

Rochester, NY

District II

Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09

Immediate Past-Chairperson

**Joshua Smith, MD**

Augusta, GA

District x

Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09

Vice-Chairperson

**Sarosh Percy Batlivala, MD**  
Gainesville, FL  
District X  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Secretary

**Hina Talib, MD**  
New York, NY  
District II  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Jennifer Wolford, DO**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
District III  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**Stephen Patrick, MD**  
Dexter, MI  
District V  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Clara Filice, MD**  
Chicago, IL  
District VI  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**David Tayloe, III, MD**  
Aurora, CO  
District VIII  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Ashley M. Brunelle, MD**  
Norwich, VT  
District I  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Melissa Grageda, MD**  
Elmhurst, NY  
District II  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**Jennifer Davis Williams, DO**  
Chattanooga, TN  
District IV  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Meghan Keaton, MD**  
Toledo, OH  
District V  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**Julia Conlon, MD**  
Houston, TX  
District VII  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Kathy Anderson, MD**  
Honolulu, HI  
District VIII  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**Olive Eckstein, MD**  
Boston, MA  
District I  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**Olanrewaju (Lanre) Omojokun, MD**  
Arlington, VA  
District III  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Katherine Snyder, MD, MPH**  
Louisville, KY  
District IV  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**Daniel Schumacher, MD**  
Madison, WI  
District VI  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Elizabeth Ann Thyssen, DO**  
Corpus Christi, TX  
District VII  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
Assistant District Coordinator

**Caroline Castleforte, MD**  
Los Angeles, CA  
District IX  
Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
District Coordinator

**Christina Robinson, MD**  
 San Francisco, CA  
 District IX  
 Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
 Assistant District Coordinator

**Jessica Kirk, MD**  
 Mobile, AL  
 District X  
 Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
 District Coordinator

**Sara Slovin, MD**  
 Gainesville, FL  
 District X  
 Term: 10/12/08 – 10/18/09  
 Assistant District Coordinator

<b>1<sup>st</sup> executive committee meeting this fiscal year</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> executive committee meeting this fiscal year (if applicable)</b>	<b>Dates of newsletter publication</b>	<b>Was the Section represented at the Section Forum (SF) meeting? By whom?</b>	<b>Describe how the executive committee remained in touch with the membership on issues of importance.</b>
Date: 10/12/08 Location: NCE – Boston, MA Quorum*? Yes Staff present? Yes Minutes filed? Yes	Date: 2/20-22/09 Location: Chicago, IL Quorum*? Yes Staff present? Yes Minutes filed? Yes	Fall 2008 Spring 2009	Yes – Amy Jost Starmer, MD, Section Chairperson	Two bi-annual newsletters, 10 resident district e-newsletters, executive committee listserv, 10 resident district listservs, 10 program delegate listservs, 10 medical student listservs, annual business meeting at the NCE & in February, YoungPeds Network web site

**Were bylaws followed? If no, please describe.**

Yes, the bylaws were followed.

**How were new Executive Committee members/officials oriented?**

The Section Chairperson and Section staff person conducted new executive committee member orientation at the NCE following the section’s election. Further instruction is given at the Section’s long range-planning meeting and the Annual Leadership Forum. The orientation includes review of the Academy’s structure, how medical students, residents and fellowship trainees fit within the organization, and how to accomplish the goals of the Section.

**Describe strategies the Section Chairperson uses to:**

- (a) ensure the workload is evenly distributed to all Executive Committee members, and**
- (b) communicate effectively/share the workload with staff.**

The Section has three subcommittees that reflect the overarching goals of the Section’s strategic plan. Each executive committee member is assigned

to a subcommittee and each subcommittee has a chair to oversee the work of that particular subcommittee. In addition, in April 2009, the executive committee initiated monthly conference calls to review current tasks, timelines, updates on work, etc. Regular updates are also given to the entire executive committee via the executive committee listserv. The Section has a written job description for the following: chair, vice chair, secretary, district coordinator, assistant district coordinator, program delegates, liaisons and resident chapter representatives. The vice chair is responsible for working with the liaisons and the district and assistant district coordinators are responsible for working with the program delegates and chapter representatives. There is also a medical student chair that oversees the projects for the medical student members.

### **Section-Sponsored Educational Programs**

**Accepted programs conducted during designated year (sessions proposed for the 2009 NCE should be held for the 2009-2010 report):**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue (NCE, CME, PediaLink, etc)</b>	<b>Type of Session (plenary, small group, workshop, etc)</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Audience (section members, general pediatricians, other)</b>
2008-2009	<i>Growing Up” in the AAP</i>  Breakout sessions: Meet Bright Futures, Meet the Red Book, International Electives & So You’re Expecting...A Life After Residency	NCE	Section H Program	300+	Residents, Medical Students & Post Residency Training members
2007-2008	Personal and Professional Development for Future Pediatricians  Breakout sessions: Career Development & Stress and Balance	NCE	Section H Program	300+	Residents, Medical Students & Post Residency Training members
2006-2007	Meeting the changing needs of children and adolescents  Breakout sessions: Education – motivational interviewing and oral health Advocacy – international health and legislative advocacy	NCE	Section H Program	325	Residents/Medical Students
2005-2006	Pediatrician as Leaders: Making a	NCE	Section H Program	192	Residents/Medical

	Difference in Our Communities Breakout sessions: Leadership and Community Advocacy				Students
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**Programs proposed but not accepted for presentation during designated year (sessions proposed for the 2009 NCE should be held for the 2009-2010 report):**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue (NCE, CME, PediaLink, etc)</b>	<b>Type of Session (plenary, small group, workshop, etc)</b>	<b>Audience (section members, general pediatrics, other)</b>
2008-2009	None			
2007-2008	None			
2006-2007	None			
2005-2006	None			

**If no programs were conducted in a given year, please explain:**

### **Fundraising**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Outside funding obtained for:</b>	<b>Source of outside funding (sponsor):</b>	<b>Amount of funding obtained – Did this amount cover all expenses?</b>	<b>Were AAP Guidelines followed? (Yes/No)</b>
2008-2009	Resident Report Newsletter	McNeil	\$30,000 – YES	YES
	Minority Medical Student Outreach Program	McNeil	\$15,000 – NO	YES
	2008 NCE Program Delegate Award Program	FOCF	\$50,000 – YES	YES
	NCE Resident & Medical Student Reception & Poster Display	Johnson & Johnson (Aveeno Baby)	\$10,000 – YES	YES
	International Elective Award Program	SOMSRFT/SOICH Non-core & Individual Donors	\$5,000 – YES	YES

	Anne E Dyson Child Advocacy Awards	Dyson Foundation Endowment	\$0 – NO; Endowment lost \$	YES
	Residency Scholarships	McNeil	\$100,000 – YES	YES
	Chapter Outreach Program (residents/medical students)	FOCF	\$15,000/\$10,000 – YES	YES
	Resident Initiative Fund Program	FOCF	\$20,000 – YES	YES
	Resident to Candidate Bridge Packet	FOCF	\$10,000 - YES	YES
2007-2008	Resident Report Newsletter	McNeil	\$29,430 – YES	YES
	Minority Medical Student Outreach Program	McNeil	\$15,000 – NO	YES
	2007 NCE Travel Grant Program	Dyson Foundation	\$60,000 – YES	YES
	NCE Resident & Medical Student Reception & Poster Display	Johnson & Johnson (Aveeno Baby)	\$10,000 – YES	YES
	International Elective Travel Grant Program	SORe/SOICH Non-core & Individual Donors	\$6,000 – YES	YES
	Anne E Dyson Child Advocacy Awards	Dyson Foundation Endowment	\$7,000 – YES	YES
	Residency Scholarships	McNeil	\$100,000 – YES	YES
	Chapter Outreach Program (residents)	FOC	\$20,000 – YES	YES
	Resident Initiative Fund Program	Abbott Nutrition	\$25,000 - YES	YES
2006-2007	Resident Report Newsletter	McNeil	\$29,430 – YES	YES
	Minority Medical Student Outreach Program	McNeil	\$15,000 – YES	YES
	2006 NCE Travel Grant Program	Ross	\$10,000 – NO	YES

	NCE Resident & Medical Student Reception & Poster Display	Aveeno Baby (J&J)	\$8,000 – YES	YES
	International Elective Travel Grant Program	SORe/SOICH Non-core & Individual Donors	\$6,000 – YES	YES
	Anne E Dyson Child Advocacy Awards	Dyson Foundation Endowment	\$7,000 – YES	YES
	Residency Scholarships	McNeil	\$100,000 – YES	YES
2005-2006	Resident Report Newsletter	McNeil	\$29,430 – YES	YES
	Chapter/Clerkship Director Medical Student Outreach Program	Friends of Children Fund	\$14,600 – YES	YES
	Minority Medical Student Outreach Program	McNeil	\$15,000 – YES	YES
	2005 NCE Travel Grant Program	Friends of Children Fund	\$51,000 – YES	YES
	NCE Resident & Medical Student Reception & Poster Display	Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company	\$8,000 – YES	YES
	International Elective Travel Grant Program	SORe/SOICH Non-core & Individual Donors	\$11,000 – YES	YES
	Anne E Dyson Child Advocacy Awards	Dyson Foundation Grant	\$7,000 – YES	YES
	Residency Scholarships	Dyson Foundation Grant	\$100,000 – YES	YES
	Hurricane Katrina Resident Relief Grants	McNeil	\$38,400 – YES	YES
	Young Member Portal	McNeil	\$30,000 - YES	YES
		Friends of Children Fund		

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**Section-Sponsored Awards**

<b>Year Est.</b>	<b>Name of Award</b>	<b>Award Eligibility Criteria</b>	<b>How does the Section seek award candidates?</b>	<b>How is the recipient chosen from the field of candidates?</b>
2000	Anne E Dyson Child Advocacy Award	Any resident-sponsored and/or resident led project that seeks to advocate on behalf of children is eligible for this award	Via the Web site, listservs, and newsletters	By a selected review committee of the SOMSRFT Executive Committee

**Publishing**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Type of Publication (Policy Statement, Brochure, Manual, etc)</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
2008-2009	Pediatrics 101	Pediatric career guide for medical students	Medical student inquiries, several medical student national meetings, through calls into CSC, pediatric clerkship directors, AAP Chapters
	SOMSRFT brochure (revised in 2008)	Section Membership brochure	Each year, the brochure is distributed to the new PL-1 classes and at medical student conferences
	YoungPeds Network ( <a href="http://www.aap.org/ypn">www.aap.org/ypn</a> ) w/ monthly email blasts of the “What’s New” content	Web site – launched December 2006	Detailed information about the SOMSRFT programs, services, issues, as well as information

	<p>District e-Newsletters</p> <p>Resident Report Newsletter</p> <p>Director's Digest</p> <p>Resident to Candidate Bridge Packet – titled “AAP: Staying Connected After Residency”</p>	<p>Quarterly e-mailed updates to all Section members by district</p> <p>Section newsletter is published professionally twice a year</p> <p>Quarterly e-newsletter published for residency program directors – housed at <a href="http://www.aap.org/appd">www.aap.org/appd</a></p> <p>Print and online publication</p>	<p>about the overall AAP</p> <p>All Section members included on the resident listservs</p> <p>Distributed to all 10,000+ medical student, resident and fellowship trainee members</p> <p>To program directors via the APPD listerv</p> <p>Sent to all graduating residents in May with 2 AAP luggage tags</p>
2007-2008	<p>Pediatrics 101</p> <p>Resident Section brochure (revised in 2006)</p> <p>YoungPeds Network (<a href="http://www.aap.org/ypn">www.aap.org/ypn</a>) w/ monthly email blasts of the “What’s New” content</p> <p>District Newsletters</p> <p>Resident Report Newsletter</p>	<p>Pediatric career guide for medical students</p> <p>Section Membership brochure</p> <p>Web site – launched December 2006</p> <p>Quarterly e-mailed updates to all Section members</p> <p>Section newsletter is published professionally twice a year</p>	<p>Medical student inquiries to AAP, several medical student national meetings, AAP call center, pediatric clerkship directors, AAP Chapters</p> <p>Each year, the brochure is distributed to the new PL-1 classes and at medical student conferences</p> <p>Detailed information about the Resident Section programs, services, resident issues, as well as information about the overall AAP</p> <p>All residents included on the listservs</p> <p>Distributed to all 10,000 resident and medical student</p>

			members twice a year
2006-2007	SAME as 07/08		
2005-2006	SAME as 07/08		

## **GOALS/OBJECTIVES**

### **Status of Top 5 Goals/Objectives for 2008-2009**

*Goal is a brief, yet broad statement, that describes a desired endpoint or state e.g. Advance Child Health, Increase Member Satisfaction.*

*Objective is a clear, concise statement of a measurable outcome e.g. Increase Membership by 5%, Achieve 90% immunization rates in 50% of states.*

<b>Goal/Objective</b>	<b>Related Activities</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments/Issues</b>
<u>Maintain</u> a state-of-the-art Web site for medical students, residents and fellowship trainees	YoungPeds Network at <a href="http://www.aap.org/ypn">www.aap.org/ypn</a> - YPCConnection - social networking site is under development as an added value to the site on the Web for pediatricians-in-training	Complete	Updates to the YPN are made at a minimum monthly; Web traffic continues to gradually increase, especially around key times of the year (e.g. NCE)
Engage in an annual child advocacy campaign	Tobacco Cessation campaign – partnered with the Richmond Center	Complete	Most successful advocacy campaign to date; completed pre and post launch surveys
Increase and improve communication to section members	YPN – What’s New monthly Web updates and listserv blasts;  Utilized program delegates to communicate advocacy campaign;  Began development of social networking site - YPCConnection	Complete  Complete  In progress	
Provide educational opportunities for medical students and residents	Continue to offer non-traditional educational breakout sessions during the NCE SOMSRFT Assembly;	Complete	Held another successful assembly in Boston; 2009 program to have special session for medical students

	Continue Clinical Case Studies Program	Complete	
Partake in the development of an AAP Resident Agenda	The SOMSRFT Executive Committee provided input and feedback into the resident strategic plan for 08/09 and for the new 09/10 plan in February 2009.	Complete - implemented 08/09 resident strategic plan successfully; planning and implementation for the 09/10 plan is underway.	The SOMSRFT Executive Committee plans to assist in the implementation of the top 3 priorities of the plan from year to year.

**Budget/Administration**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Core Variance</b>	<b>Non-Core Profit/Loss (If the Section does not have a non-core fund, please state this.)</b>	<b>Reserve Fund Balance</b>	<b>Explain significant variances/loss (over \$1,000).</b>	<b>Describe status of plans for using reserve funds.</b>
2008-2009	-6,898.64	+12,165.01	\$49,710.31	Was not able to accurately budget for travel/meal costs in 08/09. This process changed in 09/10 to show actual budget numbers for budgeted expenses.	Plan to keep the money as a reserve to cover Resident Report, in case funding is lost; provide additional activities and resources for medical students; upkeep of the YPN & YPConnection
2007-2008	+\$755.51	+\$11,229.51	\$37,545.30	Final grant payment was not accrued. Will be deposited in non-core account to cover the variance.	Keep the money as a reserve to cover Resident Report, in case funding is lost
2006-2007	\$1782.77	+ \$7951.68	\$26,315.79	Income from J&J for reception	Keep the money as a reserve to cover Resident Report, in case funding is lost
2005-2006	+\$307.90	-\$2699.63	\$18,364.11	Non-core: Long Range Planning Meeting exceeded budget	Keep the money as a reserve to cover Resident Report, in case funding is lost

## Miscellaneous

### List other section activities:

**AAP Residency Scholarship Program** – in May 2009, the Committee on Residency Scholarships (CORS) met and awarded scholarships to 58 of the 147 applicants. Scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

**International Elective Award Program** – in 2008/2009, a total of 12 \$500 travel grants were given to members of SOMSRFT.

**SOMSRFT Resolutions** - The Section drafts and votes on resolutions at the NCE SOMSRFT Assembly, which are then voted upon by the Section Executive Committee and forwarded onto the next Annual Leadership Forum (ALF). All of the resolutions submitted by the Section were voted on favorably at the ALF. The resolution on SOMSRFT vote for president-elect made the top 10 list.

A handful of residents from the SOMSRFT Executive Committee are partaking in the **PediaLink Resident Center/Program Director Center workgroup** working to redesign both areas of the web site.

Amy Jost Starmer, MD (SOMSRFT Chairperson) spoke at the **Association of Pediatric Program Directors** in May 2009. Dr Starmer also serves as the SOMSRFT representative on the AAP Task Force for the Vision of Pediatrics 2020 and as the SOMSRFT representative on the oversight committee for the Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education (IIPE).

The Section was involved in the development of an **Academy Resident Agenda** (strategic plan) that included the attendance at the **Resident Planning Day** in February 2009.

Top three initiatives of the 08/09 plan are:

1. Leadership/Advocacy Domain: Increase and promote resident leadership/ involvement opportunities within the AAP structure
2. Education/Quality Domain: Promote, enhance and maintain PediaLink Resident Center/Program Director Center
3. Professional Home: Communicate the value of continued AAP membership beyond residency

**SOMSRFT Annual Advocacy Campaign** – In 2008/2009 the Section focus their annual advocacy campaign on tobacco cessation. The 2009/2010 campaign will focus on immunizations.

The Section submits quarterly articles for the **Association of Pediatric Program Directors newsletter**.

The Section has a **clinical case studies program**. The top 10 interesting cases are presented at the NCE by resident authors. The top case is published in Index of Suspicion. In 2007, the program was opened to Medical Students.

The Section has a **Section Contributing Author to Grand Rounds**.

The SOMSRFT Executive Committee assisted in the implementation of the **Chapter Outreach Grant Program**. In 07/08 this program was also done collaboratively with the Section on Young Physicians. A total of 17 grants were given out for chapters to do outreach types of activities to medical students, residents and young physicians. Evaluation of the program is ongoing.

**Collaboration with other organizations:**

The Section has several liaisons to other organizations within and outside the Academy. The Section is able to gather information on resident-related issues through these relationships and in many instances, provide feedback to these organizations. These collaborations include: Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM), Residency Review Committee (RRC), Section on Internal Medicine and Pediatrics (SOIMP), Section on Adolescent Health (SOAH), Section on Home Care, (SOHCa), Committee on Federal Government Affairs (COFGA), American Medical Association Resident Fellow Section (AMA-RFS), Council on School Health (COSH), American Medical Student Association (ASMA), American Board of Pediatrics Milestones Project, Council on Community Pediatrics (COCP), Section on Epidemiology (SOEp), Section on International Child Health (SOICH), Section on Child Abuse and Neglect (SOCAN), Subcommittee on Resident Research Grants (RRG) of the Committee on Pediatric Research (COPR), Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) – 2 liaisons, Section on Early Education and Child Care (SOEECC), Pediatric Review and Education Program (PREP), Committee on Residency Scholarships (CORS), Council on Clinical Information Technology (COCIT), Section on Hospital Medicine (SOHM), the Canadian Pediatric Society (CPS) Resident Section, Committee on Pediatric Education (COPE), the AAP Steering Committee on Oral Health and the Section on Dentistry (SOPD), the Childhood Immunization Support Program (CISP), and the Section on Breastfeeding (SOBr).

**Chairperson’s Report**

*Please comment on the activities of your section for 2008-2009 to the extent they are not covered above. Listed below are some general guidelines for your report. Please limit comments and concerns to issues not satisfactorily addressed by your section manager or SFMC representative.*

**Strengths and weaknesses of your section and how you have addressed weaknesses identified**

As noted over the years, one of our strengths is our membership size. As the largest section of the AAP we have the potential to support and broaden the activities of the AAP.

Our size is also our greatest weakness for two reasons: communication among members is difficult. To address the communication concerns we have intervened at many levels:

- Program directors: Improved communication through the Director’s Digest, as well as updates in their quarterly newsletter and at their annual meeting
- Individual level: Residents are reached through monthly “What’s New” emails, quarterly Resident District Newsletters, and biannual Resident Reports.
- Program level: For the past three academic years we have strived for early identification of a program delegate. In this way, the delegate is selected before new interns arrive and can help to orient the interns to the role of the AAP. They can also schedule/plan appropriately for attendance at the NCE. This year we have revised the program delegate job description in the hopes of clarifying the roles and responsibilities of this position.
- Chapter level: Communication at this level remains our greatest struggle. We remain hopeful that the Chapter Outreach Grants will help address this concern. We also created a job description for a chapter delegate and hope to further evolve this position to address chapter communication with residents.

- District level: This year we clarified the role of the District Coordinator and Assistant District Coordinator in hopes of improving communication between the Academy and the residents as well as between the residents and the Districts.

### **Membership Issues (i.e. difficulties or successes in recruitment / retention)**

Resident membership is at record highs, and remains so through the great efforts of 97% of the pediatric residency programs. Many of our membership issues are related to the trainees pre- and post-residency, the medical students and fellows in-training. We hoped to increase the inclusion of these groups by increasing awareness. A first step was our section name change to the Section on Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRFT) which was officially announced at the 2008 NCE. This past year we also developed a “Resident-to-Candidate Bridge Packet” which provides information about the benefits of retaining AAP membership following residency graduation and clarifies this process. We also worked to increase the value of membership for our medical student members through the 6-member Medical Student Subcommittee. In this regard, we are currently working on a joint initiative with the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP) to create a guide for those medical students interested in pediatrics as a career.

### **Accomplishments of your Section / Impediments to your activities**

Many accomplishments continue to encourage and energize the Section. Specifically we remain very enthusiastic about the Young Peds Network (YPN website), the inclusion of residents within AAP sections, committees, councils and workgroups, and continued development of the Resident Planning Team.

The continued success of the YPN website has increased communication and awareness among residents. Efforts to enhance the medical student and chief resident information available will further increase the utility of the website.

Partnerships with other Academy efforts has been a great accomplishment: work with the Committee on Membership regarding the bridge packet; work with the PediaLink team for resident input to the redesign; work with the government affairs committees on our advocacy project and on economic hardship loan deferment; and work with other sections and groups outside of the Academy to better define the role of the residents and medical students within their activities.

As in the past, the work of the Resident Planning Team is a true example of many groups coming together with a common goal and has allowed us coordination, focus, and prioritization with the central office.

Impediments to our activities include the already mentioned communication concerns and the ever-present financial burden that our members face with educational debt and difficult economic times. We are appreciative of the AAP’s awareness of these impediments and efforts, such as their portion of the Resident Travel Grants to our Annual Assembly and Peds21.

### **Efforts to encourage collaborative relationships with local AAP chapters... Have these efforts been successful?**

Collaboration with the local AAP chapters remains a challenging priority. Efforts to improve this relationship include:

- Delineation of the resident chapter representative role so that there is an identified communication path between residents and the chapters. Ideally chapters would identify a Fellow member to help coordinate this communication as well.
- Resident Initiative Grants are designed as a way for residents to apply their leadership and advocacy skills, and promote AAP child health priorities. Ideally, this activity is design and implemented in collaboration with their chapter.
- Chapter Outreach Grants are a way for the chapters to reach out to medical student, resident, fellow in-training and young physicians.

**How can the AAP better support the needs of you Section?**

In general, we are incredibly grateful for the support of the Academy. We strive to improve resident resources (such as the website and PediaLink), resident communication, and resident involvement to show resident members the value of the AAP (which in turn should improve member retention after training). The continued use of dedicated office staff for our section and inclusion of residents at all levels of the Academy's work will allow us to do even more for children and the AAP.

**Other comments**