

## **2009 AMA-SMS Annual Meeting**

**June 12-14, 2009**

**Hyatt Regency Chicago**

The AMA Section on Medical Schools (AMA-SMS) held its 33rd Annual Meeting on June 12-14. Four well-attended and well-received educational sessions were presented.

- The “Mentoring the Next Generation: How to Cultivate an AMA Student Chapter” session was held with the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS). A panel discussion focused on the characteristics of a successful mentoring relationship and the importance of faculty mentors in each medical school’s AMA-MSS chapter.
- The “Resident Duty Hours: Where are We? Where Do We Want to Be?” session was held with the AMA Council on Medical Education and focused on the consequences of resident duty hour limits, both positive and unintended. This informative discussion highlighted strategies to ensure an appropriate learning environment.
- The “Interprofessional Collaboration in Health Care: Implications for Medical Schools and GME” panel presentation discussed the benefits and value of interprofessional training in promoting patient health and safety. Dialogue focused on strategies to best train health professionals, particularly for primary care practice.
- The AMA-SMS also held a session on innovations in medical education, which included mini-presentations on AMA’s Innovative Strategies for Transforming the Education of Physicians (ISTEP) program; medical education and disaster preparedness; implementation of USMLE’s comprehensive review recommendations; telemedicine in clinical education; and increasing faculty participation in the AMA-SMS.

The presentation slides are on the SMS Web site for viewing. In early August, the presentation summaries will be uploaded to the Web site.

### **SMS Resolution**

At the 2009 Annual Meeting, the SMS Assembly voted to submit 1 resolution to the AMA House of Delegates for consideration, Resolution 325 – Support for Graduate Medical Education. Substitute Resolution 314, Inclusion of Workforce Components to Any Federal Health Care Reform Policy, was adopted in lieu of Resolutions 314, 321 and 325 with a change in title – “Increasing Graduate Medical Education Positions as a Component to Any Federal Health Care Reform Policy.”

### **Actions Taken by the Section and HOD**

The SMS representatives reviewed and discussed 3 Board of Trustees Reports, 14 Council on Medical Education Reports, 3 Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Reports, 1 Council on Long Range Planning and Development Report and 59 resolutions that had relevance to the medical education community, and which were considered by the House of Delegates.

The Section’s recommendations and the final actions of the AMA House of Delegates on the reports and resolutions that went before the various reference committees can be viewed on the AMA-SMS Web site.

## **Governing Council**

The SMS is pleased to welcome the 2009-2010 Governing Council:

Chair – Betty Drees, MD; Dean, University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine

Chair-elect – Kenneth Simons, MD; Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Medical College of Wisconsin

Delegate – Michael Reichgott, MD, PhD, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University

Alternate Delegate – Donald Eckhoff, MD, Professor of Orthopedics, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Members-At-Large –

Arthur Ross, MD, MBA, Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean, Chicago Medical School,  
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Maria Savoia, MD, Vice Dean for Medical Education, University of California – San Diego School of  
Medicine

Robert Sokol, MD, Director of the C.S. Mott Center for Human Growth and Development and  
Distinguished Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Wayne State University School of Medicine

SMS Liaison to the AMA Council on Medical Education – Louis Ling, MD; Associate Dean for Graduate  
Medical Education, University of Minnesota Medical School

A special thank you goes to the Immediate Past Chair, M. Dewayne Andrews, MD; Executive Dean and  
Vice President for Health Affairs, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, for his dedication and  
hard work during the past year.