2023 APS Annual Meeting highlights

AMA policy review, updates on AMA initiatives and an educational session were featured aspects of the AMA Academic Physicians Section (APS) meeting on June 9 in Chicago.

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Approximately 40 participants—comprising deans, leaders and faculty from a wide range of medical schools, graduate medical education programs and academic health systems nationwide—voiced their opinions and reached decisions on recommendations for more than 30 reports and resolutions to be acted upon by delegates at the Annual 2023 Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD), June 9-14.

In addition, the APS reviewed two draft resolutions. The resolution on the topic of physicians arrested for non-violent crimes while engaged in public protests one of which will be forwarded to the Interim 2023 HOD Meeting.

Gary M. Gaddis, MD, MPH, APS alternate delegate, led the discussion of the reports and resolutions, and represented the APS during the HOD meeting and at Reference Committee hearings.

Education sessions and updates

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The continuing medical education component of the meeting, “Education session: “Career Threats in an RVU-Driven World,”” addressed the challenges faced by physicians at various stages of their careers due to the overemphasis placed by employers on the production of clinical relative value units (RVUs). Presenting were Richard H Levenstein, JD, Diomedes Tsitouras and Dan Bowling.

The AMA Board of Trustees’ liaisons to the APS, Ilse R. Levin, DO, MPH & TM, and Harris Pastides, PhD, MPH, provided an update on AMA activities related to a number of pressing issues in medicine. John Andrews, MD, vice president of GME Innovations at the AMA, presented on the status of the AMA’s ChangeMedEd initiative.

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Congratulations to the newly elected members of the APS governing council for 2023:
Chair-elect: Stuart M. Greenstein, MD

Member-at-large (three total):
- Lisa Bellini, MD
- Neel B. Shah, MB, ChB
- Thomas Svolos, MD

Chair’s perspective

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The APS meeting was led by chair Mark Meyer, MD. Reflecting on the meeting, he noted:

“The Annual 2023 Meeting of the APS was highly productive in terms of member engagement and education. Additionally, we saw robust participation in thoughtful policy discussions alongside strong commitment to advocacy on a broad range of topics. Over the past year, APS had made great progress in implementing our strategic plan.

“Looking to the next year, plans are already underway to advance member engagement and new member recruitment, with a continued commitment to policy development, education, leadership development, and advocacy. Without question, the trajectory of APS is strong and is in good hands with Dr. Suzanne Allen as our chair for 2023-2024.”

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