APS Meeting Highlights

AMA policy review, educational sessions and networking opportunities with academic physician colleagues were part of the Academic Physicians Section (APS) meeting, June 9-10 in Chicago.

Participants—comprising deans 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 several reports and resolutions to be acted upon by delegates at the Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD), June 10-14. Their work guides the section delegate and alternate delegate in the discussions and voting during the AMA meeting.

Issues covered included immigration, physician workforce, clinical skills testing of medical students and Maintenance of Certification. In all, the APS reviewed more than 30 business items (reports and resolutions) to go before the HOD.

Updates on Key Nationwide Medical Education Activities

After welcome and introductions from John Roberts, MD, the APS chair for 2016-2017 and vice dean for graduate medical education and continuing medical education at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, a number of speakers covered key issues affecting academic physicians.

Highlights included:

- Greeting from host medical school: Diane B. Wayne, MD, vice dean for education, Feinberg School of Medicine Northwestern University.
- Update on the progress of the AMA’s Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative, by Susan Skochelak, MD, MPH, group vice president, medical education.
- Presentation on the work of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, by Louis Ling, MD, senior vice president, Hospital-Based Accreditation.
- A discussion on best practices for improving your institution’s impact/involvement in organized medicine and the AMA; this is also the topic of a resolution from the APS that went forward to the AMA House of Delegates.
- A demo of the new Graduate Medical Education Competency Education Program (formerly Introduction to the Practice of Medicine).
- Information about leadership opportunities on national medical education organizations/boards, from Jacqueline Bello, MD, chair, Nominations Committee, Council on Medical Education.
AMA and academic physician membership update, from Kristen Tinney, vice president, Physician Engagement, AMA, and Peter Carmel, MD, APS membership committee chair.

The APS now comprises more than 560 academic physicians from the majority of U.S. medical schools (allopathic and osteopathic). With the recent development of a membership committee, the APS hopes to build on this number in the coming year.

Election of 2017-2018 APS Governing Council

For the annual elections to the APS Governing Council, the section’s 9-member leadership body, members in attendance voted to elect the proposed slate put forward by the nomination committee:

Chair-elect

Hal B. Jenson, MD, MBA
Founding Dean
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine

Members-at-Large (3 total)

Cynda Ann Johnson, MD, MBA, president and founding dean
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute

Jose Manuel de la Rosa, MD, Msc, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; founding dean
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

Sharon P. Douglas, MD
Associate dean for Veterans Administration Education and professor of medicine University of Mississippi School of Medicine

Educational Sessions

The education component of the meeting featured 2 offerings:

Apps for Academic Physicians: The Hows and Whys
(Con-sponsored by the International Medical Graduates Section and Senior Physicians Section)

Speakers:

- George Mejicano, MD, APS chair-elect
- Michael Hodgkins, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Information Officer, AMA
• A. L. Jones, MD, MS, FACOEM, Young Physicians Section member and AMA HOD delegate, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
• Arjun Gupta, medical student member of the Council on Medical Education, 2017-2018

**Funding for Accountability, Sustainability and Transparency in Medical Education: A Proposed Model for Meeting Physician Workforce Needs**
(Co-sponsored by the International Medical Graduates Section)

Speaker:

Kelly Caverzagie, MD, associate dean for educational strategy, University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

**Future APS Meeting**

The next meeting of the APS is Nov. 10-11, 2017 in Hawaii.