APS Interim Meeting Highlights

Hawaii Convention Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
Honolulu, Hawaii
November 10-11, 2017

AMA policy review, educational sessions and networking opportunities with academic physician colleagues were part of the Academic Physicians Section (APS) meeting, Nov. 10-11 in Hawaii.

APS Takes Action on AMA Policy at Meeting

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 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD), November 11-14. Their work guides the section delegate and alternate delegate in the discussions and voting during the AMA meeting.

Issues covered included the Standardized Video Interview, Maintenance of Certification and availability of clinical clerkships for medical students. In all, the APS reviewed more than 10 business items (reports and resolutions) to go before the AMA HOD.

Updates on Key Nationwide Medical Education Activities

After welcome and introductions from George Mejicano, MD, MS, FACP, the APS chair for 2017-2018, and senior associate dean for education and professor of medicine, Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine, a number of speakers covered key issues affecting academic physicians (presentations are available on the APS meeting documents page).

Meeting highlights included:

- Greeting from host medical school: University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine
  Kalani Brady, MD, MPH, associate professor, Department of Native Hawaiian Health; Patricia Lanoie Blanchette, MD, MPH, associate dean for clinical affairs; and J. Alan Otsuki, MD, MBA, associate dean for academic affairs
- Update on the progress of the AMA’s Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative, by Susan Skochelak, MD, MPH, group vice president, medical education
- Changes to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Core Requirements and their impact on academic physicians, by Ken Simons, MD, APS delegate
- Streamlining the residency application and match process for program directors and medical students, by Zach Jarou, MD, president, Emergency Medicine Residents’ Association, and Arnab Sarker, medical student, University of Virginia School of Medicine
In addition, a number of APS members served as judges of poster and panel presentations for the AMA Research Symposium.

Professional Development Opportunities Available

Information about leadership opportunities on national medical education organizations/boards was shared with the APS by Jacqueline Bello, MD, chair, Nominations Committee, Council on Medical Education. In addition, the following positions are open on the APS GC for 2018-2019:

- Chair-elect
- Member-at-large
- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- Liaison to the Council on Medical Education

In addition, the following positions will be open on the APS Membership Committee, for Regions 3, 4, 6 and 7. These are 2 year positions, with a maximum of 3 terms (or 6 years of service).

Region 3: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 4: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee

Region 6: Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia

Region 7: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

The APS nominations committee will be soliciting qualified AMA member candidates beginning in January 2018. A proposed slate of candidates will be presented by the committee to the APS Governing Council in April; if approved, this slate will be presented to the APS at its business meeting in June 2018 for voting by APS members.

Educational Sessions, Including the Latest Trends in Medical Education

The education component of the meeting featured several offerings, cosponsored by all AMA member sections, on such topics as leadership, advocacy, wellness and health equity. Of particular interest to APS members was “Trends in Academic Medicine: Community Preceptors, Innovations in Pedagogy, and More,” with Dr. Mejicano presenting, along with fellow APS Governing Council member Cynda Ann Johnson, MD, MBA, president and founding dean, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute.

The APS also cosponsored an educational session, “Keeping Your Brain Fit,” with the Senior Physicians Section and Organized Medical Staff Section. Presenters discussed the best evidence supporting lifestyle changes to improve cognitive function and possibly prevent dementia.
Save the Date
The next meeting of the APS is June 8-9, 2018 in Chicago.

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