MSS Interim Meeting Highlights

Hawaii Convention Center
Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort
Honolulu, Hawaii
November 9-11, 2017

Orientation and Education Sessions

Nearly 600 medical students from across the country attended education sessions hosted by the standing committees of the Medical Student Section (MSS). During the sessions, which touched on many areas of medicine, policy was adopted on important issues that affect medical students, public health and patient care.

The meeting kicked off with an orientation session to attendees on the “how-to’s” of parliamentary procedure, an outline of events, and introductions from elected and appointed leadership.

The students were also able to attend an education session put together by the MSS Community Service Committee on how to host a service project focused on combatting the opioid epidemic, which is the national service project selected by the MSS with the aim to complement the efforts of the AMA Opioid Task Force.

Students of the Community Service Committee collaborated with medical students at the University of Hawaiʻi at Manoa John. A Burns School of Medicine to carry out a health fair to combat the opioid epidemic. Goals included educating members of the public on how to administer naloxone, providing a location to dispose of unwanted medications and receiving guidance from organizations in the Hawaii community about local efforts to treat opioid addiction.

Members Moving Medicine

On Friday, medical students heard from AMA President David O. Barbe, MD, MHA, on how AMA members are moving medicine. He presented highlights of the role the AMA has played in health reform.

AMA Vice President of Medical Education, Susan E. Skochelak, MD, MPH, shared with the Assembly the overview of the Accelerating Change in Medical Education (ACE) initiative and outcomes of the public facing campaign focused on educating the public about graduate medical education.

Additionally, students heard from prominent speakers at various education sessions. Students were given recommendations for treating transgender patients from Dr. Erick Eiting, member of the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) and AMA LGBTQ Advisory Committee. Hawaii Senator Josh Green, MD, educated students on the social determinants of health for native Hawaiians. Professor Justin D. Levinson, JD, Professor of Law at the University of Hawaiʻi at
Manoa, William S. Richardson School of Law, outlined the implications of implicit bias on health care.

**Networking Opportunities**

Medical students were given the unique opportunity to engage with the physician members of the AMA at sessions held in collaboration with the AMA sections.

On Thursday, during an Oceanside Chat with the AMA Chief Experience Officer and Sr. Vice President of Physician Engagement, Todd Unger, MBA, medical students could network with members of the Resident and Fellow Section and Young Physicians Section and learn about how to sign up as an AMA Section Ambassador. Students interested in signing up to become an AMA Ambassador can email AMA Director J. Mori Johnson. Attendees heard from Tod that the vision of the AMA is to be a "how to" destination for physicians and medical students with the look and feel of a media company.

On Friday, students, residents, fellows and international medical graduates had a chance to engage in one-on-one conversation with deputy editor of *JAMA*, Edward Livingston, MD, FACS, AGAF.

On Saturday, members from all the AMA sections could attend education sessions with three tracks: advocacy, leadership, and practice sustainability and satisfaction. The most popular program was entitled "Generational changes: Managing up, leadership and followership."

**Business Meeting**

The MSS Assembly considered 98 items of business and adopted policy on a wide range of issues. Highlights include the following items:

- The immediate transmittal to the HOD at this Interim Meeting of a resolution asking the AMA to work with AAMC to assure students are stakeholders in changes to the residency application process, particularly the Standard Video Interview (SVI) for student applicants to emergency residency programs
- MSS’ support for refugees’ access to health insurance
- MSS’ support for the development of evidence-based public health models that prevent violence

This Interim meeting represented the eighth implementation of a completely virtual testimony process. The MSS Virtual Reference Committee (VRC) generated more than 500 discussion posts and continues to provide all medical student members, regardless of their ability to attend the meeting, the opportunity to provide testimony on every item of business.

**Research Symposium**

On Friday afternoon, medical students, residents, and international medical graduates presented poster and podium presentations at the 15th Annual Research Symposium. The event serves as an outstanding opportunity for students to showcase their research to esteemed physician judges. Winners of the Research Symposium are:
Top-Scored Podium Winner
Christopher Lucido
Basic Science
“Utilization of β-blockers in the treatment of HPV(+) head and neck squamous cell carcinoma”

Top-Scored Poster Winners
Royson Valliyil
Basic Science
“Evaluation of ECMO Circuits for Long-Term Cardiopulmonary Support”

Tyler Abarca
Clinical Research
“Does Cancer Center Volume Effect Overall Survival in Soft Tissue Sarcoma? A review of the National Cancer Data Base”

Reena Patel
Public Health/Epidemiology
“An Educational Program to Address Maternal Health Disparities and High Infant Mortality in Pitt County, NC”

Elections
At this Interim Meeting, the Medical Student Section Assembly elected its 2017 Chair-Elect to the Governing Council:

Karen Dionesotes, MPH, Creighton University School of Medicine

The Medical Student Section Assembly re-elected the medical student member of the AMA Board of Trustees:

Karthik Sarma, MS, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

The Medical Student Regions elected its Regional Delegates and Alternate Regional Delegates to serve in the House of Delegates during the 2018 year.