

Central Region Group on Student Affairs Annual Report 2002-2003

The Spring Meeting of the CGSA was held at Iowa City (April 3-6, 2003) and hosted by the University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine with 234 registered participants. Jean Lantz served as coordinator for the host school and deserves our thanks and appreciation for her significant efforts on behalf of the CGSA. The OSR and the CAAHP met with us. Working with the theme "If you Build it..." the program focused on building collaborative programs, building counseling programs, building effective communications, building effective programs, building clinical skills and building outreach programs. Highlights included the Keynote address given by the AAMC 2002 Humanism in Medicine Award recipient, Edward F. Bell, M.D., an Etiquette luncheon, a visit to the Amana colony and a silent auction that raised over \$1,100 for the Carver College of Medicine Student Mobile Clinic.

At the Spring Meeting in Iowa City, the following officers were installed: Paul Bunger, South Dakota – Chair; Nancy Calvert, SIU – Chair Elect; Terri Wronski, Loyola – Vice Chair; Jean Lantz, Iowa – Past Chair; Kathleen Kashima, U. Illinois-Rockford – Executive Secretary; Carrie Castleforte, Wright State – OSR Chair; Mary Ann Myers, Medical College of Ohio – Steering Committee; Judy Nolke, U. Missouri-Columbia – Steering Committee. Continuing in their leadership roles were: Cynthia Boyd, Rush Medical College – MAS Chair; Patricia Thomas, University of Kansas SOM – MAS Chair Elect; Michael Kavan, Creighton – Steering Committee; Rachel Glick, U. Michigan – Steering Committee.

Planning for the spring meeting with the SGSA for April 1-4, 2004 in Key West is being finalized. The theme is "Islands in the Stream" and will focus on the "Islands" provided by Student Services along the "Stream" of medical education. The sub-themes will focus on Professionalism and Ethical issues throughout the continuum, as well as the impact of decisions made by one "island" of Student Services on the functions of the other "Islands in the Stream". The opening reception will take place at the Hemmingway house. It has been great to work with our colleagues from the SGSA in planning this meeting. Nancy Calvert from the CGSA and Cynthia Heldberg from the SGSA are serving as Program Co-Chairs and are working closely with the Co-Host schools: Mayo Medical School and the University of Miami School of Medicine to provide an outstanding and valuable meeting. Please be available to assist with sessions when asked to help and make plans now to attend this important meeting. The topics chosen along with the issues of Professionalism and Ethics should make this a highly valuable meeting for each of us as we learn to apply these principles in our area of Student Services.

The Spring Meeting of the CGSA in 2005 is set for April 14-17 and will be in Rapid City, South Dakota. The University of North Dakota School of Medicine will join the University of South Dakota School of Medicine as co-hosts. With the strategic location for Native American culture and history in the Black Hills, this is a great setting for a theme that focuses on diversity. The dining hall at the foot of Mt. Rushmore National Monument will be the site for our Saturday evening dinner and the blending of history with the symbol of freedom and democracy should be an outstanding setting for a memorable meeting.

The Mentoring Program for the CGSA was started this past year. There is discussion at the national level about broad application of guidelines, and the Steering Committee is working

on a framework to make this a stable and ongoing program while providing a useful and convenient opportunity for participants. Anyone interested in serving as a Mentor, or desiring a Mentor should contact Paul Bunger, CGSA Chair.

There are several ongoing projects for the CGSA and the Steering Committee.

- a. An award for outstanding service to the CGSA. Discussions have focused on keeping the regional award distinct from the national Exemplary Service award, and determining the criteria, the time for presentation, the number of awards and the selection committee.
- b. Methods to increase student participation at Spring Meetings. Discussions have focused on use of students in each session block, travel expenses and reduced registration fees.
- c. By-laws update. There are several areas that need updating and/or clarification.

The CGSA is extremely grateful for those who have volunteered their time for service. Terri Wronski served as our Executive Secretary and has stepped down to accept the position of Vice Chair of the CGSA. Kathleen Kashima has graciously accepted the invitation to serve as our Executive Secretary, which will now also include the tasks of the Communications Coordinator, a role that Kathleen had been serving. We are grateful to Kathleen for her work to establish and maintain a CGSA listserv. Please contact her with changes and updates at kkashima@uic.edu. There are several others who completed their terms of office at the Spring Meeting in Iowa City, and they also deserve special thanks. Feel free to thank them personally when you have the opportunity: Al Kirby, Case Western Reserve – Immediate Past Chair and Chair of Nominating Committee; Judy DeMers, North Dakota – Steering Committee Member at Large; Stacey Robbins, University of Chicago-Pritzker – Steering Committee Member at Large; Kristina Toncray, Washington University – OSR Chair.

The CGSA is also extremely grateful for those who have served on the National Committees and finish their term of office after the AAMC meeting in November, 2003: Mark Notestine, Ohio State – COA; Helene Horwitz, Minnesota – COSA; Barbara Reiffman, Northwestern – COSR; Dianne Cornelius; Michigan State – National Chair COSA; Clarice Fooks, University of Cincinnati – National Chair COA; Anita Pokorny, NEOUCOM – National Chair COSFA.

Remember to watch for final program details and to respond to the registration information for the Spring Meeting in Key West, April 1-4, 2004.

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