

Group on Student Affairs Central Region Annual Report 2009

2009 spring meeting

Members of the Central region held their 2009 spring meeting, “Achieving Balance” in Chicago at the Doubletree Hotel in April. Special thanks to the seven medical schools in Illinois for their funding to co-host the meeting. These additional dollars were critical to the financial status of the meeting given the reduction in meeting attendance due to cutbacks in school conference and travel support. During the meeting, the CGSA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Patricia Metting of The University of Toledo College of Medicine.

Recent topics of discussion or concern within the region

- Medical school support for meeting attendance
- Affiliation agreements
- Student Financial Aid- loans, repayment
- GSA/GEA joint national meeting to discuss cultural competency and programming integration into curriculum
- Students and social networking
- Dealing with disruptive students
- Collaboration among medical students and other health care providers/students
- Class size increases
- Interaction with development office and methods for increasing scholarship funds
- The “emerging adult” (Dr. Jeffrey Arnett’s book)

Upcoming Meetings

2010 GSA National Meeting in Austin, Texas (April 17-21)

2011 Central (GSA/OSR/COD) with Central AAHP in Cleveland, Ohio (April 14-17)

CGSA Executive Committee

Elected Officers: Linda Bissell (Iowa-Carver), Past-Chair; Kathleen Kashima (Illinois), Chair; Anita Pokorny (NEOUCOM), Chair-Elect; Rachel Brown (Missouri), Vice Chair; Michelle Cassetty Collins (NEOUCOM), Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Regional Committee Representatives/Chairs: Robert Ruiz (Michigan), COA; David Dahlen (Mayo), COSFA; Gloria Hawkins (Wisconsin), CODA; Paul Bunger (Sanford- USD), COSA; Debbie Monolo (Washington University), COSR; Chris Meiers (Kansas), COSR Chair; Ricci Sylla (Toledo), OSR Chair-Elect

Members-at-Large: Gerald Yutrzenka (Sanford-USD); Evan Wilson (SIU); Angela Nuzzarello (Oakland-Beaumont); Polly Moss (NEOUCOM)

Kathleen Kashima, Ph.D.

Chair, GSA Central Region 2009-2010