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How to Get Involved:

The AAMC is an extensive organization with resources devoted to numerous aspects of academic medicine. The OSR is an opportunity to get involved on a local, regional, or national level. Contact your school's OSR representative for more information or Ally Anderson at aanderson@aamc.org

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What is the OSR?

The Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) is the student component of the AAMC, representing medical students enrolled in the 126 U.S. allopathic medical schools to the AAMC. The concerns of the OSR lie exclusively within academic medicine and medical education and many of the OSR's initiatives are relayed to AAMC leadership for further development. The OSR, located in the AAMC's Division of Medical School Affairs, reports directly to the Council of Deans (COD) and works closely with the Group on Student Affairs (GSA).

OSR Mission Statement:

The Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) fulfills a unique role among medical student organizations. As part of the AAMC, it provides all United States allopathic medical students with voting representation to the nation's largest association dedicated solely to the advancement of academic medicine. The OSR provides medical students with an active role in achieving AAMC's mission to improve the nation's health through the advancement of academic medicine. Additionally, the OSR seeks to assure that students actively participate in directing their educations, preserving their rights, and delineating their professional responsibilities. To this end, the OSR provides medical students with a voice in academic medicine at the national level and strives to foster student involvement and awareness in this arena at a local level.

OSR National Priorities

The OSR's initiatives include:

- Academic medical centers and industry conflicts of interest
- Input to USMLE comprehensive review
- GLBTI guidelines and “effective practices”
- Diversity recruitment efforts
- ACGME US residency program match data
- Student debt and the cost of medical education
- Guidelines for use of medical interpreter services
- Diversity of representation within the OSR
- National Board of Medical Examiners' issues
- National Resident Matching Program issues
- Humanism in medicine
- Student health insurance coverage

- Physician workforce increase
- Strategic planning for the OSR
- Criminal background checks
- Communication with other medical student groups
- Assuring the continued strength of the academic environment under health care reform and managed care

OSR Membership

Representatives are selected by their medical schools to monitor activities at their institutions, represent student opinions to the OSR Administrative Board (Ad Board), and relay national OSR and AAMC priorities to the students and staff of their institutions. OSR members include one primary and three alternate institutional representatives from each of the 126 US allopathic medical schools. OSR associate representatives are medical students who are enrolled in Canadian medical schools.

Meetings:

The OSR meets nationally in the fall at the AAMC Annual Meeting and regionally every spring.

OSR Leadership

National OSR Leadership is comprised of twelve Administrative Board members (primary institutional representatives) that include a Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past-Chair, four Regional Chairs, and five National Delegates. The Ad Board is responsible for setting the OSR agenda, addressing issues of national concern, and implementing projects and ideas. The Ad Board meets quarterly in Washington, DC and interacts at an executive level with the AAMC governance.

The Ad Board has five “standing committees” chaired by a national delegate that include a regional delegate from each region. Most OSR projects and initiatives are addressed under the following categories:

Communications
Community & Diversity
Legislative Affairs
Medical Education
Student Affairs

OSR Liaisons:

The OSR Administrative Board also appoints OSR representatives to serve as liaisons to various national committees. These liaisons function to keep the Ad Board abreast of a wide array of current issues in academic medicine. The liaison positions include:

- Careers in Medicine (CiM) Advisory Committee
- ERAS Advisory Committee (Electronic Residency Application Service)
- Group on Student Affairs – Committee on Admissions (GSA-COA)
- Group on Student Affairs – Committee on Student Affairs (GSA-COSA)
- Group on Student Affairs – Committee on Student Financial Assistance (GSA-COSFA)
- Group on Student Affairs – Committee on Student Records (GSA-COSR)
- Group on Student Affairs – Minority Affairs Section Coordinating Committee (GSA-MAS)
- National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Advisory Committee for Medical School Programs
- National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)
- Women in Medicine (WIM) Coordinating Committee

AAMC Humanism In Medicine Award

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), through the generous support of the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative, annually recognizes a medical school faculty physician who exemplifies the qualities of a caring and compassionate mentor in the teaching and advising of medical students. The AAMC's Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) administers the Humanism in Medicine Award; the recipient is announced and honored during a formal awards ceremony conducted during the AAMC Annual Meeting each fall. For more information, visit the OSR Web site: www.aamc.org/members/osr/humanism/start.htm