

Association of American Medical Colleges  
Organization of Resident Representatives  
Minutes from the September 20, 1995  
Administrative Board Meeting  
Washington, D.C.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am by ORR Chair Denise Dupras, M.D., Ph.D. Members present included: Deborah Baumgarten, M.D., Nathalie Bera, M.D., Julia Corcoran, M.D., Denise Dupras, M.D., Ph.D., Chair, Nicholas Gideonse, M.D., Chair-elect, and Judith Hoover, M.D. Attending staff from the AAMC included David Altman, M.D., Alexis Ruffin, and Michelle Reddie.

The minutes from the June 21, 1995 meeting were reviewed and approved. There was discussion of ORR membership, returning and new. About half (20) of the ORR members are returning.

Dr. Altman introduced Alexis Ruffin, the new staff associate who will be the AAMC staff contact for the ORR and who will be staffing the Section for Graduate Medical Education. This will allow for program development and special projects.

Dr. Altman gave the AAMC updates on the Advisory Panel on the Mission and Objectives of Medical School and the new AAMC initiative headed by Dr. Paul Griner, the Center for the Assessment and Management of Change in Academic Medicine, to examine the impact of changes in health care environment on academic medical centers, particularly the effect of managed care. Dr. Altman also emphasized AAMC's reactivation of Graduate Medical Education (GME) issues, beyond financing issues and hospital work, though it is difficult to divide GME financing from those of content and quality.

After Dr. Altman shared a letter he had received from a past OSR member inquiring about potential ORR membership, discussion turned to the continued staffing of the ORR and turnover in membership during the upcoming year. Continued attention is needed on the reappointments to the ORR by member organizations and tracking the method of appointment that the different societies employ. It was suggested that members be polled at the Annual Meeting to determine how ORR members are designated by their society. The pediatrics program directors organization has dropped out of the Council of Academic Societies, which translates into the loss of two pediatric ORR members. Continued discussion of ORR membership touched on issues of diversity and membership eligibility. Suggestions on membership included the possibility of at-large ORR seats, open annual meeting registration, which would not change the governance of ORR, and canvassing the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) for potential members. Dr. Altman raised the issue that not all of the medical societies are aware of their responsibility to the ORR. Dr. Dupras was to share membership suggestions with the Council of Academic Societies at the Executive Council meeting, September 21, 1995.

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Dr. Altman shared correspondence he received from a resident and past OSR member, which prompted a short discussion on the legal protection of housestaff as a potential issue for ORR to address.

Dr. Altman summarized his meeting at the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and highlighted the potentiality for an ORR member to sit on the newly created Institutional Review Committee. In the ACGME's new effort to more aggressively review institutions, the participation of residents is increasingly important. Discussion turned to establishing a relationship with the American Medical Association's Resident Physician Section (RPS). Strong support was voiced for forging communication with the RPS by ORR leadership. Dr. Dupras will send a letter inviting someone from the RPS to the AAMC annual meeting and provide room on the agenda for them.

Dr. Dupras reported that she had not received any task force reports from ORR members. Next, attention turned to the review of reports in the Executive Council Manual.

Dr. Altman circulated Representative Johnson's proposal for Medicare reform regarding graduate medical education. A brief discussion ensued.

Dr. Gideonse reported that there had been no additional progress on the resource manual. Drs. Baumgarten, Corcoran, and Gideonse agreed to meet Thursday, September 21 to flesh out Resource Manual materials.

Michelle Reddie provided copies of ORR membership listings. Further updating on the listings are needed. Dr. Dupras suggested that a mailing list be circulated during the Annual Meeting for members to confirm/update contact information.

Brownie Anderson from the AAMC's Section for Educational Programs gave a report on the proposed Medical School Objectives Project (MSOP) that came out of strategic planning efforts and will attempt to develop overall objectives and a set of competencies that would be satisfied for graduation from medical school. She emphasized that this was not designed to establish a national medical school curriculum. Ms. Anderson emphasized that feedback from students and residents on the medical school experience will be important in helping to define the project. Ms. Anderson will be drafting a survey to solicit residents feedback on their experiences in medical school. Dr. Dupras extended an invitation to Ms. Anderson to address the ORR at the annual meeting during the AAMC Reports section, which she accepted.

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Discussion of a professional development conference was added to the agenda. As an effort to nurture ORR members as future leaders in academic medicine, a professional development conference on careers in academic medicine would help residents find mentors and navigate as junior faculty. Dr. Dupras is to bring this to the attention of the Council of Academic Societies (CAS) at the Executive Council meeting.

Review was given to Executive Council agenda items. The minutes from the last Executive Council meeting were accepted, as was the list of new members. Dr. Gideonse raised concern over new language proposed in the LCME standards, specifically that it appeared to institute a publishing requirement of individual faculty as a way to demonstrate an institutional commitment to academic medicine. Dr. Dupras will raise this concern at the Executive Council meeting. Additionally, changes in the bylaws for the Group on Institutional Planning and the Organization of Student Representatives were approved unanimously. Points of note were discussion of the Hatfield Clinical Research Bill.

Ingrid Philibert from the AAMC's Division of Health Care Affairs briefed the Board on the AAMC Access Pilot program, which is an internet-based dialog program where AAMC distributes a question on the AAMC Access Listserv and the recipient institution designates the most knowledgeable in-house person to address the question. As of now, 35 institutions are participating. Ms. Philibert indicates that there is a goal of a one month turn around time, which will make this forum far more timely than conventional surveying. She then offered a summary of the most recent ACGME meeting and their efforts to rewrite the Institutional Review Committee requirements. She further mentioned the possibility that an ORR member might be included on the Institutional Review Committee of the ACGME. She made additional mention of the Justice Department's concerns over possible anti-trust, anti-competitive practices of the NRMP.

Mary Beth Bresch White from AAMC's Office of Governmental Relations provided a legislative update, specifically current Congressional activity on Medicaid and Medicare. At issue is the potential for a GME trust fund that would set aside funding from Medicare in light of proposed Congressional cuts in overall funding. The AAMC will be involved in the ongoing legislative efforts around GME and Medicare issues.

The floor was opened for comments and discussion of the AAMC Strategic Plan. Concern was expressed by Dr. Baumgarten and Dr. Dupras that specific mention of the ORR's position in the Governance structure was not made. Additionally, Dr. Dupras felt that the AAMC's leadership stance in academic medicine needs to be more explicitly stated. Dr. Dupras will raise these concerns to the Executive Council.

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Final discussion centered on activities during the Annual Meeting and finalizing the agenda. Judith Hoover, M.D., and Nicholas Gideonse, M.D. are tentatively planning to attend the Legislative Visit to Capitol Hill on Friday, October 27. The Saturday, October 28 session on "Issues in Communication" has been confirmed and the small discussion group topics were given final approval. Dr. Dupras will draft an evaluation form to obtain feedback on the Annual Meeting from the ORR membership.

Dr. Dupras adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.