

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES
ORGANIZATION OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES
FALL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 28-29, 1995
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Minutes

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1995

Denise Dupras, M.D., ORR chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30. Present AAMC staff were David Altman, M.D., Associate Vice President, Division of Medical Education and Alexis Ruffin, Staff Associate, Section for Graduate Medical Education.

Michael Whitcomb, M.D., Senior Vice President, Division of Medical Education addressed the ORR and welcomed members to the Annual Meeting. He pointed their attention to the AAMC Strategic Plan Summary to help identify for the residents the mission and future of the AAMC. The Strategic Plan resulted from a year long intensive study into the activities of the AAMC and the needs of the AAMC constituencies. He highlighted the role of the AAMC in academic medicine and asked for the input of residents in the improvement of graduate medical education. The establishment of the Division of Medical Education by Dr. Jordan Cohen, AAMC President, highlights the commitment of the AAMC to the continuum of medical education, undergraduate and graduate training. He also discussed the Medical School Objectives Project, a new project stemming out of the Division of Medical Education, which will attempt to identify the objectives of medical education. He emphasized that residents are uniquely qualified to inform the AAMC on the experience of medical school and anticipates calling on the ORR as a part of the MSOP initiative. He also discussed the importance of ORR composition and called on the ORR to examine the issue of representation, acknowledging that ORR has visited that issue before. He suggested that the ORR consider an alternate appointment method, perhaps going to an institutional appointment or regional representation by specialty. He reiterated AAMC's focus on the quality and issues around medical education.

David F. Altman, M.D., Associate Vice President, Division of Medical Education, provided the history of the ORR and described the reciprocal relationship between the ORR and AAMC.

Denise Dupras, M.D. directed introductions of the members and introduced the staff liaison for the ORR, Alexis Ruffin.

David Altman, M.D. provided an overview of the history of residency training and medical education, discussing the origins of residency training. He sketched the role of residents before the Flexner Report to the development of a more formal system of residency and medical education that better resembles what is experienced today. He pointed out that the recent system is fairly new and still evolving rapidly in the face of health care and health delivery reform. He further provided an overview on the accreditation process for residency programs. He pointed out that formal accreditation is relatively recent and discussed the formation of the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education, of which the AAMC is one of the five parent organizations.

Linda Fishman, Associate Vice President, Division of Health Care Affairs, then offered a primer on the financing of graduate medical education and Medicare reform, discussing the reimbursement system for graduate medical education, differentiating between direct and indirect reimbursement funding.

Gwynne Kostin, Director ERAS Program, Section for Student Programs provided an update on the progress of the Electronic Residency Application Service and the participation of the Obstetrics and Gynecology programs as the pilot specialty for the ERAS system. ERAS is still in the evaluation stage, but will eventually be applied to each of the specialties.

Erin Tracy, M.D., Liaison from the Resident Physicians Section of the American Medical Association provided an introduction to her organization of 33,526 residents and described ways in which the RPS has influenced policy and legislation (i.e., smoking bans on commercial airlines). She communicated her organization's interest in pursuing a relationship with the ORR.

Advisory panel reports for the Electronic Residency Application Service and the Strategic Positioning for Health Care Reform were given, the former in a written form by Michael Grennberg M.D., the latter by Denise Dupras, M.D.

Discussion turned to the ORR newsletter, soliciting ideas and participation by the membership at large. Denise Dupras, M.D. expressed the hope that efforts toward a Listserv would be revived.

Reports were given by Nathalie Bera, M.D., on her visit to Capitol Hill Friday, October 27, 1995 in a lobbying effort sponsored by the OSR, Marci Roy, M.D., on the Forum on the Transition from Medical School to Residency, and Denise Dupras, M.D. on the Ethical and Professional Development Conference sponsored by the Women in Medicine section at the AAMC.

Denise Dupras, M.D. made specific reference to the Strategic Plan and advised the

membership to read it before the address of Dr. Cohen on Sunday, October 29, 1996. She read aloud the mission and goals as listed in the Strategic Plan.

The business meeting adjourned for a luncheon structured around five small discussion groups, each led by an Administrative Board member. The topics were: Effects of State Health Care Reform Initiatives on Residency Training, Nick Gideonse, M.D., Effects of Managed Care on Resident Training, Judith Hoover, M.D., The "Job Market" Fernando Daniels, III, M.D., Professional Development/Faculty Development for Residents, Deborah Baumgarten, M.D., Working Conditions and Resident "Well-being" Nathalie Bera, M.D.

After lunch the ORR sponsored a session "Issues in Communication" with presentations given by Julia Connelly, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Virginia, School of Medicine, President, Society of Health and Human Values and Mack Lipkin, M.D., Director of Primary Care, Department of Medicine, New York University School of Medicine President, American Academy on Physician and Patient.

The ORR sponsored a joint session with the Council of Academic Societies "Defining Quality in Resident Training Programs" Moderated by Nicholas Gideonse, M.D., ORR Chair-elect, presenters, listed in the order of their presentation, were David R. Jones, M.D., Resident in Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of North Carolina School of Medicine and ORR Ad Board member, Mel Epstein, M.D., Chairman, Department of Neurosurgery, Brown University School of Medicine, Linda Blank, Vice President, American Board of Internal Medicine, Robert D'Alessandri, M.D., Chairman, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. At the joint session with CAS, Dr. Jones reported the findings from the ORR membership survey on resident perceptions of quality in graduate medical education.

ORR sponsored a light hearted session with the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) featuring a presentation by Steve Allen, Jr., M.D. on humor and stress reduction. This was followed by a joint reception with the OSR

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Dr. Dupras reconvened the business meeting at 8:30 am. She reviewed the annual meeting dates for the 1996 Annual Meeting. AAMC staff said that they would make every effort to schedule programming on the weekend to best accommodate residents' schedules.

Dr. Dupras introduced Jordan Cohen, M.D., AAMC President, who welcomed the ORR members to the Annual Meeting and conveyed his support of the ORR within the AAMC, reiterating the importance of resident representation within AAMC. He also thanked the ORR for its participation in the construction of the Strategic Plan. He discussed AAMC's efforts on workforce issues and tracking the changes facing medical education.

Reports were given from the luncheon discussion groups.

Brownie Anderson, Associate Vice President, Division of Medical Education provided a summary of the Medical School Objectives Project. She voiced the need for resident input on this project and said that involvement in this project would be solicited later.

Mary Beth Bresch White from the Legislative Affairs Division of the AAMC provided the legislative update and discussed the budget reconciliation efforts. She briefed the membership on the status of GME funding in the Senate and House bills, as well as the "GME Trust Fund."

Small Discussion Group reports continued with specific attention paid to a proposed professional development conference on the cultivation of an academic career. Issues suggested were research, funding, mentorship, and publishing.

Statements were given by members who chose to run for Chair-elect, the Administrative Board, and the Liaison positions.

After the elections were held, Nicholas Gideonse, M.D., assumed the Chair and offered introductory remarks.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

1995 ELECTION RESULTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

- ▶ Chair-elect: Cheryl Rucker, M.D.

- ▶ At-large members: John Biglow, M.D.
Mary Anne Bullard, M.D.
Chris Hanson, M.D.
David Jones, M.D.*
Randolph Roig, M.D.
Ted Wells, M.D.

- ▶ Liaisons:

Electronic Residency Application Service: Michael Syptak, M.D.
Section on Resident Education: Michael Mulligan, M.D.

* Served on 1994-95 Administrative Board.