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ORGANIZATION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES (OSR)

The OSR is charged with the representation of the undergraduate medical student body of the U.S. to the academic medicine community. Unlike other student organizations (i.e., AMA-MSS, SNMA, AMSA), who represent their membership, the OSR's constituency comprises all medical students. The concerns of the OSR lie almost exclusively within academic medicine and medical education -- that is, the OSR deals with curriculum reform, student affairs, the residency application process, education policies, etc.

The OSR is comprised of one or two representatives from each of the accredited U.S. medical schools. The sixteen medical schools from Canada are invited to participate in OSR activities, though they do not have voting privileges.

OSR's Administrative Board is comprised of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Past-Chair, five Representatives-At-Large (elected during the fall national meeting), and four Regional Chairs (elected during the spring regional meetings). In addition, the OSR appoints students to serve as liaisons to various AAMC committees and other groups/organizations.

The role of OSR representatives is two-fold -- to communicate the opinions of their school's student body to the national officers so that OSR can effectively represent medical students on a national level and to take priorities and objectives from the national level and implement them at their own schools.

Locally, OSR representatives share information with other students and coordinate a variety of programs/projects, including: community service; legislative petitions concerning medical student financial assistance; the OSR's housing exchange network; advertising discount airfares for medical students traveling to residency interviews; and more.

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