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Your Guide to Being a CFAS Representative

The AAMC Council of Faculty and Academic Societies (CFAS) represents medical school faculty and academic societies within the governance of the AAMC. As a CFAS rep, you have an opportunity to be heard at a national level on a variety of issues critical to academic medicine. Equally important, you are positioned to bring the perspectives of your peers and colleagues back to the AAMC through CFAS.

How Is CFAS Organized?

CFAS has three distinct representative parts that coalesce into one voice. Each AAMC-member medical school appoints two reps from among its faculty — one relatively early in their career and one more senior. On the society side, the executive director or the board of a member society appoints two representatives from among their ranks. Finally, former CFAS reps whose terms have expired are still able to participate in meetings under the “affiliate” membership category.

Each CFAS rep serves a three-year term that can be repeated once. The direction of CFAS is determined by a 15-member administrative board, which is a microcosm of the CFAS representative body. Like CFAS overall, the administrative board has faculty reps, society reps, junior or early-career reps, and senior reps. The CFAS chair and chair-elect serve on the AAMC's Board of Directors, providing CFAS with a direct link to the association's governance. The administrative board also includes an ex officio member, the chair or chair-elect of the AAMC Group on Faculty Affairs. The CFAS Administrative Board meets throughout the year in person or via conference call.

What Are Some Big Issues?

- GME funding, policy, and advocacy.
- Sexual and gender harassment in academic medicine.
- Academic health center governance.
- NIH funding, policy, and advocacy.
- Faculty resilience.
- Faculty definition and culture.
- Biomedical research advancement.
- The teaching and learning environment.
- Health equity and diversity.

CFAS Member Resources

- CFAS webpage: aamc.org/cfas*
- *CFAS News*** (weekly)
- *CFAS Rep Update* Newsletter** (bimonthly)
- CFAS listserv: cfas-list@lists.aamc.org (open only to CFAS reps)
- CFAS basic science listserv: cfas_basic_science@lists.aamc.org (for CFAS reps involved in basic science)

CFAS members also can access AAMC resources, such as the AAMC Data Book, Faculty Salary Survey, monographs, webinars, and tools at discounted rates.

How to Get Involved

- Attend the CFAS Spring Meeting and Learn Serve Lead: The AAMC Annual Meeting.
- Suggest spring meeting session ideas, and volunteer to present.
- Join a CFAS committee.
- Participate in a CFAS Tweet Chat using #CFASChat and #AAMCCFAS.
- Participate in breakfasts, group knowledge sharing sessions, and networking sessions.
- Download CFAS presentations and resources to share with peers and colleagues at home.
- Submit profile or article ideas to the *CFAS Rep Update* newsletter.
- Engage on the CFAS listserv.
- Send news items and tips from your institution to *CFAS News* (eweissman@aamc.org).
- Network and connect with CFAS peers.

*Sign up for an AAMC username and password at www.aamc.org to gain access to member-only content.

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About the AAMC

The AAMC plays a broad role in the advancement of academic medicine. Based in Washington, D.C., the AAMC is a not-for-profit association representing all 154 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and 73 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 173,000 full-time faculty members, 89,000 medical students, 129,000 resident physicians, and more than 60,000 graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in the biomedical sciences.

AAMC Services and Data

The AAMC provides an array of services and resources to member medical schools and teaching hospitals, applicants, students, residents, and medical educators, including the following:

- American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®)
- Careers in Medicine (CiM®)
- Electronic Residency Application Service® (ERAS®)
- MedEdPORTAL®
- Global Health Learning Opportunities (GHLO®)
- The MCAT® exam
- Convey® global disclosure system

Visit aamc.org/services for a complete list.

Additionally, the AAMC provides an array of data unavailable elsewhere and often accessible only by our members at a discounted rate, including the following:

- AAMC Faculty Salary Report
- Physician workforce projections
- Faculty Roster
- Tuition and Student Fees Reports
- State Physician Workforce Data Book
- Public opinion research

Visit aamc.org/data for a complete list.

AAMC Affinity Groups

AAMC affinity groups provide opportunities for professional development, networking, and collaboration. CFAS is one of three councils among the 23 affinity groups that have a direct link to the AAMC's governance (the others are the Council of Deans and the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems). Several other affinity groups have close connections to CFAS, including the Organization of Resident Representatives, Group on Diversity and Inclusion, Group on Faculty Affairs, and Group on Women in Medicine and Science.

Visit aamc.org/members for a complete list.

Publications and News

The AAMC offers an array of publications and news vehicles online, through email, or in print, including the:

- *AAMCNews*
- AAMC Annual Report (online)
- AAMC monographs and periodic publications (print and electronic)
- *Academic Medicine* (peer-reviewed journal)
- *Analysis in Brief* (website and electronic newsletter)
- *Washington Highlights* (weekly electronic newsletter on advocacy issues)
- *CFAS News* (weekly electronic news roundup)

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