

CENTRAL REGION O.S.R.

December 10, 1986

Dear Friends,

This short note serves a threefold purpose: 1) to update you on the Minneapolis meeting, 2) to request your participation in our regional newsletter, and 3) to provide you with corrections to the Central Region OSR roster.

About Minneapolis: Let me start by encouraging all of you to take advantage of the GSA's programs as well as ours. Both our meetings will have some overlap. The GSA will hold its meeting through May 6 on the theme "Counseling and Advising". You may participate in the GSA's First Project Forum, applications for which are due by February 15, 1987. If you did not receive a call for proposals for it from Gerry Schermerhorn, GSA's Central Regional Chairperson, you may write to her for one. She is Director of Admissions for Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, (P.O. Box 3926, Springfield, Illinois 62708).

show'n tell on SA activities

We have definite commitments from several speakers and are waiting from a few others. In terms of activities, registration will be on Friday from noon on. Friday evening we'll plan for a casual dinner. At some point we will have an overview of minorities in medical school and medicine. Should be a light day. Saturday we have several presentations lined up on the "traditional" minorities. On Sunday we will address the issue of "non-traditional" minorities. Sunday night of course, is the joint dinner with the GSA and the CAAHP (Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions). Monday morning, before concluding our Minneapolis adventure, we will hold our business meeting. A new regional chairperson will be elected at that meeting. I'd encourage all of you to consider running for this position, or to announce your decision in the upcoming newsletter, if you have already decided to do so. Nice lead-in to the second item.

Rob Emmons from the University of Cincinnati will put together a regional newsletter to come out in late January or early February. PLEASE set aside a few minutes to jot down even the briefest of thoughts (even an "alive and well" will do) so Rob may incorporate them into the newsletter. He will appreciate everyone's contribution and will be contacting you in the near future. Many thanks to Rob.

Please note the corrections and additions to the Central Region OSR roster on the back of this paper.

From frigid Rochester, best of wishes for the Holiday Season!

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Dear Dr. Petersdorf,

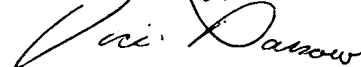
This letter is to thank you for planning a very informative Officers' Retreat. The issues currently facing the leadership of the AAMC are exciting and will impact the future of medicine in a significant manner. As a medical student who is new to these issues, the officers' retreat offered me an excellent opportunity to hear the expert opinion of the AAMC staff and officers. I can now look forward to discussing these issues with other students in an informed manner.

In addition, it was nice to have the opportunity to interact with the staff and other officers in an informal way. The relaxed atmosphere certainly put me at ease. However, I do realize that I better "brush up" on my World War II songs to really fit in !!

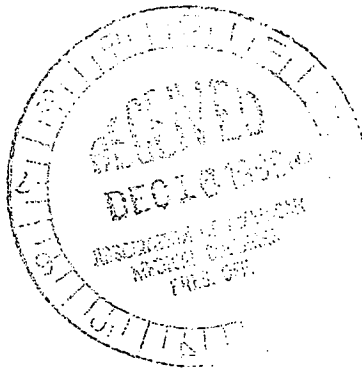
Since you will be formulating a task force on health manpower policy, the OSR Ad Board would like to request that there be a student representative on that task force. I am not sure how soon you are planning to put together this task force, but I would like the opportunity to meet with my Ad Board in January before submitting candidate names to you.

Thank you again for the exciting Officers' Retreat and I hope that you and Mrs. Petersdorf have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,



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