



RESIDENT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Opportunities for Involvement in AAEM/RSA

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It has been an exceptional year at AAEM/RSA. Our membership has grown by almost 20%. We have more than thirty-five 100% member residency programs. We published a "written board" review book, organized symposia and planned the remodeling of our AAEM/RSA website. We have been fortunate to have a tremendous team of board members, committee members and Medical Student Council representatives. Hopefully, you joined us at the Scientific Assembly in Phoenix this month. I am already looking forward to next year's Scientific Assembly, February 15-17, 2010, in Las Vegas.

In the coming year, there are several opportunities for you to become involved in AAEM/RSA. We recently had nominations for the AAEM/RSA Board of Directors positions. Voting will end April 10, 2009, at midnight CST. AAEM/RSA positions include president, vice president, secretary/treasurer and five at-large board member positions. The five at-large board members will be the committee chairs for the four AAEM/RSA committees and the editor for the RSA section of *Common Sense*. I encourage you to vote in these elections.

If you missed the opportunity to run for an AAEM/RSA Board of Directors position, there are several other ways to become involved in the coming year. One way is committee membership. In July, there will be a call for applications for the AAEM/RSA committee positions. There are four AAEM/RSA commit-

tees: education, communications, advocacy and membership. Additionally, you may consider becoming a member of the Vice President's Council. The Vice President's Council includes one representative from each residency program to act as a liaison between each program and AAEM/RSA. Typically, the Council representative is chosen in August. Please contact your residency director if you are interested in this position, or email info@aaemrsa.org.

The AAEM/RSA committee positions are also open to medical student members. Medical students may also serve on the Medical Student Council or as an EMIG Site Coordinator.

As residents and medical students, we have a unique opportunity to become influential leaders in a growing field. Emergency medicine, despite being relatively new in its recognition as a specialty, molds the front doors of America's hospitals. Becoming involved in AAEM/RSA helps to protect the unencumbered access of individuals to quality emergency care, board certification, a fair practice environment for emergency physicians, quality medical education and the expansion of emergency medicine internationally.

Please contact me or any of the current board members if you have questions about AAEM/RSA opportunities; our contact information can be found at <http://www.aaemrsa.org/leadership/>.

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