



Resident & Student Association



RESIDENT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new AAEM/RSA Board of Directors

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AAEM/RSA Immediate Past President

First, I would like to welcome the new president of AAEM/RSA, Michael Ybarra, MD. Dr. Ybarra served on the AAEM/RSA Board of Directors for the past two years, initially as the Medical Student Council president and last year as our *Common Sense* editor and at-large board member. You may have read several articles he has written on Medicare, health insurance and healthcare in America. Additionally, Dr. Ybarra has taken the lead on several projects in AAEM/RSA and acted as a liaison to the Medical Student Council. He is currently a resident at the Georgetown University emergency medicine residency program. I cannot imagine a candidate more qualified to lead us into the coming year. I look forward to all the good he will continue to do for AAEM/RSA.

Dr. Alicia Pilarski, currently a resident at the University of Las Vegas, Nevada EM residency program will serve as the board's vice president. She has done an outstanding job as this past year's education committee chair. She took the lead on several events for AAEM/RSA, including the resident track at the Scientific Assembly in Phoenix, the Midwest Medical Student Symposium, and she helped to organize the resident track at the CORD Academic Assembly in Las Vegas this year.

Dr. Cyrus Shahpar from Johns Hopkins emergency medicine residency program will be serving his second term as secretary-treasurer of AAEM/RSA and his third year on the board of directors. We will benefit from the experience he brings to the board of directors.

In addition to Drs. Ybarra, Pilarski and Shahpar, I would like to welcome the newest members of the AAEM/RSA Board of Directors: Dr. Jeff Pinnow (York Hospital), Dr. Ryan Shanahan (Johns Hopkins) and Dr. Sandra Thomasian (University of Las Vegas, Nevada). We are also welcoming back Dr. Heather Jimenez (Indiana University) and Dr. Jennifer Kanapicki (Stanford/Kaiser Programs). They were both tremendous assets to our board of directors and will continue the excellent work they started this past year. I would also like to welcome the incoming AAEM/RSA Medical Student Council president, Jamie "Akiva" Kahn from the University of California, Irvine.

All of our board members have played a critical role in stimulating the growth of AAEM/RSA, as well as ensuring that our

mission is kept. I have appreciated all the contributions of the board of directors and all of our committee members this year. Dr. Kalpana Narayan helped to organize our Vice President's Council. Dr. Brian Ostick helped our membership increase by 15%. Dr. Andrew Pickens helped us with his experience as immediate past president. Greg Casey did a tremendous job as our Medical Student Council president, as well as did the entire Medical Student Council: Jennifer Monroe (vice president), Daniel Bartgen and Melissa Hudson (midwest regional representatives), Mary Chopard and Kenneth Marshall (northeast regional representatives), Sara Kirby and Ellana Stinson (south regional representatives) and Malia Bender and Rachele Callenback (west regional representatives).

I'd also like to thank all of our committee members for their important role in AAEM/RSA. Our advocacy committee members were: Dr. Jonathan Hemmert, Dr. Clayborn Morris, Dr. Sanobar Shaikh, Dr. Sarah Stewart de Ramirez, Dr. Jason Tanguay, Dr. Nathan Trueger, Pedram Behzadi, Baruch Fertel, Daniel Giltner, Evan Johnson, Teresa Matejovsky and Syed Ali Rizvi.

The communications committee included: Dr. Veronica Bonales, Brian Byrne, Tomislav Jelic, Jaime Jones, Crystal Terrill and Jonathan Trager.

The education committee included: Dr. Jessica Brooks, Dr. Priya Kuppasamy, Dr. Dina Seif, Dr. Sneha Shah, Dr. Brian Sharp, Dr. Sandra Thomasian, Daniel Bartgen, Abra Berg, Richard Doyle, Gustavo Flores, Brian Geyer, Deena Ibrahim, Jamie "Akiva" Kahn, Kathleen Moorhead and Glenn Skow.

And finally, the membership committee included: Dr. Munawar Alhoda, Dr. Erin Griffith, Dr. Joshua Lynch, Maxim Ben-Yakov, Todd Burgbacher, Aisha C. Jennings, Helen Levey, Barbara Jean Santos, Chanel Shaw, Elliott Tenpenny and Scott Weitzel.

I'm excited to serve another year on the board of directors as the immediate past president. I look forward to continuing the projects we have started this year: a website redesign, a local and national advocacy forum, the written board review book and our membership expansion. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the AAEM Resident and Student Association this past year.