

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN & FELLOW SECTION

Section:04.20

SUBJECT: Annual Report
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1 It is my pleasure to provide the following updates regarding the Resident Physician and Fellow Section
2 (RPFS) activities since the 2019 HOD meeting. Currently, the RPFS has 70 active members. The
3 Governing Council consists of the following members, and I would like to acknowledge and thank them
4 for their leadership and support:

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6 Jessica Walsh O'Sullivan, M.D., Chair, *Emory University*
7 Sherwin Chiu, M.D., Vice Chair, *Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University*
8 Brandon Kirshner, M.D., Secretary, *Coliseum Health System*
9 Benjamin Bush, M.D., Treasurer, *Memorial Health*

10 11 **AMA Participation**

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13 This year, resident members Ben Bush and Jessica Walsh O'Sullivan attended the AMA Interim Meeting
14 in San Diego and attended the virtual Annual Meeting in June. The RFS passed policy at I19 to protect
15 residents and fellows in the event of hospital closures. Initially inspired by last year's Hahnemann
16 University Hospital closure which displaced more than 570 residents and fellows, this policy aims to
17 establish standards for professional and financial protections for trainees in the event of closure of a
18 teaching hospital.

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20 The RFS section meeting of our AMA Annual Meeting was suspended due to the pandemic, but plans are
21 underway for an active virtual session this November.

22 23 **Meetings and Events**

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25 Governing Council members Jessica Walsh O'Sullivan, M.D. and Sherwin Chiu, M.D. began outreach
26 within their respective institutions and noted interest among residents to learn more about local medical
27 societies and participation in the Medical Association of Georgia. Unfortunately, future meetings and
28 social events were postponed due to ongoing health concerns.

29 30 **Future Endeavors**

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32 We are currently engaged with House of Delegates organizers to establish protected time and web
33 conferencing to invite residents and medical students to learn more about organized medicine and the
34 Medical Association of Georgia. We have invited Shamie Das, M.D., a former resident member and
35 current member of the Young Physician Section Governing Council to speak on his involvement and to
36 share his experiences. Additionally, we are planning a resident segment and inviting physician candidates
37 to share their experiences running for office and to discuss why physicians need to take a bigger role in
38 politics.
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- 1 Our goals for the next year include partnering with state subspecialty groups to establish an organized
- 2 medicine awareness week to expand involvement of residents, fellows, and medical students. We are
- 3 grateful to our colleagues for the support and encouragement throughout the year.

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