



CoPS UPDATE November 2015

[Attached please find the minutes and slides from our September 28-29, 2015 Council meeting in Chicago.](#)

If you have not already done so, please remember to have dues remitted to CoPS to ensure your continued involvement in the important work of CoPS and full representation on Council.

As was discussed at the meeting, we have decided to create a Workforce Action Team to further explore the complex issues surrounding workforce, to fact-find and to consider collaborative efforts in this area. If you have an interest in participating, and perhaps leading this effort, please let Rob Spicer, Laura Degnon or any member of the Executive Committee know **by December 5, 2015**.

The Communications Action Team is also looking to increase its impact with CoPS and the subspecialties by upgrading CoPS' website capacity, including the subspecialty descriptions and coordination of fellowship readiness information.

Also, there has been a rekindling of the notion that CoPS' efforts could benefit significantly by expanding our use of social media. Alice Ackerman and the Communications Action Team will look to address this going forward and Council members with an interest are encouraged to let Linda Van Marter or Rich Mink know.

There will be a forthcoming *Journal of Pediatrics* article from CoPS that will explore the Common Match Date. Drs. Mink, Renno, and former CoPS representative, Annabelle de St. Maurice, have agreed to champion this project. A number of future submissions were discussed, including Workforce and Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

On October 1, Rich Mink sent his slides and updates on the EPA Research Project, the Scholarship EPA, and subspecialty description website activity. Check them out if you have not had a chance.

Finally, don't forget to volunteer for a position on the CoPS Executive Committee (EC) for a three year term beginning in May, 2016. The reason CoPS has survived and thrived is its members and Council representation and engagement has never been stronger. Being on the EC ratchets involvement and commitment up a level or two but is extremely rewarding and vital to the organization. Let Rob Spicer, Laura Degnon, or any EC member know if you would like to nominate or self-nominate.

Thank you!
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Chair, CoPS