



Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS)  
Update on Activities  
Fall, 2011 – Spring, 2012  
April 25, 2012

**ABP's Subspecialty Clinical Training Initiative**

As outlined in the CoPS January 2011 strategic plan, CoPS has focused much of its efforts in serving as the communications network for the pediatric subspecialty community. Since the late summer of 2011, CoPS agreed to serve as the communications network for the ABP's initiative regarding clinical training in the pediatric subspecialties. CoPS continues to assist the ABP in disseminating information regarding this initiative and will be receiving feedback from the pediatric subspecialty community that CoPS will collate and provide to the ABP to inform their decisions. CoPS participates on regular conference calls with the ABP regarding this important initiative. Representatives of CoPS have presented information regarding this initiative at the recent APPD meeting and will participate in an informational forum at the Boston PAS meeting, in addition to sending periodic emails to the community.

**Publications/Presentations**

- CoPS was a co-sponsor of the second bi-annual Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) meeting in September, 2011 which was a huge success; registration was sold out weeks before the meeting. Plans are already underway for the 2013 fall meeting.
- A manuscript was accepted in April, 2012 to *Pediatrics* entitled: Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS): The First Five Years. We will keep you informed regarding the publication date.
- An abstract was submitted, accepted and presented as a poster presentation at the April, 2012 Association of Pediatric Program Directors by the CoPS Communications Committee regarding Subspecialty Descriptions created and available on the CoPS website.
- Two oral presentations took place at the April, 2012 Association of Pediatric Program Directors Annual Meeting by the ABP and CoPS Task Forces on the ABP's Subspecialty Clinical Training Initiative.
- CoPS has participated as a sponsoring organization in several workshops, including "Developing a Boot Camp for Pediatric Fellows", presented at both the Spring 2012 APPD and PAS meetings.

**Focus of CoPS activities in the next few years.**

CoPS and its members will continue to focus on issues of importance to the subspecialty community. This includes organization of educational meetings, such as the Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum conference held in 2009 and 2011 and planned for 2013, and participation in workshops and other educational activities that support the training needs of the subspecialty organizations. CoPS is also entering its April, 2012 meeting with a list of issues the community has asked CoPS to consider addressing. One outcome of that meeting will be the prioritization of those issues. In addition to these issues, we have started developing formal processes for the organization such as how we will vet issues.



### **CoPS Meetings**

CoPS relies heavily on input from the community/its members regarding issues of importance where CoPS can help make a difference. The next CoPS meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 7-9am at the Boston Marriott Copley Place (Salon J/K, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor), during the PAS meetings. The fall CoPS meeting, open to dues paying members/representatives, is scheduled to take place Thursday, October 11 from 10am – 6pm and Friday, October 12 from 8am – 1:30pm in Chicago, IL near Chicago O’Hare airport (exact hotel TBD).

### **Membership**

A business plan was created that enables CoPS to continue its important role in promoting the activities of pediatric subspecialties. This business plan arose from the strategic plan created during a retreat held in January 2011. This plan led to the formation of a dues structure that consists of four tiers:

Sustaining membership	\$10,000 or more/year
Supporting membership	\$5,000-\$9,999/year
Contributing membership	\$2,500-\$4,999/year
Society and Section Dues	\$500/year per representative

One aspect of the business plan and dues structure was clarification of the roles of the membership organizations. Based on a desire to ensure broad representation of the pediatric community, all of the dues-paying organizations will have representation on CoPS. Each organization within the sustaining, support and contributing membership categories will receive one vote. Representative(s) from a society or section may be on the Council, noting there is up to two voting representatives per specialty. Effective July 1, 2012, payment of dues is required to maintain membership/representation within CoPS and to retain voting privileges.

### **What does membership in CoPS mean?**

- Support the mission of CoPS: to advance child health through communication and collaboration within its network of pediatric subspecialties and allied organizations.
- Support the vision of CoPS: all pediatric subspecialties working together for optimal child health.
- Increase subspecialty visibility in the pediatric community.
- Vet, synthesize, articulate and influence the outcome of shared issues of importance with other leaders of the pediatric community.
- Promote your subspecialty and its work.
- Participate in the CoPS spring and fall meetings.
- Discuss and vote on pertinent issues in the pediatric subspecialty community

**The CoPS membership (dues) year is July 1 - June 30.**



## **July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 Dues Paying Membership:**

### **Sustaining**

- American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
- Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs (AMSPDC)
- Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD)

### **Supporting**

- American Pediatric Society (APS)

### **Contributing**

- Academic Pediatric Association (APA)
- Child Neurology Society (CNS)
- Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)

### **Subspecialty Societies and Sections**

- American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI)
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Allergy & Immunology
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Critical Care
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Emergency Medicine
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Hematology/Oncology
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Nephrology
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Perinatal Pediatrics
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Pediatric Pulmonology
- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Rheumatology
- American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO)
- American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)
- Child Neurology Society (CNS)
- Helfer Society
- North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology, and Nutrition (NASPGHAN)
- Pediatric Endocrine Society (PES)
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)
- Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM)
- Society of Pediatric Cardiology Training Program Directors (SPCTPD)
- Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP)
- Society for Pediatric Dermatology (SPD)

