

CoPS Spring Meeting 2014

May 4, 2014

Fairmont Waterfront, Vancouver, BC

7:00am-9:00am

In Attendance:

Kammy McGann, Raye ann deRegnier, Jean Emeans, Micheal Brook, Chris Harris, Kristina Bryant, Diane Stafford, Bruce Herman, Jim Bale, Mary Lieh-Lai, Caroline Fischer, Rob Spicer, Richard Mink, Chris Kennedy, Gail McGuinness, Deb Boyer, Dena Hofkosh, Rick Kaskel, Bruce Boston, Christianne Dammann, Annabelle de St Maurice, Alice Ackerman, Jennifer Kesselheim, Elizabeth Stuart, Linda Van Marter, Joanne Wood, Paul Darden, Sangeeta Hingorani, Dan Coury, Paul Dowling
Mgt: Amy Schull

To see a detailed list of attendees with which subspecialty and organization they represent, please see Attachment 1

Welcome and Introductions

Richard Mink opened the meeting at 7:07 with brief introductions.

Social Media Follow-up

Richard Mink advised the Council about the Executive Committee's decision to not pursue any social media activities at this time. It was felt that this would require too great a time commitment and resources that could be better utilized in other activities.

Richard Mink then briefly reviewed the overall web views and noted that activity is much greater than last year. As of the end of March 2014, we have already exceeded the number of page views compared with last year. One of the most commonly visited pages are still the subspecialty pages but the webinars have also seen good traffic.

Fellowship Readiness Action Team

Debra Boyer updated the group on the Fellowship Readiness Action Team.

It was noted that we need to be careful in that these are suggested and not prescriptive because people get very concrete. If things are too "outlined" it may seem as the only/correct way. One suggestion was to have subspecialties indicate potential rotations that might be of benefit for those entering that particular subspecialty. These could be posted in the subspecialty descriptions.

It was pointed out that better resources are needed, access to subspecialties/exposure. People could volunteer themselves to be subspecialty "mentors" for individuals that might not have access to all the subspecialties at their institution.

Richard Mink also reminded the Council that that the Fellowship Readiness AT has a oral presentation of their work later today.

ACTION: CoPS will ask the subspecialties to identify potential rotations for residents planning to enter their subspecialty. In addition, subspecialties will be asked to identify potential mentors in the

subspecialty. The names of these individuals will be posted on the CoPS and APPD (if the APPD Board agrees) websites in the descriptions.

Fellowship Start Date Action Team Update

See attached slides

Gail McGuinness explained to the group that this wouldn't all hinge on the change of the exam date. It would be a major change for the board, there are about 5500 taking the exam and all have to be credentialed and licensed. The ABP gives 20 different exams. It is complicated and would take the Board a considerable time to make this change. If this is essential, the Board can discuss this issue but would require some careful consideration.

There was some concern with the 25% of the surgical residents that said it wasn't okay to go without salary for 2-4 weeks. Even though the majority clearly said it was okay, that's still a significant amount of people that didn't agree - that's a lot to "force" that hardship on them. Doesn't mean we shouldn't do it, but we should minimize the effects. One suggestion to minimize this would be moving the date up a little. A survey of pediatric residents would be a good idea.

ACTION: Annabelle de St Maurice volunteered to help with the survey and distribute it through SOMSRFT. The Fellowship Start Date Action Team will discuss this, possibly conducting the survey with Internal Medicine.

Match

Chris Kennedy reviewed where things stand with the match. The overall goal has been to have the all matches move to a common date. Everyone is now using the ERAS. The Match process is streamlined and consistent. There has been some movement from the Spring to the Fall.

Dena Hofkosh discussed the letter she wrote from the APPD and said that it might be a little too "nice". The Council thanked APPD and thought that the statement was appropriate.

Alice Ackerman requested something that clearly delineates things for AMSPDC she could use to present. She felt it would be very helpful. If AMSPDC had something like that, she felt AMSPDC could be supportive of this issue and would be amenable to writing a letter.

Richard Mink noted that we have very little information as to what the residents really want. SOMSRFT developed a resolution promoting a common match date but there are not "hard" data to cite. He suggested a survey of residents and fellows soliciting their preference.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Chris Kennedy, Richard Mink and Annabelle de St. Maurice will develop a survey to be distributed to residents and fellows through SOMSRFT to solicit resident/fellow opinion.
- 2) CoPS to work with APPD and SOMSRFT to develop a letter to AMSPDC asking for assistance in promoting a common match.

ABP Education and Training Committee

Gail McGuinness told the group that they have restructured the committee. The first meeting was in March, Debra Boyer and Richard Mink are new members of the committee. The committee is looking at developing a new online tracking program for the ABP.

AMSPDC Education Committee

Alice Ackerman shared that as Chairs, AMSPDC members are theoretically the ones who should be the most in touch with educational issues across the continuum. This new committee has had several calls and participated in the spring AMSPDC meeting by giving updates on the various organizations that they've been assigned to, similar to a liaison role. Issues discussed included no funding/not enough for medical school teaching, not enough faculty for faculty development, etc.

CCCs and Milestones reporting

See attached slides

Mary Lieh-Lai and Caroline Fischer presented information on Clinical Competency Committees (CCC) and Milestones reporting.

A few items of clarification that they pointed out:

- CCCs should have met and deliberated prior to the reporting time. The reporting time is just for the programs to **enter** their reports.
- The reason "chief residents" can't serve as members of the CCCs is because they are still very close to their peers and there could be a conflict.
- Coordinators can't be members of the CCC because it's based on clinical competency – most coordinators aren't in a position to judge clinical competency,

ACTION: A copy of Mary Lieh-Lai's presentation will be posted on the CoPS website.

Abbreviated NCG Milestones

Richard Mink asked John Mahan to present the abbreviated milestones that he has developed. He also explained that the evaluation forms can be whatever works for your particular department/institution – you can use the forms you've always used, develop new one or somewhere in between. Both John Mahan and Mary Lieh-Lai emphasized that the full milestone language should be used for ACGME reporting.

One person shared with group that their institution developed their own evaluations. In doing so, they had to make a more brief version in order for them to be accepted and usable. The result is their faculty are now more engaged in the evaluations than they have been previously and it's been a very positive experience.

Richard Mink suggested that CoPS could post abbreviated milestones on the CoPS website so that everyone does not need to develop their own. Perhaps at some point, everyone will agree to use one set.

ACTION: CoPS will post abbreviated milestones on its website.

EPA Research Project

See attached slides

Rich Mink provided a brief review of this project and explained that it is a collaborative project between CoPS, the APPD Fellowship Executive Committee, APPD LEARN and the ABP.

Wrap-Up

Richard Mink introduced the new At Large Members and thanked the out-going members. In particular, he thanked Vicky Norwood and Jim Bale for their important groundwork in establishing CoPS as an organization. Plaques were presented to Richard Mink and Chris Kennedy in recognition of their time and hard work.

Attachment 1

List of CoPS Spring Meeting Attendees and their Subspecialty

Kammy McGann, *Infectious Disease*
Raye-Ann deRegnier, *APS*
Jean Emans, *Adolescent Medicine*
Michael Brook, *Pediatric Cardiology*
Christopher Harris, *Pulmonology*
Kristina Bryant, *Infectious Disease*
Diane Stafford, *Endocrinology*
Bruce Herman, *Child Abuse*
James F. Bale, *Neurology*
Mary Lieh-Lai, *ACGME*
Caroline Fischer, *ACGME*
Robert Spicer, *Cardiology*
Richard Mink, *Critical Care*
Chris Kennedy, *Emergency Medicine*
Gail McGuinness, *ABP*
Debra Boyer, *Pulmonary Medicine*
Dena Hofkosh, *APPD*
Rick Kaskel, *Nephrology*
Bruce A Boston, *Endocrinology*
Christiane E.L. Dammann, *Neonatology*
Annabelle de St Maurice, *SOMSRFT*
Alice D. Ackerman, *AMSPDC*
Jennifer Kesselheim, *Hematology-Oncology*
Elizabeth Stuart, *COMSEP*
Linda Van Marter, *Neonatology*
Joanne Wood, *Child Abuse*
Paul Darden, *Academic Generalist*
Sangeeta Hingorani, *Nephrology*
Dan Coury, *Developmental Behavioral*
Paul Dowling, *Allergy and Immunology*