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Executive Summary
October 2, 2007
Victoria F. Norwood, MD

What is CoPS?

- The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties was formed in September 2006 to address the need for communication of common issues to and from subspecialty medicine.
- We are currently sponsored by APPD and AMSPDC and advised by the member organizations of FOPO.

Mission

The Council of Pediatric Subspecialties integrates approaches to subspecialty education, research and patient care by providing a forum for members and other organizations and by serving as the common voice for the pediatric subspecialties.

What did we chose to do first?

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2006-2007 Listing as of August 23, 2007

	Representative 1 (Program Director)	Representative 2
Academic General Pediatrics	James Perrin	* Paul Darden
Adolescent Medicine	* Mary-Ann Shafer	Pamela Murray
Allergy and Immunology	Vincent R. Bonagura	Sami Bahna
Cardiology	Wayne Franklin	Gerard Martin
Child Abuse	Scott Benton	David Rubin
Child Psychiatry	Richard Martini	Bela Sood
Critical Care	Richard Mink	Don Vernon
Dermatology	Michael L. Smith	Patricia Witman
Developmental and Behavioral	* Dan Coury	David Schonfeld
Emergency Medicine	Chris Kennedy	Joan Shook
Endocrinology	Sharon Oberfield	Alan Rogol
Gastroenterology	Melvin Heyman	B Li
Genetics	Bob Zori	Derek Wong
Hematology-Oncology	Thomas Abshire	Stephen Feig
Infectious Diseases	Judith Campbell	Chris Harrison
Neonatology	Judy Aschner	Josef Neu
Nephrology	* Victoria Norwood	Steven J. Wassner
Neurology	* James Bale	Ann Tilton
Pulmonary Medicine	Paul Moore	Christopher Harris
Rheumatology	Marilynn Punaro	Michael Henrickson

Non-voting Ex-Officio members including:

AMSPDC (2 members)	Bruder Stapleton Marianne Felice
APPD (2 members)	Robert McGregor Susan Guralnick
AAP (1 member)	Robert Perelman
APA (1 member)	Claibourne I. Dungy
ABP (1 member)	Gail McGuinness
APS/SPR (1 member)	H. William Schnaper
FOPO Executive Director	Theodore C. Sectish

*Denotes Executive Committee Member

What have we done?

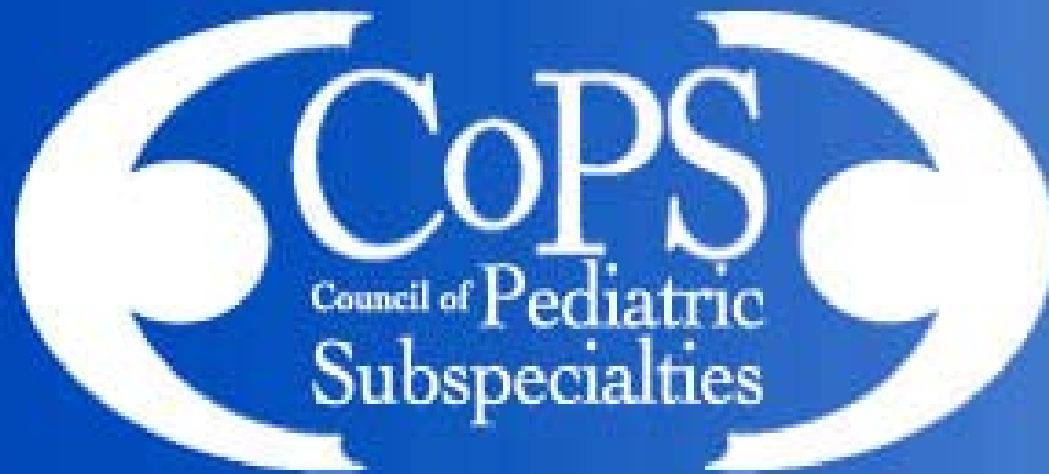
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Governance

- Executive committee has been formed.
- Bylaws were generated and ratified.
- Dr. Paul Darden, the founding Chair, was unable to continue that role.
- Dr. Norwood assumed the Chair position and Dr. James Bale was elected vice-chair.

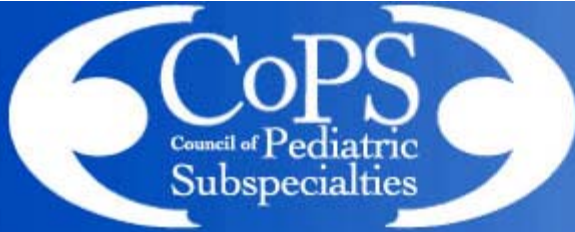
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REPRESENTATIVES**

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VISION

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VALUES

As an organization of professionals, we promote the following values:

- Compassion
- Diversity
- Communication
- Career development and satisfaction
- Education, training and research of the highest quality

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Fellowship Application Process Task Force

Charge: Respond to the Recommendations of FOPO about delaying the start of the application process to the beginning of the senior year.

Co-Chairs: [Tom Abshire](#) (Hematology-Oncology)

[Sharon Oberfield](#) (Endocrinology)

Members: [Judy Aschner](#) (Neonatology)

[Chris Kennedy](#) (Emergency Medicine)

[Josef Neu](#) (Neonatology)

[Steven Wassner](#) (Nephrology)

Pediatric Sub-Specialty* Match and ERAS information 2008 Sheet

Specialty	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jul 2008
Immunology		6				25										1
Neuro-Gen	29						9									1
Allergy/Immunology*			10				23									1
Cardiology			17					13								1
GI			17					13								1
Neurology†		1											1			1
Critical Care									5					8		1
Emergency Medicine										1				20		1
Child Psych*											6				10	1
Neurology																1
Adolescent Medicine																1
Developmental-Behavioral																1
Infectious Disease																1
Pediatrics																1
Genetics																1
Nephrology																1
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Child Abuse																1
Endocrinology																1

First Date listed is Match Start Date (probably correlates closely with onset of interviews)

Second Date listed is Match Day (Look out for 1-2 weeks before this date)

Match Day

Interview Season WITHOUT ERAS

Interview Season WITH ERAS

ERAS Closed (unavailable for data; system purged from previous cycle); Re-opens for candidates to upload July 1; Program info July 15

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Start of Fellowship

*Note: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry & Allergy/Immunology are not an ABP sub-board

†Dates for Neurology programs start for 2008 season; Neurology did not participate in the 2006 match, but is listed here for comparison to all other programs - will use ERAS until May 31, then written application for later applicants.

Recommendations:

- Utilize ERAS: 12 mos or 18 mos cycle
 - Uniformity within subspecialty
 - No change for subspecialties in ERAS
- Utilize two match periods:
 - Continues what subspecialties already doing
 - Late spring and late fall
- Encourage subspecialties not able/willing to use ERAS or a match date to endorse a common offer date.
- Long term desire that the process becomes even more streamlined.

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Fellowship Core Curriculum Task Force

Charge: Examine examples of core curricula and share these with the Council for possible dissemination to the membership

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[Mary Ann Shafer](#) (Adolescent Med)

Members: [Stephen Feig](#) (Hematology-Oncology)
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PIF Revisions

- In two separate groups, CoPS served as the communication vector from ACGME to subspecialties requesting suggestions for revisions for PIFs.

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APPD “Share Warehouse”

- Accepted APPD invitation to add subspecialty arm to their plans for a curriculum/training practices warehouse.
- Supported request for funding of the project.
- Participating in the development phase of the infrastructure to enable subspecialty inclusion (need a volunteer!).

New requests

- FOPO/APPD: Address the problems of the transition time between residency and fellowship: moving dates, insurance coverage, professionalism.
- ABP: Assist with development of an online program directors' guide for rules/regs/FAQs.
- Join with AAP and an expert working group addressing subspecialty workforce needs and provision of medical homes for children with special health care needs.

So what next?

- Continue work and follow-up of current task forces.
- Operationalize interactions with the ABP, ACGME, and federal agencies
 - ABP PDs guidebook
- “Pipeline” group to address issues of recruitment, retention, funding, and other workforce needs.
- Advocacy group to operationalize subspecialty pediatrics into national health and medical research issues.
- Communications group to expand and better define our communication needs and methods to accomplish that communication.
- Develop a finance committee/task force

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