



The APDEM Annual Meeting commenced at 5:35pm CDT in Chicago, Illinois.

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Program Directors

Dr. Geetha Gopalakrishnan, APDEM President, welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked that all new program directors introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes & Business Report

APDEM remains financially strong with assets in excess of \$242K, despite the decrease in net assets from 2016 and 2017. This decrease is largely due to APDEM's investment in hiring a consultant to assist in creating the revised draft curriculum, released in 2017. APDEM will continue to review the draft curriculum in 2018, however, additional work will likely be conducted by APDEM members and volunteers. At this time there is no plan to hire a consultant to continue revising the draft curriculum in 2018.

APDEM also saw a slight increase in administrative costs as we moved from personal memberships, owned by PDs, to organizational memberships that serve the whole program. APDEM staff was responsible for building out a new database system that incorporated organizational accounts and proper contact methods for program coordinators and Associate Program Directors.

APDEM has 111 current members, 6 lapsed members, and 25 ACGME accredited programs who are not members. APDEM began the process of moving from multi-year memberships to an annual billing cycle in 2017. By June 2019, every APDEM member will be on a 12-month billing cycle from July 1 – June 30. To get all members on one annual billing cycle, APDEM instituted a series of 18 month renewal periods to programs who traditionally paid year-to-year and who purchased a two year membership before this billing transition began. Current breakdown of expiring programs is:

- 44 members expiring 6/30/2018
- 9 members expiring 12/31/2018
- 58 members expiring 6/30/2019

Reports from APDEM Sister Societies

APDEM's Sister Societies were warmly thanked for their continued support. Representatives from each supporting organization that attended gave a brief update on their society's resources, events, and tools that benefitted Program Directors and fellows. The following were in attendance:

- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists – Dr. Jonathan Leffert
- American Thyroid Association – Dr. Charles Emerson
- Endocrine Society – Dr. Susan Mandel

3. APDEM Committee Updates

Upcoming Committees – Dr. Gopalakrishnan announced to attendees that the APDEM Council has approved the creation of a finance committee and a strategic planning committee. The finance committee will be responsible for assessing APDEM’s current finances and making recommendations to Council on how to best ensure APDEM’s financial well-being. The strategic planning committee will assess APDEM’s current mission and product portfolio to create recommendations to council on future APDEM endeavors and focus. Both committees are expected to be created in 2018.

Newsletter Committee – Dr. Richard Auchus, Chair of the newsletter committee, reviewed the improved format of the APDEM Update with members and asked for feedback. Overall, the membership was positive of the changes and liked the Program Director and Coordinator articles being featured. Dr. Auchus proposed that we create a comment section on each of these articles to encourage member interaction and asked that any volunteers for future articles reach out to him to discuss article topics.

Bylaws Committee – Dr. Richard Comi, Chair of the bylaws committee announced to membership that a subset of council will be reviewing the bylaws to ensure that they are meeting the needs of the organization, particularly when it comes to electronic voting, quorums, and leadership planning and succession. The committee will meet over the coming months and plans to make recommendations to council within the year. The committee plans on reaching out to members to incorporate input into their recommendations. Should Council approve any bylaws recommendations, the membership will then be required to vote on any suggested changes before the bylaws can be amended.

Virtual Program Director Resource “Binder” – Dr. Kurt Kennel, Chair of the program director resource binder committee introduced this committee to the membership for the first time. With the assistance of Dr. Ismat Shafiq and Dr. Odelia Cooper, this committee is currently compiling existing resources created by likeminded organizations into one central location. Compiling these resources for programs will help program directors—especially new ones—streamline their processes and will also allow APDEM to see what additional materials are needed to supplement the information that has already been provided.

4. Implementing the “All-In” Match Policy

Chair of the All In Implementation Working Group, Dr. Christopher McCartney introduced his working group. Dr. Andrew Gianoukakis, Dr. Geetha Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Matthew Levine, Dr. Debra Simmons, and Dr. Vin Tangpricha will be working to ensure proper implementation of the new All In match and reviewing any submitted exceptions to the match. Thus far, the working group has submitted a formal letter of intent to NRMP’s Board of Directors regarding any pre-approved exceptions. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was created and later emailed to Endocrinology Program Directors, Endocrinology Program Coordinators, Internal Medicine Program Directors, and Designated Institutional Officers describing the new policy and when the MOU would need to be signed in order to receive ERAS access.

The sole purpose of the MOU is to document that each program understands the All In Policy. If the MOU is signed and delivered by Monday, May 14, 2018 by 5:00pm EDT, the program will receive full ERAS access. If executed after May 14, 2018, the program will ultimately be listed in ERAS and have access to candidates but may not be added until after the June 6, 2018 opening date. Any program that fails to complete the MOU will not be granted access to ERAS.

The Working Group will continue to follow up with programs to ensure that everyone who wishes to sign the MOU to receive ERAS access does so in a timely fashion. They will also make recommendations to APDEM Council regarding any 2018 exception requests, devise a long-term plan for addressing exception requests, formalize a structure for adherence monitoring, and address feedback received by members regarding the All In policy.

5. ABIM: Procedural Competencies for Certification in Endocrinology

Director of Community Engagement, Eric McKeeby provided updates on the Knowledge Check-In component of the ABIM MOC program. The Knowledge Check-Ins provide a shorter, lower stakes assessment taken every two years and can be taken at home, work, or a testing facility. It is available in 2018 to physicians certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology and will become available to all other specialties in 2019 and 2020. Both the traditional 10-year examination and 2-year Knowledge-Check-In options are open book and feature access to Up-To-Date... There will be a “no consequences” launch year where physicians whose exams were due in 2018 or 2019 but were not successful will have the opportunity to retake the test again in 2020 without a change to their certification status.

6. Internal Medicine Review – Site Visits and Accreditation System

Dr. Alan Dalkin currently serves as the Endocrinology member on the Internal Medicine Review Committee. Referencing his January APDEM Update article, Dr. Dalkin summarized the Next Accreditation System (NAS). NAS includes the Review Committee’s annual data review of key indicators including board pass rate, resident and faculty surveys, annual updates. The self-study portion of NAS is meant to be a constructive, “no risk” experience in which programs can evaluate their training program to optimize their educational environment. The information gathered by the self-study experience is not incorporated into the 10-year accreditation assessment.

7. Acknowledgement of Slated and Outgoing Council Members

Dr. Geetha Gopalakrishnan recognized outgoing council members Joshua Safer and Richard Auchus for their service and contributions as APDEM council members as well as presented the slate of candidates that is currently available for membership to vote on. Slated as Secretary-Treasurer is Dr. Kurt Kennel, and as Council members, Dr. Odelia Cooper and Susan Samson. The electronic ballot to approve the slate closes on April 6, 2018.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm CDT.