

2010 AOR Resolutions

May 29-30, 2010 – Atlanta, Georgia

Resolution 2010-01

The Student Academy resolves to investigate the development of a database of PAs who agree to precept and/or provide shadowing experience for PA and pre-PA students.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-02

The Student Academy resolves to adopt the following position statement on primary care:

Whereas, the foundational purpose of the PA profession was to reinforce and strengthen a struggling primary care structure, by providing the best care for the most patients, in the most efficient and cost effective manner; and

Whereas, the shortage of qualified providers continues in the primary care fields of family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatrics, and geriatrics; and

Whereas, the benefits of practicing primary care require more subtlety and care to appreciate, as compared to the perceived prestige or superlative salaries of certain specialties;

We resolve to encourage students to deepen their understanding of both the need for and the satisfaction derived from primary care practice, by spending significant clinical rotation time in primary care fields, and to carefully consider a career in this crucial corner of care.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-03

The Student Academy resolves to explore opportunities that allow all PA Program students to attend the Student Academy Board of Director meetings virtually.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-04

The Student Academy resolves that the Student Academy investigate moving the Student Academy winter board meeting to align with Constituent Organization Resource Exchange (CORE) and the AAPA Board of Directors meetings to increase interaction between student leaders, constituent organization leaders, and AAPA leaders.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-05

The Student Academy resolves to explore new ways to be involved with the committees and projects of the AAPA.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-06

The Student Academy resolves to have bi-monthly conference calls with Regional Chairs and the Assembly of Representatives (AOR) representatives of the Student Societies within their region.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-08

The Student Academy resolves to create a "training packet" for newly elected Assembly of Representatives (AOR) representatives within the Student Academy Student Societies to provide a consistent, comprehensive orientation to new AOR representatives, as being a representative of the AOR requires extensive knowledge and understanding of the "workings" of the AOR.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-09

The Student Academy resolves to encourage PA students to practice preventative medicine.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-13

The Student Academy resolves to encourage PA students to consider taking a more biopsychosocial approach in regards to patient relationships; to focus on mental health and counseling in addition to treatment of physical illness and/or injury.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-14

The Student Academy resolves that the Student Academy and the AAPA explore the development of a leadership program in order to equip qualified and interested PA students with the tools and expertise to become future leaders of the profession.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-15

The Student Academy resolves to bring the Physician Assistant profession back to its roots by encouraging PA programs to pursue at least one primary care rotation in a rural/under-served area.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-18

The Student Academy resolves to continue the work of the video ad hoc committee for one additional year.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-19

The Student Academy resolves to reaffirm Resolution 2009-27, which encourages PA students to comply with physical activity guidelines set forth by the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association.

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Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-20

The Student Academy resolves that the Student Academy promotes the preservation of voting privileges of the Student Academy in the AAPA House of Delegates.

Whereas, the Student Academy believes that a voting voice is essential to student investment and influence in the future of the PA profession.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-21

The Student Academy resolves to encourage the Student Academy to provide electronic educational information to PA students and the PA programs regarding green practices that they can implement in their homes, community, and PA program; with an emphasis on personal reduction, reuse, and recycling.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-22

The Student Academy resolves to explore ways to make the Student Academy Web site more user friendly.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-23

The Student Academy resolves to explore ways in which to recognize PA program student societies who engage in activities with other health care professions to promote teamwork and cohesion among various medical professionals.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-24

The Student Academy resolves to encourage students to participate in advocacy issues, including but not limited to meeting yearly with elected officials at the local, state, and national levels.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-25

The Student Academy resolves to reaffirm Resolution 2009-23, which opposes specialty certification and specifically write a letter to the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants regarding the Student Academy position.

Resolution 2009-23

The Student Academy resolves that the Student Academy affirm the AAPA's Position Paper: Flexibility as a Hallmark of the PA Profession: The Case Against Specialty Certification and by affirming this same position, strongly discouraging future measures that lead to any mandatory postgraduate training.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-26

The Student Academy resolves to encourage PA students to become involved with symposiums and other opportunities which allow PA students to learn how to become involved with national and local healthcare issues.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-27

The Student Academy encourages the Student Academy to explore ways to facilitate mentoring relationships with constituent organizations.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-29

The Student Academy resolves to promote bone marrow registry and bone marrow drives as an important component in PA student society events and community activities.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-30

The Student Academy resolves that the Student Academy and the AAPA provide resources and encourage student societies to increase public awareness of Physician Assistants by contacting and building relationships with local and regional media outlets in their respective areas.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-31

The Student Academy resolves to encourage the AAPA to contact the US Food and Drug Administration and request that it repeal its ban that prevents the American Red Cross and other organizations from accepting blood from men who have had sexual contact with other men.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-32

The Student Academy resolves to encourage the board to continue the work of the Green Ad Hoc Committee for one additional year with the intent to find sustainable solutions in conference practice and among student societies nationwide.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-33

The Student Academy resolves to encourage PA students to be more involved in clinical research by investigating other PA programs who have implemented and proven to be beneficial. This information should be made available through the Student Academy section of the AAPA Web site.

Status: Carried

Resolution 2010-34

Proclamation for Jacqueline Spiegel, MS, PA-C, Physician Assistant Education Association Graduate Advisor to the Student Academy

Whereas the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants recognizes the leadership Jacqueline Spiegel has provided the Student Academy and all its students over the last four years; and

Whereas, Ms. Spiegel has dedicated herself to advocating for the physician assistant students and profession.

Her guidance of the Student Academy leadership, faithful service and dedication to all PA students have contributed to improved leadership effectiveness and student involvement. Ms. Spiegel's passion and warmth have continually encouraged and motivated PA students, both at the state and national level. Providing clarity and a voice of experience, her keen insight has immeasurably impacted the student academy throughout her years of service as graduate advisor, and

Whereas, as future physician assistants we appreciate the contributions of Ms. Spiegel in promoting physician assistants and physician assistant students' leadership throughout the medical community, we will continue in her steps by our commitment to the Student Academy and our own leadership roles therein and in the future.

Be it therefore resolved that:

The 2010 Assembly of Representatives of the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants recognizes the many contributions of Jacqueline Spiegel to the Student Academy, PA profession, and the impact she has had on the leadership of PA students in the United States, and

Be it further resolved that we, the Student Academy, appreciate the guidance she has provided for students within the Academy. The Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants Assembly of Representatives past and present expresses gratitude and continued success to a great leader in our education and of our profession.

Status: Carried by acclamation

Resolutions that Did Not Carry

Resolution 2010-07

The Student Academy resolves that the Student Academy continues the work of the Professional Outreach Ad Hoc Committee for a period of one year.

Status: Failed

Resolution 2010-10

The Student Academy resolves to encourage PA students to take an interest in the Paul Ambrose Scholar Symposium allowing PA students learn how to become involved with national health care issues and network with the Surgeon General, public health officials, industry experts and veteran public health practitioners.

Status: Failed

Resolution 2010-11

The Student Academy resolves to encourage student societies to educate youth and adults regarding HPV awareness and immunization.

Status: Tabled Indefinitely

Resolution 2010-12

The Student Academy resolves to encourage student societies to educate their own community regarding the incidence of breast cancer in males. It further resolves to educate about the risks, signs, and symptoms of male breast cancer.

Status: Tabled Indefinitely

Resolution 2010-16

The Student Academy resolves to encourage the AAPA to consider waiving registration fees for the Assembly of Representatives (AOR) representatives and alternates at the AAPA annual PA conference.

Status: Failed

Resolution 2010-17

The Student Academy resolves to discourage institutions from requiring that physician assistants complete a “residency” program prior to being hired in an area of specialty.

Status: Withdrawn

Resolution 2010-28

The Student Academy resolves that the Student Academy investigate the formation of a national advocacy day for students.

Status: Withdrawn