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## Student Academy Board of Directors



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The organizational chart shows a hierarchy starting with the President at the top. Reporting to the President are the President-Elect and the Chief Delegate. Reporting to the President-Elect are the Director of Outreach, the Director of Communications, the PA Foundation Student Representatives, and the 6 Regional Directors.

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## Student Board Committees



Five committees comprised of students from all over the nation

- **Advocacy & Policy Committee**
  - Chair: Brittany Hager, Western Regional Director
- **Communications & Outreach Committee**
  - Co-Chairs: Diana Wiley, Director of Communications & Kaila Gaughan, Director of Outreach
- **Leadership Committee**
  - Chair: Nelson Head, South Central Regional Director
- **Service Committee**
  - Chair: Jamie Pepi Shelstad, PA Foundation Student Representative
- **Student Governance Committee**
  - Chair: Stephen Lewia, MPAM, PA-C, President

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## Advocacy & Policy Committee



***2018-01: The Student Academy resolves to raise awareness in PA students about the importance of screening pediatric patients, especially teenagers, for depression.***

- Committee members crafted social media posts to be shared on the Student Academy Facebook page during May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month.
- These posts contained mental health facts, validated screening tools, information about suicide and safety planning, and links to external resources.

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## Advocacy & Policy Committee



***2018-03: The Student Academy resolves to advocate for the advancement for the PA profession by creating Optimal Team Practice (OTP) education material specifically aimed to educate students.***

- Committee members met via conference call to discuss OTP in October 2018 and had a significant conversation about OTP and what it means to PA students.
- AAPA asked for student feedback from the committee on OTP resources. Committee members shared OTP resources with their classmates to gain further insight.
- These resources were later distributed to PA students via email and social media and can now be found on AAPA's OTP page.

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## Advocacy and Policy Committee



***2018-06: The Student Academy resolves to put together a task force to research the primary care shortage and incentives for PAs to go into primary care and disseminate the information students.***

- Committee members conducted a short survey that was sent to AOR representatives on why they were or were not interested in pursuing primary care.
- Committee Chair Brittany Hager and committee member Kathryn LaFleur wrote a Student Perspectives article, interviewing primary care PA Kasey Brundidge about why she enjoys working in primary care.
- Both the survey results and article were shared on social media in April as part of a month-long social media campaign to raise awareness about incentives for PA students going into primary care.

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## Communication & Outreach Committee



***2018-02: The Student Academy resolves to seek opportunities to promote interprofessional collaboration with health profession student organizations to increase diversity in our respective organizations.***

- We continued to post the diversity spotlights on Facebook. These were continued from a 2017 AOR resolution.
- Two Student Perspectives articles were posted about interprofessional activities hosted at two different universities (MGH Institutes of Health and the University of Kentucky).
- Director of Outreach Kaila contacted student representatives at various other healthcare organizations, without much response.

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## Communication & Outreach Committee



***2018-05: The Student Academy resolves to raise awareness about the increasing need of clinical preceptors.***

- Committee members are currently working on a social media campaign regarding the need for clinical preceptors.

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## Communication & Outreach Committee



*The committee will be responsible for reviewing & analyzing Student Academy communication channels – emails, web pages, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Huddle, etc. – for effectiveness and recommend improvements where necessary.*

- Committee members participated in a survey giving feedback on the Student Academy’s social media presence, the Student Academy web pages, as well as the student community on Huddle.
- Feedback was shared with AAPA staff; the Student Academy web pages were revamped and are now live.

**Student Academy**  
The Student Academy Board of Directors and AOR lead student efforts to further the mission of the Academy and move toward our vision of the future.

**Student Board of Directors**  
The Student Academy’s Assembly of Representatives annually elects and appoints PA student leaders who represent PA students around the country.

**Assembly of Representatives (AOR)**  
The Assembly of Representatives (AOR) is comprised of student representatives from each recognized PA program’s Student Society. Students debate and determine resolutions which will guide the work of the Student Academy Board of Directors and student volunteers for the subsequent leadership year.

**Student Society Resources**  
Student societies are groups of PA students who meet regularly to discuss issues of common interest. Each PA program can register a student society with the Student Academy.

**House of Delegates – Student Delegation**  
PA students form one of the largest delegations to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, AAPA’s policymaking body. Applications for the 2020 HOD meeting in Nashville, Tenn. will open in Fall 2019.

**Student Leadership Opportunities**  
Being a Student Academy leader is an excellent way to become involved with AAPA and to develop leadership skills. If you are considering running for office, read over the position descriptions in the Election Guidelines.

**Social Media Posts:**  
 - Student Academy AAPA @StudentAcademyAAPA: Attention AOR reps and alternates—the final conference call before Denver will be this Wednesday, May 15 at 8 p.m. ET. Email students@aapa.org for call information.  
 - Student Academy AAPA @StudentAcademyAAPA: Alright #AStudents, time to get out there and move some mountains! #MotivationMonday  
 - Quote: Maybe you've been assigned this mountain to show others it can be moved.

## Leadership Committee



***2018-07: The Student Academy resolves to create standardized educational materials for AOR reps to facilitate a more fundamental understanding of the HOD.***

- The committee has been working on a PowerPoint to educate all PA students about the House of Delegates (HOD) and why students play such an important role. This PowerPoint will be reviewed by AAPA and will be available after Conference.

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## Leadership Committee



***2018-08: The Student Academy resolves to increase attendance at AOR orientation and facilitate information sharing regarding the AOR and Board of Directors candidates.***

- The AOR orientation has been advertised on social media, in emails to AOR representatives and throughout the year on AOR conference calls.
- The Student Board Elections web pages were updated this year, allowing for each candidate to create a candidate video, which were posted to AAPA's website.

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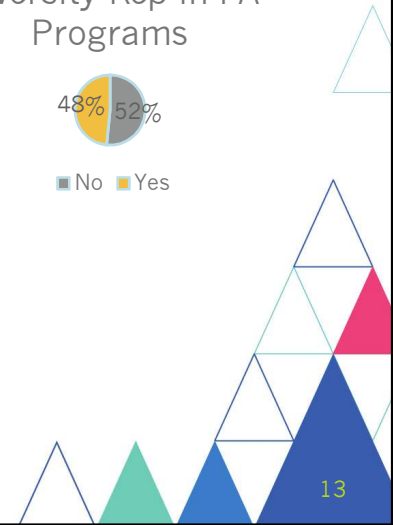
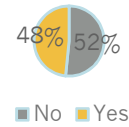
## Leadership Committee



***2018-04: The Student Academy resolves to transition the “Diversity Representative” position for an optional position to a strongly recommended position in each Student Society.***

- A short survey was created and set out to AOR representatives and AOR alternates, with nearly 100 students participating.
- 25.3% of PA students said they only feel comfortable serving diverse populations because of their personal background and that their program can benefit from further education on diversity.

Diversity Rep in PA Programs



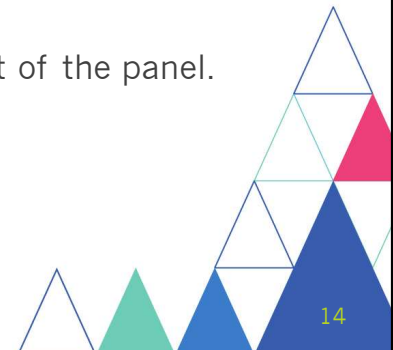
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## Leadership Committee



***The committee will be responsible for collaborating with AAPA in formulating the participants and framework for the AOR Leadership Panel at the 2019 Conference.***

- Committee members submitted a suggested list of panelists and questions. The committee worked closely with AAPA staff to determine the final list of panelists.
- Committee members also gave input on the format of the panel.



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## Service Committee



***This committee will research and make a recommendation to the Student Board scalable ideas for 2018 PA Student Service Week during AAPA's PA Week.***

- 26 PA programs from 19 states participated in a variety of service events during the 2018 PA Student Service Week event. A Student Perspectives article posted on AAPA's website highlighted student service projects from each region.
- The committee will share recommendations for PA Student Service Week 2019 after Conference.

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## Service Committee



***This committee will research and make a recommendation to the Student Board ideas for a Student Academy led student-service project in Denver during AAPA 2019.***

- The committee determined that the best volunteer opportunity for students, given the costs, transportation, and other important factors, would be to promote AAPA's Blood Drive in Denver.
- 20 PA students are volunteering this weekend to help check-in donors and escort them to the rest area.
- The committee also promoted student volunteer opportunities at Yes, I Scan and in the House of Delegates.

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## Student Governance Committee



***The Student Governance Committee will be responsible for reviewing the Student Academy Policy Manual and Bylaws and authoring recommended revisions to AAPA's Governance Commission.***

- The committee worked closely with AAPA's Governance Commission to bring the Student Academy Policy Manual into compliance.
- The final version of the Student Academy Policy Manual is now available to AAPA members on the Student Board of Directors page.

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## Student Governance Committee



***This committee will review and revise student election processes and guidelines to ensure structured, well-communicated, timely and transparent timeline and procedures that will point to optimal student education and engagement associated with Student Board elections.***

- This committee worked with AAPA's Governance Commission to align the Student Elections with the AAPA Board and House Elections. Changes include video platform statements and Student Board Election position web pages.

### 2019 ELECTIONS

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## PA Student Accomplishments 2018-2019



- 2019 Challenge Bowl team participation: 105 teams—a **new record!**
- Student Society Registration: 172 registered student societies.
- We engaged more student volunteers on the updated Student Board Committees.
- Enhancements were made to the Student Board Elections.
- The HOD Student Delegation submitted two resolutions to the House of Delegates for consideration (C-04 and C-05).
- There were more Student Award applications than in 2018.

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## PAs on the Plaza 2018



More than 300 PA students and PAs from 19 PA programs attended the event held in New York City in October 2018.

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## Leadership & Advocacy Summit 2019



Sixty-three PA students from all across the nation met in Washington, D.C. in March 2019 to advocate for the PA profession on Capitol Hill—another record of PA student participation.