

Assembly Committee of Area MIT Representatives
Report to the Assembly
May 2007

This year we have focused on strengthening our committee and our relationships in the APA. Our action paper, "Creation of an annual advisory position to ACOM," was approved yesterday by the Assembly. We believe that the addition of this advisory position will help us maintain continuity of ongoing projects, improve our institutional memory and mentor our new members. We really appreciate the Assembly's support in our effort to optimize the effectiveness of our committee.

We have continued our relationship with CORF, the Committee of Residents and Fellows. We worked with them to create an MIT handbook for all MITs involved in APA leadership and we also collaborated with them on their action paper to support their pilot program for MIT recruitment.

We are making progress towards implementing our web-based survey, examining resident well-being, which will be distributed to all residents in the APA. We are now submitting it for IRB approval from APIRE.

Advocacy continues to be an important focus of the committee. Several of our members, including myself, had the opportunity to attend APA Advocacy Day this March. We were able to learn how to be effective advocates and had the opportunity to meet with our legislators. In addition, the committee is currently in the process of planning a component workshop for the 2008 Annual Meeting focusing on advocacy training for MITs. We hope to educate residents and medical students as to how they can become advocates for their profession and their patients even at this early stage of their training. We continue to make participation in the PAC a priority in our committee. Several of our members serve on the PAC Board and again this year, 100% of our members have contributed to the PAC.

I am very pleased to announce that our new chair for the upcoming year will be Jose Vito, from Area II. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair of ACOM. I have learned a great deal and really enjoyed working with everyone. I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, ACOM, 2006-2007