

Assembly Committee of Members-In-Training
Report to the APA Assembly
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It is a real pleasure to have the opportunity to address the Assembly as the new chair of the Assembly Committee of Members-In-Training, ACOM. This past year was a very productive year for our committee and we accomplished a great deal.

We are pleased to announce that the ACOM-sponsored component workshop at the Annual Meeting in Toronto on various psychiatry fellowship opportunities was well attended and well-received. We hope to continue developing content useful to resident's needs and interests. We will be working this year on a new workshop for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

At the last Assembly meeting, three of our action papers were passed. One dealt with the creation of a web-based survey assessing resident well-being. We are currently in the process of developing this survey and it will be available to all psychiatry residents in early 2007. We plan to present our preliminary data at the Spring Assembly meeting.

Another action paper called for establishing an annual orientation for all new members of the Assembly. Dr. Blumenfield, our Speaker, chose to pursue this charge by creating an interactive webcast. Those of you who have viewed the webcast know that it is an extremely efficient and effective means of providing new members with an introduction and orientation to the activities and functioning of the Assembly and the APA.

We are very pleased to report that the Board of Trustees decided to maintain the separate status of the Assembly Committee of MITs and the APA Committee of Residents and Fellows. The members of ACOM and CORF believe that maintaining both committees will help to maintain an extensive involvement of MITs in the APA leadership. While our two committees will remain separate, we plan to continue to work closely with CORF, particularly through our established liaison position currently held by Paul O'Leary, Area 5 Dep-Rep. We are currently collaborating with CORF and other APA MITs to create a handbook detailing the opportunities and functions of MITs involved in the APA leadership.

We will continue to update our new webpage in order to improve communication with MITs on a national level and to further enhance our institutional memory.

We continue to maintain unanimous support for the APAPAC and several of our members are on the APAPAC MIT advisory group.

We have seven excellent new Dep-Reps. We are excited about the upcoming year and hope to remain a strong and active committee. We truly appreciate all the support and guidance we have received from the Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Chair, ACOM 2006-2007