

APA Assembly Committee of Members-in-Training
Report to the APA Assembly
May, 2006

In regards to **legislation**, ACOM was author of action paper 12.G that was approved at the last Fall Assembly and we have submitted six action papers to be presented at the upcoming Annual Meeting including: **1) Mentorship of All MIT's in APA Positions**, **2) Continued Separate Status of the Assembly Committee of Members-in-Training with the Committee of Residents and Fellows** **3) Development of an Assembly Orientation**, **4) Development of an APA stand on Psychologist Prescribing**, **5) Psychiatrists Recapturing the Role of Physician**, and **6) Creation of a Web-Based survey to evaluate Psychiatry Resident Well Being**.

In regards to **education**, our Component Workshop entitled "*Career Choices in Psychiatry: Exploring Fellowship Training*" is scheduled for Monday May 22, 2006 at 11 AM and we invite you all to attend. In addition, we will also be co-chairing the Special Lecture entitled "*Personality Disorders: Psychiatry's Stepchildren Come of Age*" scheduled for Tuesday May 23, 2006 at 9 AM. Further, we will be providing a Medical Student Workshop entitled "*What to look for in a residency program?*" to the Psychiatry Student Interest Group Network on Saturday May 20, 2006 at 1:15 PM.

In regards to **communication**:

First, we have continued to strengthen our ties with the Committee of Residents and Fellows (or CORF) through an established liaison. In addition, we will be contributing to their next PRN newsletter and also their MIT Handout project that will help educate on resident involvement in the APA.

Second, we spent the last year overhauling the ACOM web page on the APA website. This new web page will allow all APA members to view the projects completed by ACOM (as well as works in progress) and also allow direct contact with the various Area MIT representatives and deputy representatives. We invite you to view what we have achieved @ http://www.psych.org/edu/res_fellows/rf/acom/acomhome.cfm

In regards to **advocacy**:

First, every member of our committee have picked one legislative issue and have worked with their state representatives in order to learn how they could get further involved. Some examples of our issues included: **1) Age Restriction for use of ATV's**, **2) The Process of Civilly Committing a Patient**, **3) Ensuring Patient Privacy**, and **4) Fighting Psychologist Prescribing**. Each member will be providing a summary statement of their experiences and these will be placed on our webpage.

Second, we as a group have decided unanimously to monetarily support the APA PAC this year and three ACOM members have taken part in the PAC Member-in-Training advisory group and also attended the APA Advocacy Day in Washington DC on March 26th-29th 2006.

In regards to **membership**, we have our new deputy representatives chosen and have elected the new ACOM Chair for the next year - Dr. Emily Stein.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, ACOM, 2005-2006

