COTH – APMSA LIAISON REPORT

Liaison: Jesse Tukuafu
School: Midwestern University, AZPOD
Year: Class of 2016

Last COTH Board Meeting: April 5, 2014. Chicago, IL.
Future COTH Board Meetings: October 2014. Cleveland, OH.
Future CRIP Dates
2015: January 8-13, 2015. Frisco, TX

Function of the Organization:
To strengthen and support the education and training of residents and faculty through the development and implementation of programs and services designed to meet the needs of educators and residents in postdoctoral podiatric medical education. Additionally, the COTH provides administrative oversight of the Central Application Service for Podiatric Residencies (CASPR) and the Centralized Residency Interview Process (CRIP).

COTH Chair: Jeffrey M. Robbins, DPM

COTH Administrative and Executive Board: I had the opportunity to represent the APMSA at the COTH Board meetings that were held in conjunction with the Midwest Podiatry Conference April 5, 2014. Below are the key points from the meetings.

MP II (Match Phase II/Scramble): the COTH Board selected to name the new process for the additional rounds of matching/scramble as MP II. MP II will officially be implemented during the 2015 CASPR cycle. More information will be provided to the class of 2015 beginning in the Fall 2014. Another issue that was brought up during the board meeting is the effectiveness of CRIP for residency programs and students as only roughly 75% of the programs participated this year. I have been working with a subcommittee led Dr. Marshall Solomon, a residency director in Michigan. The purpose of the committee was to evaluate the current process and make any recommendations for future changes or adjustments. The recommendations of the subcommittee were to find a more advantageous geographic location near the majority of the programs. The board considered the recommendations but decided to stay in Frisco, Texas for 2015 and 2016 due to the economically favorable contract that we have with the hotels in that location. One change that was approved was to implement a technology pilot study with certain programs to conduct video conference interviews during CRIP. The long term outlook for CRIP may be a change to a videoconference interview process but this will be determined based upon the results of the pilot study from CRIP 2015.

CASPR Info: The board is considering two items and asked for student input. First, CASPR is considering implementing a couple’s match similar to the DO/MD process that will give couples a better chance to be matched to residences in close geographical locations. The request of the COTH was to find out how many couples in the same class that there may be in our schools to evaluate a need for this process. I will request this info from the President’s Council. Second, I
approached the CASPR staff about providing information comparable to the National Residency Match Program statistics. The response was positive but they wanted to know which specific information that the students would like to see. I will follow up with the 3rd year delegates to determine what information would be most useful.

**Residency Genesis:** The COTH works in conjunction with the AACPM to help facilitate new residency development. The Balance committee met and Dr. Ed Wolfe presented about the efforts being made to create new residencies. I have attached his report. I have also attached the most recent data that I have received illustrating the shortage that will occur this year and the current numbers of matched to unmatched students for 2014. The Board encouraged students from states that don’t currently have a residency program to reach out to their communities back home and ask them to get involved in residency development and training.

Respectfully Submitted,

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