



**2008 AMA-SMS Annual Meeting
June 13-15, 2008
Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel**

The AMA Section on Medical Schools (AMA-SMS) held its 32nd Annual Meeting on June 13-15. Three well-attended and well-received educational sessions were presented.

- The “USMLE comprehensive review recommendations and the implications for licensure” session was held with the AMA Medical Student Section. The featured speakers were Gerard Dillon, PhD, Associate Vice President for the USMLE at the National Board of Medical Examiners, and James Thompson, MD, President and CEO of the Federation of State Medical Boards.
- The “State of the faculty: challenges and solutions” session was held with the AMA Council on Medical Education and Council on Science and Public Health, and highlighted the challenges facing medical school faculty. The key speaker was Darrell Kirch, MD, President of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Mini-presentations on the key factors affecting faculty were also presented.
- The “teaching teamwork and its impact on patient care” panel presentation highlighted an evidence-based teamwork system called TeamSTEPPS (team strategies and tools to enhance performance and patient safety), which was developed by the Department of Defense Patient Safety Program, in collaboration with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The panel was moderated by Robert McQuillan, MD, Chair of Anesthesiology at Creighton University School of Medicine, and the panelists were Robert Munier, MD, Director of the Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and Karen Frush, MD, Associate Professor at Duke University School of Medicine.

For a copy of the TeamSTEPPS DVD/CD, send an e-mail to jackie.drake@ama-assn.org.

- The AMA-SMS also held an open forum on current issues impacting medical education, which included mini-presentations on innovations in faculty development, competencies in geriatric medicine for medical students, and advancing the use of performance measures in medical education.

The presentation slides and summaries are on the SMS Web site.

The Section Assembly also heard updates from Todd Askew, Director of AMA Congressional Affairs, Dr. Raj Ambay, Chair of the AMA Resident and Fellow Section and Mr. Peter Ragusa, Alternate Delegate of the AMA Medical Student Section.

SMS resolutions

At the A-08 meeting, the SMS Assembly voted to submit 4 resolutions to the AMA House of Delegates for consideration:

- Resolution 15 – Revision of Bylaws for the Section on Medical Schools (Adopted)
- Resolution 324 – Competition for Clinical Training Sites (Adopted)
- Resolution 437 – Risk of Violence in the Emergency Department (Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 627 – Greening our AMA (Referred)

Actions taken by the Section and HOD

The SMS representatives reviewed and discussed 4 Board of Trustees Reports, 4 Council on Science and Public Health Reports, 13 Council on Medical Education Reports, 2 Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs Reports, 1 Council on Long Range Planning and Development Report and 48 resolutions that had relevance to the medical education community, and which were considered by the House of Delegates. View the Section's recommendations on the reports and resolutions that went before the various reference committees and the final actions of the AMA House of Delegates.

Governing Council

The SMS is pleased to welcome the 2008-2009 Governing Council:

Chair – M. Dewayne Andrews, MD; Executive Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

Chair-elect – Betty Drees, MD; Dean, University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine

Delegate – Michael Reichgott, MD, PhD; Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University

Alternate Delegate – Donald Eckhoff, MD; Professor of Orthopedics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine

Members-At-Large –

Louis Ling, MD; Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, University of Minnesota Medical School

Arthur Ross, MD, MBA; Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean, Chicago Medical School, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Maria Savoia, MD; Vice Dean for Medical Education at the University of California – San Diego School of Medicine

SMS Liaison to the AMA Council on Medical Education – Kenneth Simons, MD; Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Medical College of Wisconsin

A special thank you goes to the Immediate Past Chair, Rodney Parry, MD; Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs, Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota, for his dedication and hard work during the past year.