



## **Continuum Connections**

A Joint Meeting of the Group on Student Affairs (GSA), Group on Resident Affairs (GRA), Organization of Student Representatives (OSR), and Organization of Resident Representatives (ORR)

### **Group Descriptions:**

#### **Group on Student Affairs (GSA) [www.aamc.org/gsa](http://www.aamc.org/gsa)**

The purpose of the GSA is to advance medical education and, specifically, to represent the interests of medical schools and medical students in the areas of admissions, student affairs, financial aid, minority affairs, and student records.

The function of the GSA is to provide a means of communication among, and to facilitate interaction of the AAMC with, institutional representatives with responsibilities in these areas. The GSA advises the AAMC on matters of policy relating to the GSA's areas of interest and expertise and may recommend such policy to the AAMC governance for consideration.

GSA activities involve project analysis, program development, and data-gathering about emerging trends to help the GSA and the AAMC to anticipate and respond effectively to environmental changes as they affect medical education, medical schools, and medical students in the areas of the GSA's interest and expertise.

#### **Group on Resident Affairs (GRA) [www.aamc.org/gra](http://www.aamc.org/gra)**

Fostering exemplary leadership, the GRA is an authoritative source on GME practices and administration within the AAMC national community, by promoting the Institutional GME Leadership Competencies, the GME Leadership Development Program, the GRA Resource Clearinghouse, membership conferences, and topical webinars.

Representing institutional leaders who oversee accreditation, education, quality, administration, and GME financing at AAMC member medical schools and teaching hospitals, the GRA provides vital information, networking opportunities, and professional development to assist members in executing their GME leadership responsibilities, in AAMC-member medical school, teaching hospitals, and academic societies.

Topical issues addressed by the GRA include, but are not limited to: GME institutional policies and practices, administration, planning, and operation; GME content and program improvement; Integration of GME and patient care delivery; ACGME institutional requirements and common program requirements; Advocacy for GME resources; GME budgeting and financial management; Responses to public policies affecting GME.

**Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) [www.aamc.org/osr](http://www.aamc.org/osr)**

The OSR is charged with the representation of undergraduate medical student body of the U.S. to the academic medicine community; the OSR's constituency comprises all medical students. The concerns of the OSR lie exclusively within academic medicine and medical education.

OSR representatives are selected by AAMC member medical schools to monitor activities at their institutions, represent student opinions to the OSR Administrative Board (Ad Board), and relay national OSR and AAMC priorities to the students and staff of their institutions. OSR representatives may include up to one primary and three alternate institutional representatives from each U.S. LCME accredited medical schools. OSR non-voting associate representatives are medical students enrolled in Canadian medical schools.

**Organization of Resident Representatives (ORR) [www.aamc.org/orr](http://www.aamc.org/orr)**

Established in 1991 to provide a venue for resident physician input into the development of Association policy, the ORR is an invitational leadership opportunity for trainees interested in academic medicine. The ORR contributes to policy development and programmatic activities of the AAMC through liaison appointments to varied association committees and affinity groups.

Two ORR members are appointed for two-year terms by CFAS societies representing either department chairs or program directors of the 24 American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognized general specialties. Residents are to be selected democratically by their peers when possible. To be eligible for the ORR, residents must be actively enrolled in a residency or fellowship program at the time of appointment, and no two residents appointed by the same society may be in the same residency program.