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**RFS National Representation**

Timothy Townsend, MD, OSMA Resident/Fellow Chair attended the Resident and Fellow Section meeting held during the AMA's Annual Meeting in Chicago in June 2009 and the AMA Interim Meeting in Houston in November of 2009. He was not able to attend the annual or interim meetings in 2010; however those funds were re-allocated to allow some additional students to attend the MSS meetings.

**Recruitment Effort**

The OSMA staff manned a recruitment booth at the University of Oklahoma Resident Orientation Day in Oklahoma City in June of 2010 to increase awareness of organized medicine and Dr. Townsend was available to speak to residents about the RFS and the AMA's IPM Program. We will plan to participate again in 2011. The RFS Chair also participates in other OSMA meetings when available, such as attending the first-year MSS Reception, Medicine Day, the OSMA Annual Meeting, etc., to interact with physician members and medical students to represent the interests of the Resident/Fellow Section.

**GOALS FOR 2011**

Membership has remained the section's top goal for the past four to five years. With the adoption of the AMA's IPM program, a large number of allopathic residents at the University of Oklahoma are members of the OSMA. In the past few years, this has allowed Oklahoma to be one the top-ranked states for our percentage of AMA resident members. The decision in 2010 by the Tulsa Campus not to participate in the AMA IPM program, has represented a challenge for the OSMA to develop ways to interact with the residents/fellows at a state level in order to build those relationships and encourage their participation in organized medicine.

Another goal for 2011 and beyond will be to increase the involvement of resident members in leadership roles and participation on OSMA's various Councils and Committees. It is well known that the resident section is weak in that area largely due to the demands required by graduate medical training and individual family activities. Nevertheless, it is the goal of the section to find new ways to involve these members so that they have a positive impact in the local and national medical environment.

The RFS goals for 2011 remain to:

1. Identify a core group of resident and fellow leadership, hopefully representative of multiple training programs and sites statewide.
2. Maintain involvement at the AMA national level, both in the Oklahoma Caucus and in leadership positions.
3. Educate current and future section members of services that their OSMA membership currently provides.
4. Initiate collegial contact between the OSMA Residents' Section, the Medical Student Section and the Young Physicians' Section in an effort to identify common goals and increase membership participation.

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**CONCLUSION:**

Direct support of the general membership and leadership are vital to developing a section of physicians-in-training that will ultimately transition to effective, active, lifelong members of the county medical societies and the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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