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**Recruitment Efforts**

The OSMA staff manned a recruitment booth at the University of Oklahoma Resident Orientation Day in Oklahoma City in June of 2009 to increase awareness of organized medicine and the AMA's IPM Program and plans to participate again in June of 2010. The RFS Chair also participates in other OSMA meetings when available, such as the first-year MSS Reception, Medicine Day, OSMA Annual Meeting, etc., to interact with physician members and medical students to represent the interests of the Resident/Fellow Section.

**GOALS FOR 2010:**

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 this year by the Tulsa Campus not to participate in the AMA IPM program, will challenge 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 2010 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 2010 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.

**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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