

AMA Delegation Report Annual Meeting 2015 | November 14-17, 2015

Over a 100 resolutions and committee reports were presented to the AMA House of Delegates at the Interim Meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 14-17. The Orthopedic caucus had a support position on 20 of the resolutions and reports while monitoring others. Resolution 917 asking for Equity in Graduate Medical Education Funding was introduced by the AOFAS, AAOS and New England States coalition seeks to correct the disparity of Podiatric and Dental training programs receiving increased funding while MD and DO GME funding has not seen an increase. The House of Delegates affirmed this resolution. All resolutions and actions taken are available on the AMA website.

The AAOS caucus, surgical caucus, Great Lakes coalition, New York caucus, Illinois caucus meetings and reference committee meetings were attended by AAHKS delegates and staff. The AAOS caucus was attended by delegates from the AAOS, orthopedic subspecialty societies, Karen Hackett, AAOS executive director, and staff from both the Chicago and Washington offices of the AAOS. Andrew Gurman, MD, AMA President Elect, who is also an orthopedic surgeon, and James Madara, MD, AMA CEO, addressed us. Congressman Tom Price, MD, whom AAHKS has most recently worked with on CJR comments to Congress, was in attendance at the meeting.

Participation in the medical student teaching workshop was also part of the agenda. The young physicians section of the AMA is actively seeking a delegate and alternate delegate from AAHKS and they could participate in all the above-mentioned events in addition to the young physicians meeting. AMA members who are not more than 8 years out of residency are eligible for this section. AAHKS Health Policy Fellows likely fit into this category and it would expose them to grass roots policy formation. AMA has a lobbying conference in February that is also open to the young physicians section. Perhaps our Health Policy Fellows have already identified an advocacy need that we can advance through the AMA.

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