



# Association Of Pediatric Program Directors Fellowship Newsletter

February, 2016

## From the Board

APPD January Bulletin ([click](#))

[ABP Approves First Step for Pediatric Hospital Medicine Certification.](#)

## Option to Serve

### APPD Task Forces:

<http://www.appd.org/activities/taskforce.cfm>

## Useful Links for FPDs

APPD: <http://www.appd.org/home/index.cfm>

CoPS: <http://www.pedsubs.org/about/index.cfm>

AAMC: <https://www.aamc.org/>

FPD Career Development Resources:  
[www.appd.org/meetings/2015fallpres/wedfellowpdr.pdf](http://www.appd.org/meetings/2015fallpres/wedfellowpdr.pdf)

## Executive Committee

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## Executive Committee Notes

- At the recent CoPS meeting, the FPD Executive Committee identified an important topic of information for program directors. The subject of loan repayment for house staff was presented and some resources identified. These are presented below:
  - Information on the National Health Service Corps from UHHS can be found [here](#).
  - The [Federal Direct loan forgiveness program](#) permits the forgiveness of remaining debt after 120 separate on time payments of direct loans.
  - The AAMC sponsors a large database of state and federal loan assistance programs for physicians with links on their [website](#).
  - Another good AAMC resource for residents and fellows on loan repayment options can be found [here](#). The “Pay As You Earn” repayment may be of particular interest to fellows.
- The ACGME has recently requested input from the APPD regarding the impact of duty hour changes on the clinical learning environment and training. The response sent February 1 is here: ([here](#)).
- The Board has requested membership input regarding MOC to guide input to the Federation of Pediatric Organizations who will meet to discuss this important topic. The APPD Perspectives document and comments can be reviewed ([here](#)).

## APPD Election Ballots due February 21!

- All FPDs and AFPDs who are current APPD members through their institution were recently (1/22/16) emailed a ballot to vote in the APPD Election. We encourage you to cast your vote before the February 21 deadline. If you cannot locate your ballot, please contact [info@appd.org](mailto:info@appd.org) for assistance. [Election information here](#)

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **APPD Spring Meeting-** March 30-April 2 2016  
“Education in the New Era of NAS (Scales, Fusion, Improv and all that Jazz)”, New Orleans Marriott. FPD Sessions Available (Difficult Learner, Leadership Curriculum)  
Registration open ([click](#)) Preliminary Program ([click](#))
- FPD FORUM at PAS - Baltimore April 29. (registration opens soon)  
4 Workshops and updates from key stakeholders.
- Fellow Core Curriculum at PAS sponsored by APPD April 29

