

AADPRT Committee Chair/Liaison Representative Report
Executive Council Meetings
September 17-18, 2005

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Committee or Liaison Group Name: ORGANIZATION OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS ASSOCIATIONS (OPDA)

Chair/Representative's Name: Carl Chan, MD

At our last meeting on 3/18/05 Peter Scoles, M.D. (NBME) reported that the Clinical Skills Examination CSE, is up and running with a capacity to test 33,000 examinees each year. Students completing the exam by December 31 will have results available before the Match ranking deadline. Last year there was a 4% failure rate for US Medical Students and a 17% failure rate for IMGs.

Dale Austin from the Federation of State Licensing Boards reported that the federation would continue to push for competent licensed physicians, but will also work towards increased license portability.

Ruth Nowatnick reported progress towards nationally certifying residency coordinators.

ACGME (David Leach reporting) approved the idea of having an active Program Director on the RRC Council of Chairs, which is becoming a more active component of the ACGME. The PD will have voting privileges and serve a 2 year term. Christine Stock, M.D., PD and Chair of Anesthesia at Northwestern, was selected by the OPDA Steering Committee for the first term. OPDA will continue to advocate for an active training director on the ACGME Board of Directors. The Board of Directors already has two resident representatives. The RRC Council of Chairs position was an initial response to our most recent request. Our first request four years ago resulted in OPDA having observer status at the ACGME's fall and winter meetings.

OPDA will be "at the table" as ACGME begins to discuss what changes we want to see in the accreditation system.

Mona Signer (NRMP) reported that the Second Match proposal was not supported by most Program Directors Associations even though students and AAMC liked the idea. Conceptually, it was well received, but practically, the implementation would have

caused additional problem, like moving the announcement of Match results back at least two weeks.

AAMC (Robert Sabalis) is developing a “applying to residency” document for medical students in collaboration with OPDA. AAMC is also supporting a “single visit” standard for residency applicants to minimize the interviewing costs for students.

The next OPDA meeting is November 19th in Chicago and will feature a report on the REBEL portfolio reporting system being developed by a couple of programs and will be made available to all training programs. The November meeting will make the end of my two year term as Chair, although I will remain on the Steering Committee for another two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Chan