

**SECTION ON UNIFORMED SERVICES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Summary

**Friday, October 6, 2006 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Atlanta, GA**

Members Present:

COL Beth Ellen Davis, MC, USA, Chairperson
CAPT Leslie Ball, MC, PHS
CDR Timothy Shope, MC, USN
Col(R) David Goodwin, USAF, MC
CAPT Jerri Curtis, MC, USN
CAPT Joseph Lopreiato, MC, USN, Immediate Past Chairperson
COL Mary Fairchok, MC, USA

Members Excused:

COL Thomas Burklow, MC, USA
Lt Col Woodson Scott Jones, USAF, MC
LTC Clifton E Yu, MC, USA
LCDR Christine Johnson, MC, USN

Guests Present:

LCDR Casey Burg, MC, USN, Newsletter Editor
Lt Col David Louder, USAF, MC, Air Force Specialty Advisor (p/t)
Col Gary Crouch, USAF, MC, 2007 USPS Course Director (conference
call) (p/t)
Wendy Bailey, MD, Uniformed Services Chapter West President
John Chamberlain, MD, Representative, Section Forum Management
Committee (p/t)

Staff Present:

Jackie Burke, Sections Manager
Ken Slaw, PhD, Director, AAP Department of Membership (p/t)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The minutes from the March 12, 2006 executive committee meeting were reviewed and approved with changes.

The Chairperson reviewed the mission of the AAP Section on Uniformed Services, which is to educate (in a variety of formats) both uniformed services and civilian pediatricians (and others who care for children) on general and military-related pediatric issues. The Section also serves to develop policy, recruit/mentor new members, and advise the AAP leadership on uniformed service-unique topics.

RESIDENT DUES TO NATIONAL AAP

Dr. Davis reviewed the issue of increased resident dues and the 100% participation rule changes for 2006.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

2006 Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar (USPS)

The executive committee reviewed the evaluations and budget from the very successful 2006 USPS.

Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar 2007

Col Gary Crouch reviewed the schedule for the 07 USPS scheduled for March 18-21 in Bethesda, MD, which is hosted by the Department of Pediatrics, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). The executive committee also reviewed the course brochure.

2007 Scientific Award Competition (SAC)

Col Mark Thompson and Michael Rajnik, MD are the SAC coordinators for 2007. Col Lopreiato gave a report on the SAC abstract submission, which will be accepted through the weekend (66 submissions total). Dr. Lopreiato noted that all abstract judges are in place and the executive committee discussed how SAC judges could be better recognized. It was agreed that long-term (length to be determined) SAC judges should receive a plaque at USPS, a gift certificate and a letter to their supervisor.

The Executive Committee discussed options for a more efficient scoring process. Suggestions included a SAC web page with a log in so that judges can see all blind abstracts for their categories, score and submit their score sheets on-line.

2008 USPS

The 2008 USPS course is scheduled for March 10-13 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and is hosted by Tripler Army Medical Center. The planning meeting is scheduled for November 12-13, 2006.

National Convention and Exhibition (NCE) (2006, 2007, 2008)

The Section's program for 2006 is a joint program with the Section on Infectious Diseases on Travel Medicine for Pediatricians (audience response case discussion).

The Section's proposal for 2007 was not approved although the proposal was excellent. The Section did co-sponsor another program, which was accepted. The title of the program is The Effects of Military Deployment on Child and Adolescent Mental Health: A Critical Support Role for the Pediatrician. Faculty share results of the mental health program they were able to implement as a result of receiving an AAP Healthy People 2010 charter grant in 2005. The Section discussed programming options for 2008.

Dr. Davis noted that there are 1.2 million active duty military dependents as well as 750,000 reservist/national guard military dependents. Dr. Davis noted that several non-military affiliated organizations are now studying the effects of deployment on children and issuing recommendations. She noted it would be beneficial to also have research occurring within the pediatric military medical community.

2006 Conference on Military Perinatal Research in Aspen (COMPRA)

Staff noted that the 2006 COMPRA program is scheduled for November 3-5, 2006.

Membership

Section membership is not only stable but also growing. The Section continues to recruit members including residents. At this time, the Section has 932 members.

Newsletter Report

Dr. Casey Burg will coordinate a fall/winter newsletter and potential topics were discussed.

The timing of the newsletter was discussed and it was noted that the section would continue to have a post-NCE newsletter (November) as well as a post-USPS newsletter (April). A summer (August) newsletter is optional and may be either a paper copy or e-copy only.

Central Office Report

Staff reported that the Section's core and non-core budgets were spending on target for this point in the fiscal year. Both budgets close June 30, 2007.

Webpage Report

Dr. Lopreiato noted that several changes, both cosmetic and informational are planned for the Section's web page.

Nominations of Uniformed Services Pediatrics in AAP Leadership Positions

Dr. Goodwin noted that the AAP has several vacancies for open positions on AAP committees and that uniformed pediatricians will be recruited for these positions.

Dave Berry and Outstanding Service Awards

The selection committees for the Dave Berry Award and the OSA are in the process of selecting candidates.