

**SECTION ON UNIFORMED SERVICES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Summary*

**Sunday, March 12, 2006  
Portsmouth, VA**

Reports on the state of pediatrics in the Army, Air Force and Navy were provided.

The minutes from the October 10, 2005 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.

Dr. Davis acknowledged the selection committee for the 2006 Dave Berry Award. This year's recipient is LTC Matthew Rettke, MC, USA who will attend the Section Business Meeting to receive his award. Drs. Woodson Scott Jones, Clifton Yu and Christine Johnson will serve as the 2007 selection committee.

Issues from the uniformed services pediatric education forum were discussed. The group discussed the pedialink resident/program director center membership requirements at length. 100% resident participation puts an additional financial burden on the Chapters, East and West. Individual military training programs have not agreed to sponsor residents (with a few exceptions). It was suggested that the section and the east and west chapters assume joint responsibility for covering resident dues to the AAP.

2006 Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar (USPS)

Dr. Porea reported on the planning of this year's course and acknowledged the Biloxi planning committee for their important groundwork. Dr. Porea was recognized for planning and implementing the USPS in record time (5 months) after the designated property in Biloxi was severely damaged after hurricane Katrina. The Biloxi planning group, the Section on Uniformed Services, and the AAP is grateful to Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth for implementing USPS when Keesler could no longer do so.

Tom Vinopal from the AAP Development Department noted this year's course sponsors.

Dr. Thompson gave a report on the Scientific Award Competition (SAC) statistics for the 2006 course. This year 63 abstracts were submitted broken down as

follows: 37 Army, 14 Air Force, 12 Navy. Eleven (11) abstracts were submitted for the Bruton category, 10 Margileth, 11 Johnson, 25 Geppert cases and 6 Geppert research abstracts. The Geppert competition was split into 2 separate categories in order to better evaluate cases vs. research.

It was agreed that Dr. Thompson would serve as SAC chair for 2007 and Mike Rajnik, MD will "shadow" Dr. Thompson for 2007 and chair the SAC in 2008. The hope is to create a 2-year cycle for SAC chairs with a new person serving a training year.

#### Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar 2007

The planning meeting for the 2007 USPS has been conducted, a draft schedule has been produced and faculties are being confirmed. The course will be held at the Hyatt in Downtown Bethesda at \$163.00 per night, March 18-21, with pre-meetings on March 17. The Uniformed Services University will host the meeting for the Health Sciences (USUHS). Dr. Crouch, course chair, presented a poster advertising next year's course.

#### Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar 2008

The planning meeting for the 2008 USPS will be held this fall in November. Staff is working on a hotel contract for Oahu, Hawaii with proposed dates of March 10-13, with pre-meetings on March 9. The meeting will be hosted by Tripler Army Medical Center.

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

Staff noted that the Section on Uniformed Services and the Section on Infectious Diseases would host an audience response case discussion on Travel Medicine for Pediatricians. The session will be held Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM in Atlanta, Georgia with Tina Tan, MD as faculty.

Proposals for the 2008 NCE were discussed. Proposed topics include school connectedness, and disaster preparedness.

#### 2005 Conference on Military Perinatal Research (COMPRA)

Staff noted that the 2005 COMPRA program was successful and within budget.

#### **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, 2006. Staff also reviewed the AAP's new strategic plan, which includes disaster preparedness.

Staff noted that in 2009, the Section would celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### Membership Subcommittee

Dr. Curtis is the Section's new membership chairperson. Section membership is steady and continues to grow slightly. Several recruitment campaigns are planned for this spring.

#### Newsletter Report

Dr. Casey Burg was congratulated for his excellent work on the newsletters he has published and distributed since he has taken over as newsletter editor. Dr. Burg noted that the next edition would include several program director issues.

#### 2006 Section Elections

Dr. Newton noted that the section election ballot is complete and posted on-line so that members can cast an electronic ballot. There are several choices on the ballot for 2 open positions: 1 Army and 1 Navy. The election concludes March 31 and a 35% response rate is required. It was suggested that an article be included in a subsequent issue of the Bulletin disclosing open positions on the Section's Executive Committee for 2007.

The Executive Committee thanked Dr. Newton for his work on the nominations committee.

#### Nominations of Uniformed Services Pediatrics in AAP Leadership Positions

Dr. Goodwin reported that several section members have been nominated for open positions on AAP Committees.

#### Webpage Report

Dr. Lopreiato reviewed the web trends report, which outlines how many people are visiting the uniformed services web page and which documents are being accessed.

#### Chapter East

Dr. Newton reviewed the chapter's award and grant programs. He also reviewed the chapter's goals and noted that the District I meeting is scheduled for May 4-7.

#### Chapter West

Dr. Waecker reviewed the names of the chapter leaders and noted that Wendy Bailey, MD will become chapter president July 1. Dr. Waecker reviewed the chapter's award and grant programs.