

Report #11, Resident Fellow Section (RFS)

TO: Minnesota Medical Association House of Delegates  
Convening September 17, 2008

The Minnesota Medical Association Resident Fellow Section (MMA-RFS) is composed of MMA member physicians in accredited residency or postgraduate fellow programs in Minnesota. The purpose of this section is to give resident physicians an opportunity to develop leadership skills, participate in policy making and legislative reform, and provide a unique voice in organized medicine.

In the year 2007-2008, the section was chaired by Robert W. Grow, M.D., an emergency medicine resident at Mayo Clinic, Rochester. When Dr. Grow left the state in mid-summer, Scott M. Albin, D.O., a psychiatry resident at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, took over as leader of the group. It is our pleasure to offer the following brief summary of our section:

**Leadership**

MMA-RFS Governing Council

Scott Albin, D.O.  
Bob Grow, M.D.  
Kimara March, M.D. (MMA BOT Rep)  
Hynatu (Dokka) Williamson, M.D. (MMA Delegate)  
Phil Imholte, M.D. (LSMS Rep)  
Christian Ball, M.D. (WMMS Rep)  
Stephanie Stanton, M.D. (EMMS Rep)

RFS Representatives on MMA Standing Committees

Nadia Sam-Agudu, M.D. (Legislation)  
Liz Nessel, M.D. (Ethics/Medical/Legal Affairs)  
Erin Seiberlich, M.D. (Public Health and Preventive Medicine)  
Ryan Gassin, M.D. (Quality)  
Mrinal Patnaik, M.D. (Minority and Cross-Cultural Affairs)  
Julie Gilkeson, M.D. (Medical Practice and Planning)

**State/County Activities**

- Annual Meeting: September 20, 2007
- Review of section bylaws
- MMA Day at the Capitol attendees: Dr. Elisa M. Tanaka, Dr. Jeremy J. Peterson, and Dr. Julie Gilkeson

**National Representation**

- Full delegation attended the AMA-RFS interim meeting (I07) in Hawaii.
- Bob Grow, M.D., chaired the AMA-RFS Poster Symposium committee at the I07 meeting. This was the best-attended Symposium with the most submissions to date. Dr. Grow did a very admirable job of representing Minnesota.
- Kimara March, M.D., and Will Schmalstieg, M.D., served on the Rules Conference Committee for the AMA-RFS Assembly at I07
- Dionne Hart, M.D., and Elizabeth Nessel, M.D., served on the Credentials Conference Committee for the RFS Assembly at I07.
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- Stephanie Stanton, M.D., attended the national AMA Lobby Day in Washington, D.C., (April 1, 2008). Elizabeth Nessel, M.D., chaired the Credentials Conference Committee for the AMA-RFS Assembly at the AMA Annual Meeting (A08).
- Stephanie Stanton, M.D., served as the AMA RFS Vice Speaker from June 07- June 08.
- Stephanie Stanton, M.D., was selected to serve on the AMA Minority Affairs Consortium Patient Advocacy subcommittee effective August 1, 2008.

### **Future plans**

1. Increase RFS active membership so as to establish a more productive and sustainable section.
2. Fill the Stearns-Benton Medical Society vacancy on the MMA RFS General Council.
3. Finish revising Bylaws.
4. Provide social/networking opportunities.
5. Work with YPS and MSS to find any common goals and opportunities.
6. Continue to find new ways to increase active membership.
7. Provide for at least four meetings throughout the year so as to establish a more productive and sustainable section.

The MMA-RFS wishes to thank the Board of Trustees for their continuing support of RFS. Thank you also to Dr. Michael Gonzalez-Campoy for his mentorship over the past year, as well as Dr. Robert Meiches, MMA CEO, Kathy Messerli, and Mandy Rubenstein for continued invaluable support.

Scott M. Albin, D.O.  
Chair