

Resident Forum

The Resident Forum encourages resident participation in OAFP and selects resident representatives to the OAFP Board of Directors and the OAFP Members Assembly.

Membership:

All resident members of the Academy receive communications relative to resident and Resident Forum activities via listserv and are considered to be members of the Resident Forum. Resident members not interested in receiving listserv communications will be removed from the listserv upon request and therefore are no longer participating members of the Resident Forum.

Via listserv, residents select a chair for the Resident Forum; that chair serves a one year term. The chair serves as the resident member of the OAFP Board, with full voting privileges. Details regarding the chair position (position responsibilities as well as criteria for being eligible to run for chair) have been set by the forum and appear below. A family physician advisor who is appointed by the OAFP president, a board liaison, and an OAFP staff person also serve as non-voting members of the forum. The board liaison is appointed by the president, with the consent and approval of the Executive Committee, for the purpose of providing a link between the forum and the OAFP Board. The president serves as an ex officio member of the forum.

Meetings:

The Resident Forum will conduct business primarily through electronic communication; conference calls can be arranged and are held at the discretion of the chair if the need arises.

The resident listserv (oh_fpres@lyris.aafp.org) exists for the purpose of facilitating discussion among OAFP family medicine resident members and is used to conduct forum business and dialogue on issues of interest. The separate listserv for chief residents was discontinued in 2004 (BOD-11/04).

Responsibilities:

The purpose of the Resident Forum is:

- To fulfill any charge given to the forum by the board of directors relative to the Academy's mission, strategic plan or Members Assembly referral.
- To encourage resident participation in OAFP
- To identify candidates interested in serving as OAFP resident representatives to the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Resident and Medical Student Members (NCFMR/NCSM) meeting held annually in Kansas City in late July or early August. The OAFP Foundation provides scholarships for the two representatives to attend NCFMR/NCSM and selects those representatives from the candidates who apply. One of the representatives is designated as delegate and the other is designated as the alternate delegate. The voting delegate, with input from the alternate delegate, is responsible for voting upon issues discussed in the Congress and candidates for national offices. Candidates for resident representatives to NCFMR/NCSM must have participated in one OAFP activity prior to being elected, must be OAFP and AAFP members in good standing, and must submit materials to the OAFP Foundation to include a current CV (not to exceed 2 pages) and a statement of interest. Self-nominations are

accepted and encouraged.

- To elect annually the chair of the Resident Forum for the upcoming OAFP year. The elected Resident Forum chair will also serve as a full voting member of the OAFP Board of Directors for that year. Sometimes the Resident Forum has selected co-chairs or a chair and vice chair to lead the Resident Forum; in that case both co-chairs or the chair and vice chair are invited to attend OAFP board meetings but have only one vote between them.
- To select five resident delegates to attend and represent OAFP resident members at the Members Assembly. Delegates are responsible for attending the OAFP Members Assembly to hear discussion on a variety of issues and participate fully in all aspects of the proceedings.

Elected Leadership Positions of the Resident Forum – election of Resident Forum chair will take place prior to the Members Assembly in August; terms for all positions start in August (the resident representative to the OAFP board is expected to attend the board of directors meeting held at the conclusion of the annual Members Assembly.)

The responsibilities of the chair include:

- Serves as the resident representative to the OAFP Board of Directors to report on any Resident Forum activities and to provide a resident perspective to board issues; this involves attending four board meetings in Columbus each year.
- Coordinates, prepares agendas, and leads any conference call meetings of the Resident Forum.

Eligibility requirements to run for chair, chair/vice-chair or co-chair of the Resident Forum include:

- Must have participated in one OAFP activity prior to being elected
- Must be an OAFP member to participate in nominations or elections
- Self-nominations are accepted
- Candidates must submit materials to include a CV (two page maximum) and a one page letter of interest

Delegates to OAFP Members Assembly (5 selected annually for one year term) – responsibilities to include:

- Represents resident members at the OAFP Members Assembly
- Participates fully in OAFP Members Assembly proceedings
- Involvement in the Resident Forum is strongly encouraged

Eligibility requirements to run for position of delegate to the OAFP Members Assembly:

- Must be an OAFP member
- Self-nominations are accepted