

Council of Interns and Residents (from AOA Business Plan)

Description: This Council is the representative body and advocate for all osteopathic interns, residents and fellows in AOA, ACGME and military postdoctoral training programs.

History: The Council expanded its role in July 2000 to be the voice for all interns, residents and fellows with representation on the AOA Board of Trustees and focusing on policy development. Its primary goal is to develop loyalty and service to the osteopathic profession and foster membership within the AOA.

Relevance to the Strategic Plan: Family, Advocacy, Education and Teamwork

Tactics: The Council meets periodically during the year via conference call and has one face-to-face meeting during the year. The Council also hosts the Congress of Interns and Residents, held in conjunction with the AOA Convention, and the Caucus of Interns and Residents, held in conjunction with the AOA House of Delegates. The Council serves as:

- A strong advocate on behalf of interns, residents and fellows for issues affecting postdoctoral educational policy;
- Liaison between all interns, residents, and fellows, as well as with osteopathic medical students, through the CIR Ambassadors program, a cadre of postdoctoral trainees who act to promote the osteopathic profession and the AOA, especially to those in allopathic training programs;
- An educational resource for its members to properly understand and convey issues affecting them;
- A communication link for interns and residents to discuss AOA policy issues and postdoctoral training issues; and
- A forum through both the Congress and the Caucus of Interns and Residents to recommend and take positions on proposed AOA policy affecting postdoctoral trainees.