

Executive Director's Report
Federation of Pediatric Organizations
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My activities as Executive Director continue to focus on the implementation of the Strategic Plan in addition to meeting with leadership of member organizations. In the past 4 months since our September meeting, I represented FOPO at the AAP Committee on the Pediatric Workforce (COPW), Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS), APPD Board of Directors, AMSPDC Executive Committee, AAP Board of Directors, and AAP Committee on Pediatric Education (COPE).

Strategic Plan

Jean Bartholomew and I have been working with the leaders of the six strategic initiatives to begin their activities. I will serve as Secretary to each working group, participate in conference calls, record minutes, and facilitate action wherever possible. Once we overcome the initial inertia, these groups will quickly identify the strategies and outcomes under each initiative. We will have reports from each of the groups about where they are in the implementation process.

Task Force on Women in Pediatrics

Bonnie Stanton leads this effort and has divided her group into subgroups focusing on part-time training and employment, and child care. The Task Force is examining the part-time issues for trainees and junior faculty separately. (Please see the attached Executive Summary.) I have invited Bonnie to attend the next FOPO meeting in September and present a report in person. Members of the Task Force and I have collaborated with Gail McGuinness of the ABP to draft a manuscript entitled, "Part-Time Training in Pediatric Residency Programs: Principles and Practices," that is expected to be submitted for publication in the next 1-2 months.

Website

We have identified a company that can meet our needs to redesign and update the website and stay within our budget. Once specifications of the proposal have been reviewed and approved by the IT Department of the ABP, I will have them begin the process. The website will include the following content:

- 1) Executive Director Statement
- 2) Board of Directors, Organizations, and Terms of Appointment
- 3) Secretary-Treasurer
- 4) Administrator
- 5) Bylaws
- 6) Executive Summary of Strategic Plan
- 7) Strategic Plan Working Groups
 - a. Membership
 - b. Activities

- 8) Task Force on Women in Pediatrics
 - a. Committee members,
 - b. Statement of work in progress, and prior work
- 9) Position Statement on Health Insurance (once approved)
- 10) Meeting Dates
- 11) Links to Member Organizations
- 12) Contact Information

It is possible for the website to support activities related to the strategic initiatives with the capability of performing surveys, hosting discussion boards, or serving as a repository for information such as educational activities related to leadership skills. It will be important for each working group to identify any specific web-based resource needs.

Journal of Pediatrics Article

The article, "The Federation of Pediatric Organizations Strategic Plan: Six Strategic Initiatives to Enhance Child Health" is in press in the section, Notes from the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, in the Journal of Pediatrics.

Future activities will continue to involve communication among member organizations particularly with regard to the implementation of our strategic initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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