



STFM Board of Directors Student Representative 2017 Annual Report

SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF FAMILY MEDICINE (STFM) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board of Directors: Purpose, Scope of Work, Activities

The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) is a national organization of family medicine teachers and scholars with the goal of advancing family medicine education and research to improve health, at all levels of medical training and professional development. As student member of the Board, I participated in board meetings with full voting rights, with the goal of representing student perspectives on the board. Over the past year, I have been fortunate to learn and contribute to decision-making on a variety of family medicine advancement areas, including national advocacy through Family Medicine for America's Health, family medicine clerkship curricular development resources, recruitment of high-quality community preceptors, and the Student Scholarship funding program for the Conference on Medical Student Education, among many others.

Resident

Highlights/updates on Board activities since your last report:

During the GME Committee meeting, the following was discussed:

1. Resources and Training for New faculty
 - a. Online Modules for New Faculty Finalized and Launched
 - b. Workshops for Residents at Annual AAFP conference
2. Preconference workshop for residents now led by the STFM GME Committee

Summation of the Year:

During my time as the resident representative on the STFM, I learned the power of advocacy for my fellow residents and patients. There have been many changes in health care since I was elected into this role. Even with governmental changes, it was clear that myself and the board stayed focused on our purpose and commitment to a positive future in Family Medicine. I am sure that the decisions that were made during the time of our service will help forge a better future for our patients and our colleagues in medicine.

In addition to my role as a board member, I was able to be a part of the GME committee. As a member of the GME committee, I was able to help develop and edit course information for a new STFM Faculty Development online certificate program. I am confident that the course will help facilitate a bridge for those who need an additional resource for faculty development.

I am grateful for my time on the board of directors. It has been a privilege and honor. I am now more confident than ever about our future in family medicine. I am excited about our leadership now and the leaders who are being developed for the future.

Student

Medical Student Education Committee:

I am also a member of the STFM Medical Student Education Committee which oversees the annual Conference on Medical Student Education, the National Clerkship Curriculum, and other initiatives for promoting family medicine education of medical students. As student member, my main duties involved the Conference, including compiling a list of presentations of likely interest to students for the Medical Student Track, and serving as liaison for student attendees through daily emails, student breakfasts, and Twitter (@STFMStudentRep). More recently, I served as an extra reviewer of poster proposals in preparation for next year's Conference. I also contributed to organizing an STFM presentation at AAFP NC for students interested in learning about care for the underserved.

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on the STFM Board

Serving as student representative to the STFM Board and Medical Student Education Committee has been an incredible experience. I can honestly say that I had high expectations upon coming onto this position – but the actual experience far surpassed my expectations. I have learned so much about the behind-the-scenes work and collaboration involved in advancing family medicine nationally, locally, academically, and politically; and about the kinds of research and innovative thinking (and sheer hard work) behind maximizing training opportunities for multiple levels of FM trainees and educators. Most rewarding of all, I have been able to meet and connect with so many incredible FM physicians and leaders who have taught me more than I could have anticipated about family medicine, medicine, research, and life in general. STFM is a phenomenal organization. I feel tremendously lucky to have had this opportunity, and look forward to being connected to STFM as a constant in my future. I highly recommend running for this position to anyone who may be interested, and I would be happy to answer questions or provide support before or after the election.

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