



Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Student Liaison 2018 Annual Report

Student Liaison to Student National Medical Association (SNMA)

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Purpose & the Scope of Work

The SNMA is the nation's oldest and largest organization focused on the needs and concerns of minority medical students. The organization is committed to supporting underrepresented minority students and increasing the number of culturally competent, socially conscious, and clinically excellent physicians. The SNMA also encourages students to pursue the various facets of medicine from clinical medicine to policy and scientific careers. Additionally, the SNMA designs local programming to serve the health needs of underrepresented communities and ensure that medical services are culturally sensitive to the needs of diverse populations.

The role of the liaison serves to share information and foster collaborative efforts between the AAFP and the SNMA.

Activities & Achievements:

Goal 1: Increasing Collaboration Between AAFP and SNMA

The primary goal for this year was to increase the collaboration of SNMA chapters and FMIG chapters in medical schools across the country. It is the aim of the liaison to improve and strengthen the relationship between the SNMA and the AAFP. Since the two organizations have shared goals, working as a united front may possibly not only attract more medical graduates to family medicine, but also increase the representation of minorities in the medicine.

Progress: Ongoing

The liaison has remained in constant communication with both the AAFP and SNMA via email and attending monthly teleconferences to discuss activities that each organization is pursuing. The monthly meetings also provide opportunities to brainstorm ways to continuously strengthen the interaction between both organizations.

Goal 2: Improve communication with SNMA leadership

Progress: Ongoing

The MOU agreement between SNMA and AAFP included that the liaison will be part of the External Affairs Committee in the SNMA. This has permitted the liaison to remain in constant communication with the SNMA by attending monthly teleconferences.

This year, I have been privileged to have great rapport with SNMA through communication with Immediate Past President Danielle Ward and current National President Gabriel Felix. Through my interactions with the SNMA national leaders, I have been able to disseminate information about family medicine, the AAFP National Conference for students & residents, leadership positions within FMIG, and about the value of working with local FMIG chapters. I will continue working with the current SNMA National President, Gabriel Felix, and national leadership to accomplish the mutual goals of the two organizations.

Goal 3: Participate in SNMA's Annual Medical Education Conference (2018)

Progress: Complete

At this year's AMEC held in San Francisco, CA, I had the opportunity to address the SNMA's House of Delegates and speak regarding our organizational connection, its purpose, and opportunities for collaboration. I expressed need of having more minority representation in family medicine and discussed the benefits to be had by SNMA chapters collaborating with FMIG chapters throughout the nation's medical schools.

Working with Ashley Bentley and Marselle Bredemeyer, we ensured there was a strong AAFP presence at the conference and encouraged everyone to attend National Conference.

At AMEC, I coordinated a four-speaker panel titled "**Family Medicine Panel: Careers In and Out of the Box**" to speak with SNMA members who were interested in family medicine. The panelists were Dr. Kameron Matthews (Acting Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health for Community Care), Dr. David Pierre (an assistant professor and Captain in the military), Dr. Latisha Rowe (entrepreneur with a telemedicine company), and Dr. Catalina Cuervo (a 3rd year UCSF resident whose interested in Women's Health). Students heard about each speaker's journey to family medicine and their chosen career paths. Discussions also included burn out prevention, balancing life, and the impact of social media on healthcare and upcoming future physicians.

With Ashley Bentley's help, I also assisted with coordinating premedical (MAPS) panel of physicians from various backgrounds titled "**So, You Want To Be A Doctor!**". Dr. Stephen Richmond, II MPH (a PGY1 from UCSF) and Antonio Olivarez (a PGY3 from UCSF) represented family medicine on this panel. Dr. Richmond brings a unique perspective from being an Air Force veteran who is broadly interested in health systems innovation to improve care for the underserved, the intersection of medical education and social justice, and patient advocacy in all its forms.

Goal 4: Participate with National Conference Planning

Progress: Ongoing

The "**Minority Student Interest Discussion**" session occurs annually during National Conference. It provides an opportunity for students to network; exchange FMIG chapter recruitment, maintenance and community service ideas; and propose resolutions regarding minority affairs. I am assisting with the planning of this session and am serving as the student representative in the session.

Goal 5: Recruit more dual National SNMA and National FMIG members

Progress: Ongoing

Posted opportunities from the SNMA into FMIG's online communities.
Posted FMIG events in SNMA's weekly marketing emails and SNMA's regional Facebook groups.
Spoke with students at SNMA's AMEC about joining FMIG and embarking on the family medicine career path. Discussed the various angles to family medicine including procedures, obstetric deliveries, telemedicine, advocacy, and everything in between.

Internal Affairs

Events Attended:

FMIG Network Student Orientation (Kansas City, MO) on 01/05/18 – 01/07/18

Conference Calls:

12/07/17: AAFP Resident & Student Leader Orientation Webinar
02/05/18: FMIG Student Leader & Convention Planning Conference Call
03/21/18: FMIG Student Leader & Convention Planning Conference Call
04/25/18: FMIG Student Leader & Convention Planning Conference Call
07/05/18: FMIG Student Leader & Convention Planning Conference Call
07/24/18: FMIG Student Leader & Convention Planning Conference Call

External Affairs

Events Attended:

Annual Medical Education Conference (San Francisco, CA) on 03/28/18 – 04/01/18

Conference Calls/Meetings:

12/10/17: Meeting with SNMA then National President Danielle Ward
01/20/18: Meeting with then AMEC Convention Planning Chair Daniel Woolridge
02/04/18: SNMA AMEC Convention Committee Meeting
02/17/18: Meeting with then AMEC Convention Planning Chair Daniel Woolridge
03/23/18: Meeting with then SNMA National President Danielle Ward
04/01/18: SNMA Board of Directors Meeting
06/23/18: SNMA External Affairs Committee Meeting

Next Steps

National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students on Aug 2-4, 2018

Participate in the “Minority Student Interest Discussion” with Dr. Victoria Otaño (AAFP Liaison to the Latino Medical Student Association), Dr. Brittany Watson (one resident who’s shown interest and effort in minority issues in the past, and Dr. Shani Muhammad (the past convener of the AAFP National Conference of Constituency Leaders who is attending NC to bring greetings to the AAFP resident and student congresses). The workshop is also supported by Danielle Jones, manager of the AAFP Center for Diversity and Health Equity.

Speak at the FMIG Breakfast regarding the FMIG-SNMA relationship.

Present the annual report at a congress session.

SNMA Annual Medical Education Conference in Philadelphia, PA on April 17-19, 2019:

Assist with AMEC Conference Planning and Session Development. Sessions should be interactive and highlight why students should seriously consider choosing Family Medicine; sessions will be developed for both premedical and medical students. Seek the input of FMIG Network leaders and others.

Assist with the development of a hands-on clinical skills workshop where students could be exposed to the procedures and vast skill set in family medicine. We can see if it’s possible to include birthing models and articular injections.

The SNMA’s leaders are aware of the continuation of my term until December. The liaison will work with SNMA’s Convention Planning Committee and Parliamentarian to secure a time slot where the liaison can address the SNMA House of Delegates (HOD) at AMEC. This provides the opportunity for SNMA delegates to hear about FMIG, National Conference, how the two organizations can work together, and the importance increasing diversity in family medicine physician and the number of physicians entering family medicine.

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving as the Student Liaison to the SNMA

The Student Liaison to the SNMA is an amazing opportunity to enhance communication, public speaking, and leadership skills. The two organizations have different infrastructures and are excellent examples of how establishments of varying sizes should be running. This position permits me to work with both SNMA leadership and FMIG regional coordinators, which allows me to have an impact in attracting minorities to primary care.

Additionally, I am continuously learning the value of open communication, collaboration towards common goals. The teamwork from both organizations has allowed us to impact the lives of thousands of future physicians through conference planning and participation. Also, this position is a step in the positive direction of where I see my future – the ability to bring individuals and organizations to influence medicine in developing nations. Lastly, this position provides me the ability to network with future colleagues and potential mentors, which are invaluable assets as I traverse my journey in medicine.

Announcements

SNMA National Leadership Institute: TBA, September 2018

SNMA Regional Conferences: TBD, Fall 2018

Suggestions for the Future

Consider using social media to connect with current and future SNMA and FMIG members. This is someway members – who may not go to the AAFP website – can have access to you.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by,



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