



THE ASSOCIATION OF PATHOLOGY CHAIRS

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Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council

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Governance: The Association of Pathology Chairs has professional sections for the chairs of LCME-accredited institutions, and their residency program directors (PRODS), Pathology department administrators (PDAS) and undergraduate medical educators (UMEDS). In addition, chairs and program directors of hospital departments with ACGME accreditation may join and participate as affiliate members of APC. In 2011, a new subsection of PRODS was formed to support the professional networking of program coordinators, called the Graduate Medical Education Administrators Section (GMEAS). In 2015, the Leadership Development and Diversity Committee became a standing committee of APC. Also in 2015, an ad hoc committee of Senior Fellows was authorized by APC Council to organize and utilize the experience of former chairs of Pathology departments.

Leadership: APC's current President is Don Karcher, MD of The George Washington University. Tristram Parslow, MD, PhD of Emory University is President-Elect, Peter Jensen, MD of the University of Utah is Interim Secretary-Treasurer, and Ann Thor, MD of the University of Colorado, Denver is Past-President.

Meetings: The APC annual meeting is held each July. The next annual meeting will take place at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, California from July 14-17, 2015. The major theme of the upcoming meeting is ***The Challenge to Innovate: Preparing for Change in Pathology's Workforce, Technology and Business Models***. APC's annual meetings are structured to allow simultaneous and separate programming for all professional sections (PRODS, UMEDS, PDAS and GMEAS) and all thematic areas – practice and management, graduate and undergraduate medical education, research, advocacy, and leadership development and diversity. APC Council and the Section Chairs embrace their responsibility to lead academic pathology into the future and cooperate to make the annual meeting the principle place for leaders in academic pathology to keep pace with significant and rapid changes in healthcare delivery, medical education and research. This year's plenary sessions will focus on strengthening Pathology's position through innovative approaches to training the future workforce (medical students, residents and fellows), implementing new technologies and resources in research and clinical practice, and engineering or adopting changes in practice models.

Regional meetings of the Northeast Chairs, and the Southeast and West/Midwest Chairs and Administrators, are held annually each fall to provide a forum for localized information exchange and interaction. These meetings are planned through the generous efforts of regional volunteer organizers, but without oversight by APC Council, and thus are not official APC meetings.

Communications: In addition to the professional listservs maintained for each of APC's Sections to communicate throughout the year, the association's newsletter – ***Paths to Progress*** – provides updates semi-annually to the membership and the general public about Section and Committee activities (including advocacy, major projects and new initiatives). Issues are archived on the APC website at <http://www.apcprods.org/News/>. The latest issue (February 2015) is appended.

APC encourages engagement from all sources on issues of importance to the academic Pathology community. For more information about APC's mission and plans, please visit the website at www.apcprods.org and consider attending our annual meeting in July 2015.