

# Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs

Education Committee Update  
Kim Boland- Chair

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# Education Committee Membership

- AMSPDC Education Committee
- Kimberly A. Boland, MD – Chair
- Doug Carlson, MD
- Xylina Bean, MD
- Keith Mather, MD
- John Frohna, MD
- Katie Wolter, MD
- Mary Ottolini, MD
- Michael Donnelly, MD
- Dawn Tuell, MD
- Leah Harris, MD



# Accomplishments in 2024

- Met with Dr. David Turner who provided an educational session for everyone on the goals of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) around institution of CBME and EPAs. We reviewed the proposed 13 EPAs for general pediatrics and provided feedback on behalf of AMSDPC. . I have subsequently met with Dr. Turner and he has assisted in developing a part of the academic session for the Spring 2025 meeting talking about CBME and how it is incorporated into the new Pediatric Program Requirements from the ACGME going into effect on July 1, 2025.
- We reviewed and provided feedback on the requirements that were included in the AMSDPC response.
- Dr. John Frohna co-facilitated a session with Dr. Pat Poitevien that was well attended on how to work with your Program Director effectively and collaboratively.
- Participate in Residency and Fellowship Interview process taskforces and provide pediatric chair perspective as needed.
- Participated in developing and circulated the recommendations on second looks, signaling, and the how-to of virtual interviewing for both sets of applicants
- During the spring meeting in February of 2024, Dr. Carlson and Dr. Blankenburg presented an excellent pro-con discussion around in-person vs virtual interviews. This generated much discussion.



# 2024 continued

- We are working with COMSEP to see how we can positively affect the number of medical students choosing pediatrics. Met with Dr. Lavjay Bhutani, the president of COMSEP. We met as a group with Dr. Bhutani, the current President of COMSEP to further define how, we, as chairs, can create a culture that engages and encourages students to consider Pediatrics, this aligns with the “Why Pediatrics”, campaign that our institutions are considering.
- Through the APPD, studies are in process, and we should have some results in the summer on the second look programs that some residencies and fellowships did during this most recent interview session. Provided input, through these task forces, on content of MSPEs which the AAMC is considering revising further as well as input on signaling and virtual vs in-person second looks.
- Dr. Leah Harris, our COPS representative, presented at the most recent COPS meeting around workforce issues and ideas for improved recruiting of residents to subspecialties, especially the underrepresented specialties.



# Goals for 2025

- Add one to two new members to the committee
- Develop an engaging and informative session for the February 2025 meeting around the new Pediatric Program Requirements to take effect in July of 2025.
- Increase work with CoPS and COMSEP to help with recruiting and pipelines for pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties
- Support the Pediatric Workforce Initiative as needed, many of us are participating and excited to work across institutions.
- Provide feedback as needed to ACGME, ABP, and other partnering agencies around educational programs, goals, requirements and outcomes
- Continue to participate with the New Chairs Committee and AMSPDC leadership to be part of webinars as developed with an educational focus
- Encourage department chairs to support some student attendance at national Pediatric meetings such as AAP NCE and PAS.

