

Residents Forum Executive Committee Elections

Candidate for Alternate Delegate to the CAP House of Delegates

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CAP Experience:



How did you become interested in serving on the RFEC?

I am currently serving as a CAP Residents Forum delegate for my residency program at Massachusetts General Hospital. I have really enjoyed becoming more involved with CAP through the Residents Forum Meeting. It was a great chance to connect with other pathology residents and learn about their programs and network with pathologists from across the country. I also enjoyed the thoughtful programming line-up. I also recently attended the CAP Leadership Summitt. It was a wonderful opportunity to advocate for pathologists and pathologists-in-training and meet other like-minded pathologists. I appreciate CAP's focus on leadership, career resources, advocacy, and research along with the welcoming environment for trainees. For all these reasons, I would like to serve on the Residents Forum Executive Committee to help make the voice of residents and fellows heard within CAP and encourage more trainees to get involved with CAP.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time, if elected?

If elected, I would hope to work together with other RFEC members to create relevant programming and networking opportunities for trainees. Specifically, sessions that focus on providing resources about decision making along the spectrum of career, from deciding on a fellowship to negotiating your first contract. I am interested in serving as the Alternate Delegate to the CAP House of Delegates. My goals as an alternate delegate to the CAP House of Delegates would be two-fold: one would be to advocate and amplify issues that are important to pathologists and pathologists-in-training and the other would be to advocate for issues that impact trainees. Areas of advocacy where these two meet are especially important. In particular, I am interested in workforce issues for physicians-in-training, specifically the need to increase GME funding and expand residency positions. I am also interested in increased financial support for trainees and ways to address the current state of student loans. Additionally, I am interested in supporting our international medical graduates through programs such as CONRAD30. I would also like to encourage other CAP trainee members to get involved with the advocacy process by participating in Hill Day visits and helping to draft resolutions.

Please convey your understanding of the role of an Residents Forum Executive Committee member and their responsibility to the Residents Forum and the College of American Pathologists.

As the governing body of the Residents Forum, I understand the role of the RFEC to be a group that listens to the voice of the residents and fellows in CAP and crafts programming and networking opportunities that will be beneficial for trainees. I also see the role of the RFEC as one that works to find ways to reach out to trainees and encourage involvement and participation in CAP, in part by sharing their own experiences with being involved with CAP. Finally, I see the RFEC is also a body that advocates for residents and fellows within the larger CAP communities and looks for opportunities for residents and fellows to become involved



with the broader activities of CAP.

Please address the time commitment for the office in which you are interested and your ability to fulfill it.

For the Alternate Delegate to the CAP House of Delegates position, I have attended the CAP Leadership Summit and House of Delegates this year and will be able to continue to attend them in the future. For the RFEC, I will be able to attend committee meetings/calls and attend the Resident Forum meetings.

What talents and skills do you bring to the Residents Forum Executive Committee that you believe would benefit the Residents Forum?

I am interested in serving as the Alternate Delegate to the CAP House of Delegates. I recently attended the CAP Leadership Summit and House of Delegates this past spring and had the opportunity to get more involved with the House of Delegates and advocate for important issues in pathology by speaking to legislators in Washington D.C., which was a wonderful experience where I met many like-minded pathologists and trainees. Prior to the CAP HOD, I also participated in the American Medical Association National Advocacy Conference, where I also had a chance to advocate for physicians in Washington D.C. I am an active member of my state's medical society (Massachusetts Medical Society), currently serving as the Vice Chair of our Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council, so I have experience being a member of a governing body like RFEC. I am also currently a member of the AMA Resident and Fellow Section and House of Delegates and regularly attend AMA meetings. During this time, I have gained experience as a delegate in the voting process, so I understand how issues and resolutions from CAP make their way to the AMA. I have helped to review resolutions and make recommendations for my delegation. I also have experience assisting with writing resolutions. Through these leadership positions, I have gained experience with planning and organizing as well as networking and making connections, all of which would be beneficial for RFEC. I also have longstanding experience with advocacy and would be grateful to continue my involvement as a representative for pathology at the CAP HOD.

What else should the Residents Forum know about you?

I am passionate about advocacy and organized medicine, especially related to issues that impact trainees and the future of pathology. I am excited to get more involved with CAP and appreciate your consideration.