



Residents Forum Executive Committee Elections

Candidate for Member-at-Large

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When are you taking your boards? – 2026

CAP Experience:

Activity	Position	Years of Service
Residents Forum	Delegate	05/29/2020 – 05/30/2022
Residents Forum	Delegate	10/09/2023 – Present
Clinical Pathology Education Committee	Member-J	01/01/2024 – Present

How did you become interested in serving on the RFEC?

I recently started serving as an RF Delegate for my program and became interested in serving on the Executive Committee after attending a Residents Forum remotely and learning more about the role of the RFEC in CAP and its vital role in trainee advocacy.

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

Personally, I am interested in serving on the RFEC to further network with residents and professionals across the country, learn more about issues and concerns affecting trainees on a systemic level, and gain a better understanding of how CAP functions and the extent to which it can promote improved pathology residency/fellowship training.

As a Member-at-Large, I hope to integrate myself within the RFEC and bring my own experiences and skills to improve its efficacy as a governing body and voice for pathology trainees. Importantly, I hope to improve the communication between CAP, the Residents Forum, Delegates, and Junior Members across the country. The previous Executive Committee members have done an excellent job of utilizing the available resources to communicate Residents Forum activities, and I believe this communication can always be further improved, including increasing the transparency of RFEC activities and objectives, and finding creative ways to elicit feedback from RF Delegates and pathology trainees.

As an RFEC member in general, I view my responsibility as a trainee representative seriously and hope to act as a liaison to improve pathology residency training and wellness, increase medical student interest in pathology as a specialty, and promote a culture in pathology where diverse life experiences are welcome and contribute to the field, both in the working environment and in improved patient care.

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.

Members of the RFEC act as critical representatives for the Residents Forum and pathology trainees in general, and represent the trainee viewpoint for CAP, which is a leading organization for pathology and laboratory medicine. The Member-at-Large has a travel commitment of at least 11 days, and is responsible for facilitating communication between multiple bodies, including CAP Junior Members, RF Delegates, and the RFEC. In addition, the Member-at-Large is responsible for assisting in the recruitment of Junior Members, and generally aiding the RFEC in additional duties throughout the year. I understand these responsibilities and have filled similar roles before in other positions. I specifically am interested in the Member-at-Large position because I know I am able to fulfill its commitment, because I have not previously served on the RFEC, and believe this specific position is well-suited for someone who has not previously served on the RFEC.



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

As stated, the Member-at-Large has a travel commitment of at least 11 days. I can fulfill this commitment.

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

I have extensive experience in programming and acting as a representative for trainees. To give two examples, while pursuing an MD/PhD, I served a 3-year term as a member of the Career Development Committee for the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). In this role, I and other members planned all trainee- and career-oriented programming for the Annual ASHG Meeting, which is the largest meeting platform for genetics/genomics with >5,000 attendees regularly. Along with this responsibility, I also served as a leading student member of the Physician-Scientist Colloquium Organizing Committee at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and annually coordinated a colloquium for the MD/PhD students where we invited an established physician-scientist to speak and specifically discuss their career path and advice.

Along with these experiences and others outlined in my CV, I am organized, efficient, proactive but adaptable, communicative, and take any responsibilities I pursue seriously, with consideration and intention before committing. I consider the success of my colleagues as part of my own, and as an RFEC member I hope to use my experiences and skillset to improve the pathology resident experience and training.

What else should the Residents Forum know about you?

Outside of pathology, I enjoy hiking, swimming, traveling, trying new restaurants, and finding the best almond croissant in every town or neighborhood I visit. I grew up in OR but have appreciated the experience of living in other regions and meeting a diversity of individuals within the United States, including WA, CA, MD, CT, and NC where I currently reside. I have a penchant for quality stationery, a love/hate relationship with The NYTimes Connections, and love typing on my mechanical keyboard.