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### Message from the President

This summer has been a time of innovation and new experiences. I continue to be impressed by the great work COMSEP members are doing. A big THANK YOU to the members of the collaborative working group who produced the webinar to help COMSEP members and our students navigate the upcoming residency match. It was wonderful to see APPD, COMSEP and AMSPDC working together to achieve a common goal. Here is the link to the presentation in case you missed it. <https://connect.johnshopkins.edu/p8a3za7ys58/>

After you have viewed the webinar it would be we would request that you complete a 3-minute evaluation of the information using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CZW6DX5>

I am looking forward to the fall (even though the days get pretty short in the Pacific NW) and seeing members of the COMSEP Executive Committee at the end of September to continue our work to enhancing the support of our members. Did you know that in 1887, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day an official holiday? Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York quickly followed suit.

Here are two up lifting quotes about work to set your spirit and mind in the frame to achieve great things throughout the fall.

*Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life-Confucius*

*A mind always employed is always happy. This is the true secret, the grand recipe, for felicity. -Thomas Jefferson*



Mt. Shucksan (and Maddy)—courtesy of Steve Cobert, MD

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sherilyn Smith'.

Sherilyn Smith, MD  
COMSEP President, 2015-2017

## Task Force Updates – Research and Scholarship

The Research and Scholarship Task Force has several projects that are ongoing throughout the year...here are just a sample (and feel free to reach out to the project leaders for more information).

- **Learner Hand-offs** (Mary Rocha) - how do we monitor the progress learners make within given course? questions included in annual survey—a needs assessment; analysis underway.
- **Community Preceptors** (Gary Beck Dallaghan) -dozen schools interviewed preceptors to find out what keeps them motivated to characterize ways to recruit preceptors; had poster at COMSEP 2016; submitting paper to JAMA Pediatrics.
- **EPAs** (Jan Hanson) - qualitative analysis of subI ILPs submitted at COMSEP and PAS at 2015; data now in QA software; This should be moving forward on paper in next few months. Received funding from COMSEP Grant to study faculty thought processes when making decisions about resident/student EPAs.

Here are some ideas that were discussed for future projects and workshops!

- Grading in Clerkships and how it leads to Resident Selection (Colin Sox)
- Predicting Intern Success (Anton Alerte)
- COMSEP Mentor Project (Alicia Freedy)- Outcomes to measure and developing core group
- High Value Care (Chad Vercio)- Intergenerational differences, relying on PE versus testing
- Documentation by Students (Patty Quigley)- What is ACTUALLY happening? Considering a survey of students, ethical issues

## COMSEP Grant Committee

The Grant Committee has been busy this summer reviewing and providing feedback on letters of intent about research and innovation ideas. Each person who submitted a letter received an in-depth review and feedback from several members of the committee. The goal of this process is to jump start ideas and encourage people to apply for the COMSEP grant. [Click here](#) for information on this year's cycle. *We hope you will apply! It is a great program!!*

## Annual Meeting Update

The 2017 COMSEP Annual Meeting will be held on **March 29 – April 1** in Portland, OR. The theme is **Charting the Course to Competency: The Next Expedition**. Robert Englander, MD, MPH, Associate Dean of Medical Education at the University of Minnesota will be the Miller-Sarkin lecturer.

The Abstract Submission Program for research and workshops will open on **Wednesday, September 14** and close on **Monday, October 24**. Registration and hotel information will be sent in January. We hope to see you there!

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WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

48  
HOURS TO NETWORK

350  
COLLEAGUES, MENTORS AND FRIENDS

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MEETING WHERE IT ALL HAPPENS

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