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Message from the President

I love to create new approaches to teaching and assessment, in the never-ending quest to enhance student learning. As an educator, this is a fun part of my job. I strive to be evidence-based and grounded in educational theory when making decisions about how to innovate but deciding *what* to do next is a challenge. I find that stepping back and considering what my students need to accomplish during their education has helped me remain focused. What is the “job” of the clinical student? Are we helping them achieve those day to day goals as well as helping them along to the next steps in their development as physicians? Answering this question, alongside my students and other teachers continues to inspire and inform my professional work.

The **COMSEP Curriculum Project Group** is starting to tackle this exact question. Thank you to everyone who submitted his or her vision of the COMSEP curriculum late last year. The Executive Committee reviewed all the proposals (what a creative group you are!) and selected the following individuals to guide the curriculum development process:

- Edith Allen (University of Arizona)
- Aditee Narayan (Duke University)
- Michelle Noelck (OHSU)
- Jamie Sutherell (St. Louis University)
- Melissa Held (University of Connecticut)—Liaison to the Executive Committee

This group will be actively soliciting your ideas, enthusiasm, creative writing skills and reactions to draft documents in the next 12 months. Look for them at the COMSEP meeting, give them your thoughts and volunteer to help! There is always room for COMSEP members to engage.

As I think of this work and all that COMSEP does, I am reminded of the value of sharing. Here are some quotes to reflect on in the coming month...

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy. Nhat Hanh

All who joy would win must share it. Happiness was born a Twin. Lord Byron



Franklin Falls-Courtesy of Steve Cobert, MD

Wishing you all the best,

Sherilyn Smith, MD
COMSEP President, 2015-2017

COMSEP Members Hard at Work!

Leadership opportunities:

Every year at the annual COMSEP meeting, there are opportunities to get more involved in the organizational activities. We are constantly striving to increase member engagement and be transparent. Here are just a few opportunities that are coming your way AND ways to find out more!

Grant Committee

This highly engaged group helps mentor COMSEP members around scholarly projects and selects innovative proposals each year to receive support through the COMSEP grant program. Participating in this group is a wonderful way to develop your skills and give back to the organization. We are soliciting self-nominations for 2 positions. I would love to see you [volunteer](#).

Annual Survey Committee

Members of the survey committee have the opportunity to enhance their own understanding of this important methodology while giving feedback to COMSEP members and designing an important avenue for

scholarship. The time commitment is small, but the impact is large! We are looking for an additional member to join the team. I would love to see you [volunteer](#).

ACE Representatives

The Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) is a multidisciplinary professional organization that fosters collaboration across clerkships to enhance medical student education. The current president is our own Bruce Morgenstern and Robert Drucker is the ACE representative to the Executive Council. There are openings on the ACE Council as all of the ACE committees: Research, Communications & Publications. Contact Sherilyn Smith (sherilyn.smith@seattlechildrens.org) or Robert Drucker (robert.drucker@duke.edu) if you would like to know more about these groups. There will be more information available at the COMSEP meeting as well.

Journal Club reviewers

The monthly synopsis of the latest medical education publications is a valuable member benefit! Get involved and review a journal, enhance your writing skills and contribute to our community. Write one a year or one a month, whatever fits your schedule. We will be soliciting more reviewers at the COMSEP meeting (or contact the Co-Editors of the Journal Club—Jon Gold (Jonathan.Gold@hc.msu.edu) and Randy Rockney (Randal_Rockney@brown.edu).

Forum for Collaboration & Creativity

This session will happen on Thursday afternoon during the COMSEP annual meeting. It is an opportunity for you to talk to current COMSEP leaders and find out more about what their groups do, how to get involved and explore the benefits of being a member. Taskforce leaders, committee chairs, program leaders and our valued collaborators will be available to help it easier to reap the benefits of being a COMSEP member and make COMSEP your professional home!

Annual Meeting Update

[Registration for the Annual Meeting is now open](#). The meeting will be held March 29 – April 1, 2017 at the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower in Portland, OR. A block of rooms has been reserved at the price of \$199.00/night plus tax. [Click here to access the Hilton online reservation system](#). You can also call 1-800-HILTONS and use the code "CMS" to receive the discounted rate. This rate is good until March 1, 2017 or until the block is filled

This year we are pleased to offer:

- An expanded New Clerkship Directors preconference workshop
- An expanded preconference workshop on Leadership
- 20 Preconference and Conference Workshop from which to choose
- Dinner and Dancing at the Collaborative Life Sciences Building on the OHSU Campus
- Networking and collaboration time with friends and colleagues.

COMSEP GIVES BACK

Maybe most exciting, though...COMSEP members will have the **opportunity to bring and donate their favorite book to the Children's Community Clinic's** Reach Out and Read Program (<http://www.reachoutandread.org>). Inspired by Dr. First's talk last year about giving back to your community, COMSEP is partnering with the **Children's Community Clinic** in Portland, OR, which began in 2005 and is part of the Coalition of Community Clinics. The clinic's mission is to provide high quality and compassionate healthcare to children, from birth to 21 years, of families who are underserved (uninsured and underinsured), regardless of ethnicity, geographic residency or ability to pay. We hope all attendees will participate.

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