

'Four pillars' approach ensures Chapter moving in right direction



President Judy Romano, MD

I am honored to become the President of the Ohio AAP and look forward to serving in that capacity for the next two years.

The OAAP is a very successful, well-oiled machine that represents almost 3,000 pediatricians in the state of Ohio, caring for approximately a million children. Because of your membership, along with a dedicated leadership team, and a dedicated staff led by Melissa Wervey Arnold, the OAAP has become a leader among other AAP Chapters having been awarded numerous national awards. As I move into the Presidency, I see my role as sculpting and nurturing the momentum and activities that have resulted in our successes. To that end, I offer an approach that will allow the process of our work to dictate the structure of our organization.

At a recent Executive Committee retreat, your leaders em-

braced this approach identifying four broad areas that represent the scope of our work yet allow for direction and development of future projects. These four areas or "pillars" help ensure the organization is moving in the right direction while providing member value to you.

The four pillars are Child Health, Pediatric Practice, Advocacy, and Operations. Your leadership has identified goals and measurable outcomes that relate to each of the pillars which I will introduce to you today. I will go into more detail about each one in upcoming articles.

Child Health

Child health represents all areas of care of children but with the priority to have an overall shift in approach from treatment-focus to a focus on child wellness.

Pediatric Practice

Pediatric practice represents all areas that relate to you, the practitioner, such as coding, billing, and ACOs. Also outreach to specific populations of pediatricians such as hospitalists, subspecialists and young physicians.

Advocacy

Funding for programs, legislative concerns and "being the experts at the table" for children's issues are examples in this area.

Operations

Our MOC programs, our relationship to the OAAP Foundation and fiscal responsibility to the

organization are examples. All current committees, projects, and operations relate to one or several of these pillars.

The structure also allows for increased participation by you, our members, by affording you the opportunity to follow an interest, a passion, or solve a practice problem. You can serve as an expert or work with a group around your interests without the commitment of a "committee."

Our restructured Executive Committee meetings/Open Forums will be opportunities to come together to learn about current projects and to develop new ones. The first will be in conjunction with our Annual Meeting in Dublin, Ohio on Sept. 28, 2012.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting... Don't miss it, as there is something for everyone from MOC opportunities to talks on new AAP policies by national experts, to state and national legislative updates. Casino Night is a fun way to support the Ohio AAP Foundation and its projects.

Please get to know Ohio AAP. Whether you are a generalist, a specialist, a hospitalist, in private practice, hospital-based practice, or in an academic setting – you have expertise to share and the Chapter can serve you, so that you can serve children.

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