

# Physicians Serving Physicians

## Why do so many physicians participate in the affairs of AAPS and ABPS?

There are literally hundreds of reasons that vary from one member to another; however, the one overwhelming reason is making a difference and receiving satisfaction and recognition in return. AAPS and ABPS would NOT be in existence today or serving its members so well had it not been for those committed physician members who came before us. In part, it is that 80/20 rule that transcends every aspect of life as you already know. You would not be a physician if you weren't aware of that fact. You are a part of the rule...the 20%!

Think about your board certification, the services AAPS and ABPS provide, the value, how precious your time is and where you would focus it on. Would you offer your time to an organization of your colleagues who care about their future and yours?

Remember: You can choose to control your destiny or you can let someone else do it for you. The question is not who will control your destiny but when. It's your choice.

Please consider becoming involved in your organizations because it will not only guarantee our futures but it will feel real good. Join us in thriving collegiality making a significant difference. Make a difference in appreciation for physicians who did it for you years ago and those carrying on today.

## AAPS Academy of Medicine and Committee Descriptions

**Academies of Medicine** - The eight affiliated Academies of Medicine are the entities through which members, who share an interest in a field of medicine, work together. The purpose of the Academies of Medicine is multifold: (A) To promote the highest intellectual, moral, and ethical standards of practice in the specialty; (B) To promote and provide education; (C) to promote study, research, and improvement of the specialty; (D) To award service to the academy with the Degree of Fellow and to recognize excellence with the Physician of the Year Award; and (E) To elect members to the Board of Certification for the specialty.

**Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee** – The CME Committee is responsible for overseeing the development of a comprehensive plan for CME that fulfills the CME Mission of AAPS. As such, the committee will be responsible for: 1) Assessing needs of the membership for CME programs, including presentations at AAPS meetings and review courses and for conceptualizing a plan to help the membership access CME programs as needed to maintain their skills, knowledge, and certification; 2) Advising staff regarding ACCME reaccreditation; 3) Reviewing applications for AAPS sponsorship of CME credits and making recommendations that will meet the needs of the members and ensure AAPS compliance as an accredited sponsor of CME credits; and 4) Advising staff on the maintenance and operation of a CME registry of credits for all members.

**Editorial Committee** – The Editorial Committee reviews submissions and/or contributes clinical articles for inclusion in the *AJCM*. The Editor in Chief serves as Chairman.

**Governmental Affairs Committee** – The Governmental Affairs Committee assists in the advancement of the recognition efforts of the AAPS, reviews any recognition issues along with AAPS staff and the Board of Directors and provides suggestions for favorable recognition to AAPS members.

**Membership Committee** – The Membership Committee reviews membership rules, regulations and dues structure, maintains active involvement in promoting and maintaining membership, and suggests membership retention programs and benefits to the AAPS Board of Directors for approval.

**Political Action Committee (PAC)** – The PAC raises funds to support the AAPSPAC.

**Web Site Committee** – The Web Site Committee works to develop and update the ABPS web site.

## PUT THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT TO WORK!

We're making it easier for you to serve. Complete the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in being considered for the following volunteer opportunities:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Continuing Medical Education Committee (CME)      \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Committee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Editorial Committee      \_\_\_\_\_ Political Action Committee (PAC)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Governmental Affairs Committee      \_\_\_\_\_ Website Committee

**As an ABPS Diplomat, I am interested in being considered for the following volunteer opportunities:**

\_\_\_\_\_ AAPS Academy of Medicine Officer      \_\_\_\_\_ ABPS Written Examination Item Writing  
\_\_\_\_\_ ABPS Board of Certification Member      \_\_\_\_\_ ABPS Oral Examination Development  
\_\_\_\_\_ ABPS On-Site Examiner      \_\_\_\_\_ ABPS Clinical Examination Development  
\_\_\_\_\_ ABPS Oral Clinical Examiner

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