Greetings! Below you will find an update on important SPCTPD issues including proceedings from the recent SPCTPD meeting at the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting in San Francisco. Thanks to the AAP for hosting and coordinating our meeting. There were 26 member programs attending in person or on the phone. All SPCTPD members received a copy of the slide deck used for the meeting.

AAP-SPCTPD-Board Review Course Maria Serrato reviewed the feedback from the board review course with the group. The course continues to be a success and the planning / faculty for the course have expanded.

Spring vs Fall categorical match Shubhi Srivastava provided update. As of now Hematology/Oncology and Pediatric Cardiology are the only pediatric subspecialties on the Spring Match. Markus Reno from the Section on Residents, Fellows and Medical students shared data from the trainees perspective on the potential advantages of moving the MATCH. The SPCTPD board is seeking consensus about a potential MATCH change. A survey is being provided by ERAS to all current pediatric cardiology fellowship applicants to gauge their support for the MATCH change. We will share this data with all and then take a repeat vote from all programs.

Delayed Fellowship Date/Time line to 4th year acceptances David Brown discussed that CoPS, AAP and other bodies have recommended a delay start date for fellows beginning giong July 2017. It will not be required. This change will need 1-time gap coverage of current fellows. Shubhi Srivastava discussed that a common timeline for senior fellowship acceptances for imaging is being followed now on holdonly by some programs and that list was shared with all PDs. ERAS will not support a MATCH for non ACGME programs.

Update from Cops Rob Ross presented the update from the Council of Pediatric Subspecialties. The workforce data was presented at CoPS; there is interest from other subspecialties in replicating the survey. The data is will be pupublished in JACC and Progress in Pediatric Cardiology (official journal of the SPCTPD!)PC, and is already available online. MOC will be discussed at CoPS in November; they are considering part 2 credit for CME, re-instituting an open book exam, and expanding part 4.
Workforce survey Project This is a joint effort of the SPCTPD, ACC, AHA, AAP, and ABP. The plan is to re-survey every 2 years. (Next ~2/2017). If you want to help, contact: David Brown (david.brown@cardio.chboston.org)

Finance Report Lowell Frank presented the SPCTPD finances. Our FY2016 closing account balance was over $12,000. We have collected approximated 83% of FY2014 dues, 88% of FY2015 dues, and 74% of FY2016 dues. If you have not yet paid, please connect to link sent by Lowell (link) or send your check for $100 payable to the Society of Pediatric Cardiology Training Program Directors to: Lowell Frank Division of Cardiology, Children’s National Health System 111 Michigan Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20010

SPCTPD webs site change and PREP-Cardiology Antonio Cabrera provided update. Our website www.spcptpd.com will migrate to a new platform from Wild Apricot. The website charges a nominal fee to handle membership, content and dues/payment. We will outsource the building of the website. Website cost: $40 monthly. PREP Cardiology is available exclusively online through PediaLink. I provides CME and MOC part 2. About 250 (>100% increase) subscribers to date.

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Fellow Resource and Development Committee (FRDC) Sonal Owens provided update. FRDC aims to be a platform to facilitate access to resources to fellows. They have generated a list of FAQ posted on spctd website. Interested in supporting this effort?, please contact Sonal: sthakkar@med.umich.edu

Fellowship Quality Metrics Project/Evaluation revisions committee update This effort is lead by Lowell Frank. There are ongoing discussions with the ACC about partnering and collecting/housing the data in QNet. They were excited about this idea and confirmed that no similar effort is being pursued by the adult groups. The goal is to follow the ACC quality metrics template.
Various projects were introduced (more to follow): Establishing fellows email distribution list-Antonio Cabrera
Burnout-project: Antonio Cabrera Prenatal counseling survey (University of Michigan) New SPCTPD website-David Brown

SPCTPD Board elections We are approaching the end of this 2 year cycle for the Board. We will be seeking candidates for nomination. Those interested please contact David Brown. The ballots will be sent at the end of the summer. The new board term begins at the AAP meeting in 9/17.

Next SPCTPD Meeting Please join us in Washington DC for the ACC meeting. Details to follow!

Thank you for your support!

Your SPCTPD board,

David Brown (President)
Lowell Frank (Secretary/Treasurer)
Antonio Cabrera (Vice President)
Shubhi Srivastava (Immediate Past President)