



Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, Georgia

Quarterly Newsletter

Accreditation Preparation & Quality Improvement

Happy autumn APQI Community!

The -BER months are upon us! As the leaves change colors, and our bodies adjust to changing temperatures and harvest-induced allergies (or is that just me?), I can honestly say that this is my favorite time of the year! Why?? Because in ONE WEEK I will get to reconnect, IN PERSON, with so many of you at our APQI Annual Business Meeting on November 8th, as well as chat and mingle throughout the duration of the AAMC LSL meeting. It is also the time to furiously collaborate with colleagues, near and far, on conference proposals – from regional GEA meetings to LSL 2025 – the excitement and fervor to share our best practices, research, and innovations is on fire!

This period of change also brings new leaders to our APQI Steering Committee, with our inaugural Election cycle in full swing! We will be installing our new Steering Committee members at the annual APQI Business Meeting, so be sure to RSVP if you have not already done so ([link](#)). And a special recognition to our host institution for the business meeting, Morehouse School of Medicine – THANK YOU!!!

I will sign off now with a very sincere and heartfelt CHEERS to our APQI Community. As we move into the holiday season and reflect on what we are thankful, this group is always at the top of my list!

All my best,

Colleen Hayden, Chair

Annual APQI Business Meeting

The APQI Business Meeting is open to all dues-paying members of APQI.

Friday, November 8, 2024

1:00-4:00pm EST

Morehouse School of Medicine

720 Westview Dr SW

Atlanta, GA. 30310

MDI Classroom in Hugh Gloster

(Uber or Lyft is recommended)



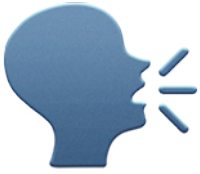
APQI Table Topics at LSL

The Table Topics luncheon will be held Saturday, November 9 from 11:45-1. Boxed lunches will be provided. Accepted APQI-related table topics:

- Table 23. Strategies for a Successful Liaison Committee on Medical Education Site Visit. Hosts: Colleen Hayden & Catherine Witkop
- Table 24. Maximizing the Impact of CQI Committees: Driving Innovation and Excellence in Med Ed. Host: Melisa Pierce
- Table 26. Enhancing Student Communication: Strategies to Address Concerns and Improve Accreditation. Host: Pamela Baker
- Table 27. Check In to Avoid Checking Out: How One School Increased Staff Engagement in Curriculum Management. Host: Katie Maietta
- Table 79. Let's Talk Learning Improvement: Closing the Loop in Course and Program Assessments. Hosts: David Williams & H. Leisel Copeland
- Table 81. How Two Medical Schools Approach Continuous Quality Improvement and LCME Accreditation. Host: Sam Neher & Ricky Mercado
- Table 92. That's a Flex: Utilizing Defined Curriculum Weeks to Enhance Self-Directed Learning. Host: Greg Null
- Table 102. Innovative Strategies for Engaging Faculty in Effective Curriculum Review. Hosts: Raquel Givens & Tanya Biscardi
- Table 133. The LCME Accreditation Teams: A Valued Workforce as Leaders or Technical Experts? Host: Sara Kim



Presentations at LSL



The LCME Secretariat will present **“Identifying and Addressing Headwinds in the Decade Ahead: The LCME Strategic Visioning Process for Its Standards and Your Role in It”** on Saturday, November 9 from 3:00-4:15pm in GWCC, Building C, C208-210.

Raquel Givens, Jason Booza, Hugh Stoddard, Colleen O’Brien, and Colleen Hayden will present **“Adapting to Change: The Evolution of Accreditation Management in US Allopathic Medical Schools”** in the “Challenging the Status Quo of Educational Practice” session on Tuesday, November 12 from 8:30-9:45 in GWCC, Building C, C202-204.

Elections



One election down (APQI) and one to go (national, please vote!). The slate of APQI officers was approved! Congratulations to: **Melisa Pierce** (Chair Elect), **Jason Hedrick** (Scholarship Representative), **Rebecca Molter** (Secretary), **Katie Maietta** (Membership Chair), and **Greg Null** (Communications Representative). Installation will occur at the APQI Business Meeting. Big thank you to Tanya Biscardi for serving as chair and members Celia O’Brien, Terence Ma, Gary Beck Dallaghan, and Michaela Jansen as members of the nominations and elections committee.

Membership Updates - Gaggle email

Our subscription to Gaggle has allowed us to create an APQI-Members group and also regional groups (APQI-CGEA, APQI-NEGEA, APQI-SGEA, and APQI-WGEA).

For all practical purposes, **members should continue to use the full listserv to post substantive questions or comments.**



The Communications Representative also reviewed all listserv memberships to ensure compliance with the APQI charter, which states that listserv participation is limited to those working in an accreditation/CQI/strategic planning capacity at a medical school. Those with non .edu email addresses were queried about their employment status and those that were not employed by a medical school or who did not respond were removed.

The process to sign up from the listserv has changed. There is no longer an open sign up on the APQI website. To sign up for the listserv, please email the Communications Rep with name, email address for subscription, medical school, and title/role within the medical school.

Good News to Share!



Congratulations to **Dr. Melisa Pierce** for successfully defending her dissertation!! You rock, Melisa!

Congratulations to **Lori DeShelter** who was promoted to Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation at the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences, effective September 1, 2024. Congratulations Lori!!

Seema Baranwal was promoted as of July 1 to the Vice Dean of Institutional Effectiveness at Drexel University College of Medicine. Amazing, Seema!

Shout out to **Colleen Hayden** who is going to serve on the AAMC Medical Education Planning Committee (aka the LSL meeting planning committee), so any thoughts, ideas, feedback, please pass along!

If you have good news to share with the APQI community, please reach out to Amber Todd (amber.todd@wright.edu), Communications Rep.



See you soon in Atlanta!

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Sabrina Nunez, PhD (Northeastern)

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