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Actual footage of a busy APQI professional at work this winter.

Quarterly Newsletter

Accreditation Preparation & Quality Improvement

Happy New Year, APQI Community!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season to round out an amazing 2024. I am excited to co-write this welcome message for our January 2025 APQI Newsletter with APQI Chair-elect, Dr. Melisa Pierce! As we continue to grow in membership and community outreach, we are both eager to help support our community of practice AND each of you however possible. Engaging with 70+ of our members during our Annual APQI Business Meeting on Friday, November 8th was incredible and so much fun. Huge SHOUT OUT of appreciation once again to the Morehouse team for hosting us on their gorgeous campus!

Many exciting updates will be shared in this month's newsletter and over the next several months—from updates from our scholarship team related to a peer-reviewed APQI journal to planning for our annual APQI virtual conference.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue this momentum into the new year. Let's focus on celebrating wins, sharing more data-driven practices, and publishing our impactful work to shape medical education on a broader scale. I encourage you to share your ideas for webinars, projects, and initiatives to strengthen our collective efforts.

Thank you for making this year so successful and we look forward to another great year ahead.

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Colleen H. and Melissa P.

Annual APQI Business Meeting

Friday, November 8, 2024



New Leaders



Chair-Elect
Melisa Pierce, MPH, EdD
University of South
Alabama



**Communications
Representative**
Greg Null, MA
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine



Membership Chair
Katie Maietta, MPPM
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine



**Scholarship
Representative**
Jason Hedrick, PhD
West Virginia University
School of Medicine



Secretary
Rebecca Molter, MS, EdD
Candidate
Central Michigan
University College of
Medicine

APQI Founder's Awards

Raquel Hernandez Givens, PhD and **Colleen O'Brien, JD** awarded for steadfast leadership and vision in the creation of this group.

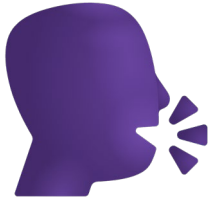
Service Award Winners

Tsugio Seki, MD, PhD for his work in painstakingly track changing LCME documents and sharing with the group.

Greg Null, MA for distributing 'hastily written' notes from LCME Connecting with the Secretariat webinars.



APQI Journal Update



The Journal of Accreditation and Quality Improvement in Medical Education has solicited submissions for its inaugural issue, beginning with the 2024 APQI conference presenters. In addition, the Journal is also finalizing an MOU with Wayne State University. Stay tuned!

Newsletter Name Sought



Medical schools change their names all the time, but you cannot buy this one! If you have an idea for a newsletter name, please send it to grn18@pitt.edu. Alternatively, if you have a proposal for what this newsletter SHOULD NOT be called, send those in too.

Any winners (or best non-name) will have a small gift of minimal value shipped to them. Thanks!

Save the Date!
Learn Serve Lead 2025 San Antonio, TX
Nov. 1-5, 2025



Meet Your Community at the Regional GEA Meetings this Spring!

CGEA: Detroit, MI

Dates: April 9-11, 2025

Home of Wayne State University School of Medicine

Top Restaurants via Eater Detroit

Odd and Thrilling Things to Do and See in Detroit via Atlas Obscura

NEGEA: New Brunswick, NJ

Dates: April 9-11, 2025

Home of Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Top Restaurants via Eater

Odd and Thrilling Things to Do and See in NJ via Atlas Obscura

SGEA: Miami, FL

Dates: April 28-30, 2025

Home of Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
and University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

Top Restaurants via Eater Miami

Odd and Thrilling Things to Do and See in Miami via Atlas Obscura

WGEA: Portland, OR

Dates: May 2-4, 2025

Home of Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine

Top Restaurants via Eater Portland

Odd and Thrilling Things to See and Do in Portland via Atlas Obscura

Watch for lists of APQI-centric sessions and workshops at these conferences in the March 2025 issue!



SAVE THE DATE –

2025 Accreditation Preparation & Quality Improvement 2nd Annual Conference

The APQI Annual Conference Planning Team is excited to announce our second annual conference scheduled for **May 21 from noon to 4 EST**. The conference theme is **Growing the Choir of APQI Professionals**. The conference will be held virtually at no cost for APQI members. Submission and registration information will be released in the next few weeks.

The APQI Annual Conference Planning Team will seek submissions aligned with our conference themes:

- **Tuning Up**
 - Success with improving frequently cited elements
 - Strategies for planning, preparing, or participating in site visits
 - CQI Success Stories
- **The Encore**
 - Sharing lessons learned, insights, and strategies for improvement after a site visit.
 - Status Update Reports - everything you need to know
- **The Data Symphony**
 - Everything Except the Dashboard - successful ways of sharing data to lead decision makers into making data-informed decisions when you can't build a dashboard
 - Developed Dashboards - building them, maintaining them, and using them
 - Data Visualization Best Practices - How do you make the data sing the song of its people?
- **Going Beyond Your Own Stage: Collaborations Across Schools and Institutions**
 - Exploring strategies for interprofessional and/or multi-institutional collaboration and shared accountability in accreditation efforts.
 - Engaging faculty, staff, and students in accreditation

- **The Instruments of CQI: What Frameworks and Tools Do You Use?**
 - Highlight frameworks, tools, and best practices for structuring CQI efforts that align with accreditation goals, fostering continuous institutional improvement.
- **Amplifying Your Voice: Professional Growth for Accreditation Professionals**
 - Dedicated to skill-building, professional development, and expanding competencies in accreditation-related roles.
 - Advanced degrees, certifications, and other educational choices to advance your career. Career and academic advising from people that have gone through it.

We will welcome abstract/proposal submissions for the below conference presentation formats:

- Oral Presentation: 10 min, live presentation and 5 min, Q&A
- Workshops (likely to be scheduled as post-conference stand-alone workshops)

Successful submissions should relate specifically to accreditation and quality improvement for undergraduate medical education programs. We welcome completed projects and works-in-progress. We encourage submissions from any APQI professional, especially junior members of our community and those of us who do not have opportunities for disseminating our work in other venues.

As you plan, consider submitting educational research, quality improvement projects, innovations, best practices, program evaluations, and case reports.

All submissions will be peer reviewed and feedback will be provided. See below for the peer review criteria:

- Relevance to the APQI community and conference theme
- Original/Innovative
- Submission components are clearly described and appropriate for the stated objectives

Pre-conference Abstract Writing Workshop: 2/11/25, 12pm EST - registration info to follow

Submissions Open: 2/14/25

Submissions Deadline: 3/12/25

Presenter Notification: Early April 2025



Connecting with the Secretariat Upcoming Webinars

February 6: Topic of the Month: The Independent Student Survey and Analysis- Wake Forest University School of Medicine

March 20: Topic of the Month: Spotlight on Students: Being Responsive While Setting Boundaries

LCME Survey Prep Workshop Webinar for Visits in AY26-27

April 29. Open only to AY26-27 schools.

CGEA APQI Upcoming Webinar (Open to all regions)

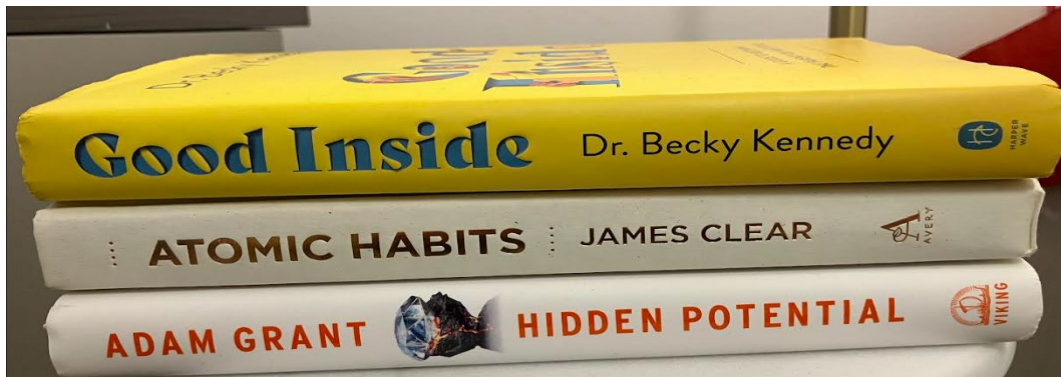
February 26: Topic: AI Panel with Gary Beck Dallaghan, Marissa Zhu, and Tonya Anderson



Foot-long Bookshelf

David Grant, author of *The Social Profit Handbook* and former CEO of Geraldine Dodge Foundation, called on leaders to build and maintain a foot-long bookshelf. He asked “If you had only a single, foot-long bookshelf, and the books you put on it would be instantly known and well-understood by the staff and board of your organization, what would you put on it?” On this shelf are the books that help guide your work, your practice, and your life. For this ongoing feature, we are asking our APQI members to take a photo of their foot-long bookshelf (actual length not important) and send it in, with a line or two on why each book made the list and is important to you. We will also accept podcasts, journals, or other forms of media. We hope this could inspire our colleagues, continue conversations, and share knowledge. One caveat. **All submitters will remain anonymous.**

Send your Foot-long Bookshelf to Greg Null (grn18@pitt.edu)!



Atomic Habits by James Clear. This book gave me my fave CQI quote and helps me CQI MYSELF every day. “We do not rise to the level of our goals, we fall to the level of our systems” (maybe not exact but it’s close).

The Culture Code by Daniel Coyle. This book inspired me and the rest of my team to make a trip to Gramercy Tavern in NYC (yes, during NEGEA!) to witness extraordinary organizational culture. We were so wowed we went back the very next day!

Love Is The Way by Bishop Michael Curry. Part autobiographical, part call to action. This book felt like a warm hug and revitalized my hope for the future.

Think Again by Adam Grant. And actually all of his books. Wow. This one changed everything about how I think. I've been a scientist for years but this book trained me to be a better one. Plus, the examples are SO interesting, and it's just fun to read great writing.



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