

MEDICAL STUDENT COMPONENT

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Hello,

Thanks to all the ASA Medical Student Component (MSC) members who joined us at the ANESTHESIOLOGY™ 2014 annual meeting in New Orleans! It was a great meeting with opportunities for attendees to network and take advantage of sessions and events geared toward medical students. Some of the highlights from this year's meeting included an offsite Medical Student Night Out, held at Barcadia, three offsite workshops hosted by Tulane University, Ochsner Health System, and Louisiana State University, and the Residency Program Meet and Greet, which allowed medical students to meet and chat with staff from more than 80 residency programs! This year, we also introduced a medical student name badge sticker to help identify other medical students attending the meeting.

During the MSC House of Delegates Meeting and Educational Session, the new MSC Governing Council (GC) officers were elected. For a list of your 2014-15 ASA MSC GC officers, please [click here](#). The meeting featured presentations on anesthesiology as a career by Dr. Pramod Chetty (OU Residency Program Director) and the pathway to a successful match by Dr. Christopher Swide (OHSU Residency Program Director).

For those of you who completed the ANESTHESIOLOGY™ 2014 survey, we appreciate your feedback, and will use it to make the 2015 meeting even better. We look forward to working with you this coming year and hope to see you in San Diego next October!

Stephen Shumpert
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How Can You Become Involved in the ASA Medical Student Component?

First You Need to Join!

As a medical student, you need to find the right specialty that fits you. The search can be exciting, but can also lead to some anxiety. The ASA Medical Student Component provides you with resources to inform you about anesthesiology as a potential specialty, to “demystify” the application process for those set on anesthesiology as your career, and to ease the transition between medical school and residency. A ASA Medical Student Membership provides many benefits and networking opportunities and only requires an annual fee of \$10. Already a member? Invite your colleagues to join!

[ASA Member Benefits](#)

[Join the ASA Medical Student Component](#)

MSC Leadership Opportunities

National Involvement:

For medical students who would like to become more involved by utilizing their leadership skills, we encourage you to consider a position on the Governing Council. Available positions include:

- Chair-Elect (first- and second-year students only)
- Secretary
- Member at Large
- Senior Advisor (fourth-year students only)
- Alternate Medical Student Delegate to AMA
- Alternate (two people to ensure full representation at the ASA annual meeting should one of the elected officers be unable to perform his or her duties).

Responsibilities of all Governing Council Officers (except the senior advisor) include:

- Attendance at the ASA Medical Student Component House of Delegates Meeting (in conjunction with the ASA annual meeting)
- Attendance at the ASA Medical Student Component Governing Council Meetings (twice per year)
- A one-year term beginning at the conclusion of the ANESTHESIOLOGY™ annual meeting 2015.

Elections for Governing Council positions will be held at the ANESTHESIOLOGY™ 2015 annual meeting in San Diego. For more information, [click here](#).

Local Involvement:

You can also get involved with ASA by representing your school in the ASA MSC House of Delegates (HOD). The ASA MSC HOD meeting is held during the annual meeting. Every accredited medical school is entitled to one delegate and one alternate delegate to act as liaisons between the ASA MSC and their medical school. Contact the head of your school's anesthesiology department for more information.

Does your school have an active anesthesiology interest group (AIG)? If so, we encourage you to join and learn more about the specialty at your home institution. If an AIG is not available at your school, you can be a pioneer and introduce your fellow classmates to anesthesiology by starting an AIG at your school. We have an instruction manual available that provides guidance on where to begin.

To learn more about the ASA Medical Student House of Delegates, [click here](#)

[Medical Student Component Guide to Building an Active Anesthesiology Student Interest Group](#)

MSC Research Opportunities

One of the most important ways you can contribute to and strengthen the future of anesthesiology is through the pursuit of knowledge. The Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER) provides compensated fellowship opportunities for medical students lasting two months or one year. If research is your passion, FAER will support you by setting you up with a mentor, training you in the scientific method as well as clinical anesthesia activities, and teaching you how to incorporate research into a medical career.

The Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research is seeking applications from medical students for the 2015 Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship Summer and Year-Long Programs. FAER's medical student fellowships provide funding to support medical students over a summer or a year in focusing on anesthesiology research, training in scientific methods and techniques, and learning how to incorporate research into a medical career.

Medical student anesthesia research fellowships are awarded through an annual application cycle. For more information about the MSARF program and eligibility requirements, visit FAER.org/MSARF and download the program instructions available on the right-hand side of the page.

Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship Summer Program Application Deadline: December 15, 2014

Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship Year-Long Program Application Deadline: December 31, 2014

[FAER Fellowship Opportunities](http://FAER.org/MSARF)

Calling All 4th Year Medical Students: Residency and the Match

Are you concerned about the Match and where you stand as far as numbers? Well, have no fear because the MSC is here! One of the key benefits of the MSC is to “demystify” the application process and to make it easier for fourth-year medical students interested in anesthesiology. We strongly encourage you to visit the link below for information about the Match, FAQs on applying to anesthesia residencies, tips to master the interview, and up-to-date resources on all academic anesthesiology programs across the country.

[Anesthesia Residencies and the Match 101](#)

[ASA Medical Student Newsletter – Optimize Your Match \(Current MSC Newsletter\)](#)

The Hill: ASA Political Advocacy

The ASA Political Action Committee (ASAPAC) provides political support for ASA's advocacy efforts and allows our members to participate in the political process. Yes, even as a medical student member we encourage you to participate! ASAPAC's mission statement is: "To advance the goals of the medical specialty of anesthesiology through the bipartisan support of candidates who demonstrate their commitment to patient safety and quality of care." For more information on getting linked in with ASA advocacy activities in Washington and across the country, check out the link below.

[ASA-MSA Advocacy on the Hill](#)

International Student Opportunity

We are seeking insight from international students who have advice to share with fellow students via the MSA newsletter regarding the path into anesthesiology and tips for overcoming the unique hurdles faced by IMGs. If interested, please email stephenshumpert@gmail.com. Thanks in advance!