Pediatric Urology Fellowship Directors Committee

Minutes of the Bi-Annual Meeting
September 14, 2018

Location of Meeting:

Peachtree Conference Room 1
Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Present at Meeting:

Duncan Wilcox, Chair
Bob DeFoor, Vice-Chair
John Pope
Tony Khoury
Chad Wallis
Doug Coplen
Dana Giel
Lane Palmer
Rosalia Misseri
Seth Alpert
Thomas Lendvay
Walid Farhat
David Roth
Miguel Castellan
Gil Rushton
Earl Cheng
Hillary Copp
Travis Groth
Francis Schneck
Wolfgang Cerwinka
Hsi-Yang Wu
George Chiang
Heidi Stephany
Christopher Cooper (Advisory Committee to the ABU Chair)
David Joseph (Residency Review Committee Representative)

The regular bi-annual meeting of the Pediatric Urology Fellowship Directors Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM on September 14, 2018 in Peachtree Conference Room 1 by Duncan Wilcox, Chair.
I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed prior to the meeting by email and approved by consensus.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Residency Review Committee Report

Dr. David Joseph discussed the results of the case log sub-committee chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Yerkes. This entailed a re-organization of the fellow case log reporting system whereby cases are sorted by category “buckets” rather than by individual CPT code. This was presented to the Residency Review Committee (RRC) and was felt to be “well done” per Dr. Joseph. The confirmation process is typically lengthy however. The decision was made to circulate the details to the Committee members for review and comment prior to our next meeting.

2. Bylaws

Dr. Wilcox discussed the newly composed bylaws of the Fellowship Directors Committee and opened the floor for discussion. Several points were raised regarding the bylaws including the following:

   a. Each program shall have one vote (either the Program Director or their designee) either at the meeting or by electronic means if the vote is to be deferred to a later date for consideration by the Program and their faculty.
   b. A quorum for a vote to be conducted at the bi-annual meeting was defined as one half or more of the programs being represented.
   c. The term “fellow” was to be continued for the purposes of the bylaws rather than the ACGME preferred term “resident” to prevent confusion.

After the conclusion of the discussion, the ratification of the bylaws was then brought forward as a motion by Dr. Wilcox, seconded by Dr. Alpert, and passed unanimously.
3. **ABU Advisory Committee Report**

Dr. Christopher Cooper discussed the recent survey of Program Directors regarding preferences on the oversight of the Fellowship research year. A majority of the programs replied that the current oversight of the RRC was ideal at this time with a reasonable amount of paperwork as well as the flexibility to individually tailor the scholarly endeavors at each program. This was felt preferable to having the ACGME become officially involved in the research year which would lead the Fellowship to be an official 2 year accredited program. The pros and cons of both approaches were discussed by several programs, including points regarding the ability to bill for patient care services to help underwrite the costs of the research year (in the current system) and the hospital approving financial support for a research year (if officially sanctioned by the ACGME). A question was asked if any other specialty with a stand-alone research year such as ours was formally managed by the ACGME. This was not known but the point was raised that several medical specialties (such as Pediatric Nephrology) have at least two years of research integrated into their fellowship curriculum. A discussion regarding the history behind the current system and its relationship to the CAQ effort was led by Dr. Rushton. No action plan will be taken on this issue until further response from the RRC is delivered to our group.

4. **Match Data**

The recently concluded Pediatric Urology match was discussed by Dr. DeFoors and data provided regarding its outcomes:

- Programs registered: 25
- Programs Matching all Vacancies: 19
- Programs with Unmatched Vacancies: 6
- Vacancies Listed: 26
- Vacancies Matched: 20
- Vacancies Unmatched: 6
- Applicants Submitting Lists: 24
- Applicants Matched: 20
- Applicants Unmatched: 4
- Average Names on Match Lists: 8.5
- Average Names on Unmatched Lists: 5.8
- Average Interviews Taken by Applicants: 9.0
- Male Applicants: 14
Female Applicants

No data was available regarding “scramble” outcomes between unmatched applicants and unmatched vacancies.

5. **ACGME requirement for Program Directors**

This agenda item was not discussed due to the sake of time. A survey monkey will be sent to all Program Directors asking for the current “FTE” that is officially designated for their Fellowship duties at their institution.

**IV. Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in May 2019 at the American Urological Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. The date, time, location, and agenda of the meeting will be forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm by Duncan Wilcox, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob DeFoor, MD
Vice Chair