

## **APGO UMEC Nominations Being Accepted**

The nomination process begins April 2007 for positions starting in March 2008.

The APGO Undergraduate Medical Education Committee (UMEC) is accepting nominations for membership. The term of appointment for all UMEC members is two years with the opportunity for reappointment to a maximum of six years.

### **UMEC Composition**

The APGO UMEC is composed of ten members. The APGO president appoints the committee members and names the chair. One ex-officio member with vote is appointed by ACOOG (The American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists), and is expected to participate fully in the work of the committee.

### **Expectations**

Committee activities should: 1) be purposeful; 2) serve to advise the Council and staff; and 3) augment the staff in advancing APGO, in conjunction with the organization's overall strategies. All UMEC members are expected to:

1. Attend and participate in the scheduled meetings;
2. Make a strong commitment to fulfilling the goals of the committee;
3. Complete the tasks/projects they volunteer to do on time; and
4. Attend programs with which their committee is involved.

UMEC is an exceptionally satisfying committee to work on because of the tremendous output of the members and the committee as a whole. Therefore, membership requires a serious commitment of time and talent.

In addition to the committee meetings held at the January APGO Faculty Development Seminar and the CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting, the committee also holds a separate three-to-four-day summer meeting in late July or early August. This is where much of the committee work is done. Work continues on projects between meetings.

The fellowship and collegiality of the committee are central to the successful achievement of its goals. Therefore, attendance at meetings is extremely important. UMEC members who miss more than one meeting in two years or who do not fully participate in meetings may be dismissed from the committee. It is important and expected that your department chair will be supportive of your committee involvement, and will be asked to sign a letter of support.

### **Application for Membership**

When there are openings on the APGO UMEC (every two years), a call for nominations is posted on the APGO Web site and in the spring edition of *The APGO Reporter*. All nominations must be accompanied by a current curriculum vitae and a paragraph written by the nominee on why they want to become a UMEC member. In addition, two letters of reference, one from a non-UMEC member and a second from the applicant's department chair, must be sent in support of the nomination.

The APGO UMEC collects all applications and reviews them at their summer meeting (July). The committee looks for active participation in APGO meetings, programs and activities, as well as educational scholarship and leadership. The geographic location of the candidate is also taken into consideration. The UMEC presents a list of candidates to the APGO president, who makes the membership appointment(s) prior to the March meeting, when the official term of office begins.

### **Process Calendar**

Call for Nominations:	Posted on Web Site: April 1 <i>The APGO Reporter</i> : Spring issue (April)
Applications due:	June 15
UMEC application review:	July
Slate submitted to APGO president:	August
Membership finalized/announced:	January of the following year, before taking office in March

### **More Information**

Applications are collected and saved for reference when the UMEC needs assistance or support in a specific area or subspecialty of educational interest.

Please send applications to the APGO office: 2130 Priest Bridge Drive, Suite #7, Crofton, MD 21114 . Contact the APGO office at (410) 451-9560, with any questions.