Committee Descriptions

Awards Committee
The Awards Committee is responsible for the management of awards presented annually by SAEM and RAMS in recognition of excellence in the field of academic emergency medicine, contributions that improve the health of society, and/or academic achievement. The Awards Committee reviews award nominations and selects recipients based upon predeveloped award criteria and selection guidelines.

SAEM Awards: Hal Jayne Excellence in Education Award, Young Investigator Award, Advancement of Women in Academic Emergency Medicine Award, Excellence in Research Award, John Marx Leadership Award, Master Clinician Bedside Teaching Award

RAMS Awards: RAMS Leadership in Emergency Medicine Award, RAMS Excellence in Research Award, and RAMS Innovative Educator Award. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.

ED Administration and Clinical Operations Committee
The ED Administration and Clinical Operations Committee provides resources and information to SAEM members on methods that improve clinical operations within the academic emergency department. The committee monitors operational trends and strategies, disseminates clinical operations-related best practices, and creates and promotes opportunities for original research through SAEM channels. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.

Education Committee
The Education Committee provides guidance to the SAEM and RAMS boards on all matters regarding undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education. In collaboration with other important SAEM entities (e.g., the Clerkship Directors in Emergency Medicine), the Education Committee focuses on projects that advance the specialty of emergency medicine and enhances the education of medical students, residents, and fellows. In conjunction with SAEM's Program Committee, the Education Committee also plans and organizes the resident and medical student educational track at SAEM's annual meeting. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.

Equity and Inclusion Committee
The purpose of the Equity and Inclusion Committee is to advance the SAEM and RAMS common organizational goals of improving the gender and cultural competency and diversity of the SAEM and RAMS membership and leadership. The committee works to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion in programs, activities, and membership. The committee also works to ensure that all selected avenues to improve equity and inclusion are in alignment with the SAEM board’s strategic priorities. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.

Ethics Committee
The Ethics Committee reviews all conflicts of interest and makes recommendations to the SAEM board regarding the resolution of disputes. The committee reviews SAEM’s Conflict of Interest Policy annually and ensures the professional standing and integrity of the Society by monitoring the relevant policies of
other societies and evaluating recommendations from health care experts, ethicists, and other
resources. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care
professionals.

Faculty Development Committee
The Faculty Development Committee works to achieve objectives set forth by the SAEM president for
the development of tools and techniques to assist academic faculty throughout the course of their
careers. The Faculty Development Committee is also responsible for identifying resources to assist
residents in the successful completion of their residencies and provides guidance to residents and
medical students who wish to pursue careers in emergency medicine academics or research. The
committee’s objectives include 1.) becoming a central resource for faculty engaged in administration,
clinical operations, education, research, and scholarship and 2.) developing opportunities for residents
and medical students. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied
health care professionals.

Membership Committee
The Membership Committee is responsible for ensuring that the growing and changing needs of SAEM
and RAMS members are met. Through the review of membership statistics, surveys, and trends, the
Membership Committee also identifies potential new members and develops mechanisms for
membership recruitment and retention. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical
students, and allied health care professionals.

Program Committee
The Program Committee is responsible for the overall planning of the SAEM annual meeting. Members
of this committee are required to belong to at least one subcommittee: abstracts, awards, didactics,
events, innovations, junior faculty forum, medical student ambassadors, medical student symposium,
photo exhibition, program directors, residency and fellowship fair, resident leadership forum, and/or
social media. This Program Committee is very active throughout the year, reviewing and scoring
didactics, abstracts, and innovations, in addition to other subcommittee tasks. The Program Committee
also has general oversight of SAEM regional meetings. Committee membership is open to faculty,
residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.

RAMS Nominating Committee
The RAMS Nominating Committee reviews all nominees for RAMS Board positions and recommends an
official slate of nominees to the RAMS Board for their approval of the slate of candidates to be voted on
by the RAMS membership. Committee membership is open to residents and medical students.

Research Committee
The Research Committee serves as a resource for funding information and opportunities for SAEM and
RAMS members who are interested, may be currently involved in, or are looking to improve their
emergency medicine research. The Research Committee is responsible for organizing the annual Grant
Writing Workshop, submitting specialized didactic sessions for SAEM’s annual meeting, and other
research-related objectives as required. Experienced researchers and enthusiastic residents and medical
students are encouraged to apply. Research Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend the
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SAEM and ACEP annual meetings and are required to work on at least one of the annual committee objectives and to participate in monthly conference calls. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.

Virtual Presence Committee
The Virtual Presence Committee develops and recommends policies, procedures, and guidelines for publishing and disseminating information to SAEM and RAMS members. In addition, the committee makes recommendations to improve the content, organization, and design of the SAEM and RAMS website to ensure a satisfactory user experience, up-to-date content, and functionality. The committee also identifies and recommends the best channels through which to reach faculty, residents, and medical students (e.g., blogs, social media, e-newsletters, podcasts, and/or regular articles in SAEM Pulse). Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.

Wellness Committee
The Wellness Committee collaborates with the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and the Emergency Medicine Physician Wellness and Resilience Summit. In addition, the committee is responsible for 1.) addressing physician, resident, and medical student wellness and resilience; 2.) building a knowledge hub of information, resources, models, and tools to be used at the individual and organizational level; 3.) and creating a series of discussion papers, perspectives papers, and white papers to address physician, resident, and medical student wellness. Committee membership is open to faculty, residents, medical students, and allied health care professionals.