# Resident Program Delegate

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SOPT
Section on Pediatric Trainees

## Position Description

The Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT) Resident Program Delegate serves as an ambassador for the SOPT to the residents in their program to drive Section engagement and streamline communication. It is recommended that the delegate have experience and interest in participating in child health and/or trainee advocacy initiatives, educational program planning, and some history of participating in AAP and/or SOPT activities.

In alignment with the AAP Equity Agenda, the SOPT is committed to including members from groups underrepresented in medicine. We encourage programs to consider selecting from diverse candidates in terms of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, subspecialty, practice location, and/or national origin.

**Term:** One year, can be re-elected for additional 1-year terms without a term limit.

**Qualifications:**

- Must be a resident in good standing with the AAP at the time of appointment and for the full duration of the term as delegate

**Selection:**

1. Selection to occur via election process by co-residents at the individual residency programs
2. Election/Selection process to occur at the start of each new academic year
3. Contact information for the Resident Program Delegate will be submitted via online form by the Program Director or Program Coordinator and verified by the SOPT section staff
4. Resident Program Delegate completes additional form to verify that they have reviewed the position description, AAP/SOPT resources, and will fulfill the requirements of the role to the best of their ability

**Meeting Attendance:**

- AAP National Conference & Exhibition - Sept/Oct (1-2 days)
  *Attendance is strongly recommended; AAP travel grant of $500 may be available for some delegates
  Attend the SOPT Educational Program and participate in district breakout to learn about the annual advocacy campaign and connect with district leaders and other program delegates
  Attend Resident Program Delegate sessions for educational development and to learn about the ongoing educational opportunities for residents that they can bring back to their programs
  **To receive, the delegate must attend the full SOPT Assembly / Educational Program on Saturday. Note that registration fees are $350 for residents on/before the early bird deadline. Travel grants are distributed on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to those who do not have program funding support available.*

**Writing:**

- Correspondence with program residents and program faculty throughout the year
- District Newsletter - Submit program activity updates as requested for district publications

**Participation:**

- Serve as a well-informed residency program representative to the SOPT
  Read Program Delegate Handbook to learn outlined responsibilities
  Become familiar with the AAP website, Academy resources, and Section documents
- Engage Program Residents to encourage SOPT and AAP involvement
  Present the SOPT orientation PowerPoint and provide regular SOPT updates
  Work with internal program delegates in team setting to facilitate SOPT initiatives
  Contact with local chapter to find opportunities for engagement with residents

    Promote attendance to the AAP national conference
- Promote the SOPT national advocacy campaign and local advocacy initiatives
    Give presentation and distribute materials on the SOPT national advocacy campaign
    Encourage participation in advocacy campaign project development and execution
    Collaborate with local chapter to coordinate a legislative advocacy day
- Promote SOPT and AAP National Educational Efforts and Initiatives
    Present and distribute educational materials for trainees
    Communicate with educational leadership at home program and fellowships regarding educational materials available for their trainees
    Collaborate with local chapter on educational activities
- Engage in district activity
    Join district-wide calls [as scheduled by district trainee representatives]
    Provide report of program activity on district-wide calls
    Connect with medical student and fellowship trainee delegates at the institution

**Benefits:** This position provides each Resident Program Delegate with the opportunity to make an impact on the advocacy efforts and supportive tools, resources, and trainings presented to trainee members of the AAP.

**Funding:** Members will not be compensated for this volunteer position. The Section does provide limited travel grants to delegates able to attend the AAP National Conference.