

Section on Medical Education Newsletter

Spring 2020



Inspired

Sitting in my office, mulling over how to craft this newsletter, I stare at my keyboard. What am I going to say? I feel all the feels – thankfulness, admiration, uncertainty, sadness, even grief. I look forward to seeing so many of you each year at the International Conference. This year I will miss the opportunity to walk the lines of our poster sessions, celebrate speakers with high-fives, and tweet up all of our outstanding section members who are doing great work. Like many of you the long days have turned into long weeks caring for COVID19 patients. Lost in thought I hear a low-pitched hum outside my window. The hum grows into a roar. I glance out to see the US Air Force thunderbirds flying in perfect formation over Indianapolis to inspire and encourage our healthcare workers. Just what I needed. Like a shot of atropine to my bradycardic heart I race to put the words down.

Engage. Inspire. Equip.

This is the mission of our Section. We engage our community of educators. We inspire them towards career development and advancement. We equip them with opportunities to perform scholarship that advances the science of education in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. This is us.

Like the thunderbirds our section has been moving fast...together. We have grown to over 2364 members over the course of the last year. Partnering with [ATS Scholar](#) our section has been contributing by way of original content and media promotion. We have created a [featured teacher](#) element to our website to highlight emerging educators. We announced the [Alison Clay early career educator award](#)

last May and will feature the 2020 winner later this month. Our [What Educators Are Reading blog](#) has increased in popularity analyzing recent high impact education publications from the point of view of the authors themselves! Our [podcasts](#) and [webinars](#) continue to be highly downloaded. The April 2020 webinar entitled “[Medical Education During COVID: How to make it work online](#)” highlights the impact educators can make during the pandemic.

Membership Meeting

We have so many people to thank and recognize at our upcoming Section on Medical Education Membership meeting. We aim to keep the same day and time as our original Section Meeting – **May 19th - 4:30pm ET** and we will accomplish the meeting over zoom. Please register for the meeting using this link: [Click to register!](#)

During the meeting we will review our candidates up for election ([please vote now!](#)) and name the newly appointed leadership positions for the section. At the meeting we will also recognize the 2020 Alison Clay Early Career Award winner, BAVLS winners, and cast vision for future working groups. Importantly, since we will not have an in-person programming meeting we will discuss 2021 programming – both conference and non-conference. We recognize that many will be busy with clinical service so we will place the meeting recording on [our webpage](#). Finally, please don't forget to take advantage of the ATS International Registration [refund page](#) – please consider donation! Deadline is Friday May 15th.

Clean hands, full hearts, can't lose!

....and don't forget [to vote!](#)

- Graham Carlos (@GrahamCarlos)