Hello all,

Thanks to the continued support our District VII Fellows, the YPs have been very active over the last year. In 2016, District VII voted to establish a Young Physician Advisory Council comprised of the Chair and a representative from each section within the district. This year, the council ratified the bylaws to fully establish this council going forward. Each section will appoint/elect one representative in addition to the Chair to attend the interim district meeting and the annual district meeting. This position will serve for 2 years as long as the representative does not have other requirements. The past two years, we as a council have made some contributions to program planning and events both at the section level and at the annual meeting. We hope that this continues to be an annual to keep YPs involved and moving into leadership roles. It is an exciting time to be a YP in District VII!

We continued the Mentorship Mingle this year at the ADM in Kansas City in September and had over 100 participants including national leaders, fellows, YPs, residents, and medical students. We are looking forward to the next one at the district meeting in New Orleans in 2019. We also had a separate luncheon programming with a speaker on practice management and career changes specifically for YPs. We had a great turnout and hope to see more YPs at the next meeting.

In addition, the advisory council has begun the development of a program to assist with more family involvement in ACOG as we see this being a deterrent to many young career physicians and parents. Childcare was provided at the last district meeting and we found this to be very helpful especially for YPs. I am very excited about the possibilities this could have for our future at a district level.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best,

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