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This year on PARA I have served as member of the Finances and Operations Review Committee, the PGME PGY-1 Coordinating Committee and the AMA Advisory Committee on Academic Medicine. As the PARA VP of Operations and Finance, I plan to focus on the residents' contract, technology improvements and clarify PARA bylaws. First, contract negotiations are around the bend involving many stakeholders, most importantly the residents. With regards to 16-hour call there will be ongoing discussions on how it will affect our quality of education and exposure to depth and breadth of patients, while acknowledging the variety of needs between residency programs. Second, I feel that a positive residency experience includes ensuring we have time to communicate with patients, contemplate their medical issues, provide timely care and ensure safe outcomes. It should not be wasted finding a computer that is both accessible and functioning, deciphering illegible notes and writing redundant histories. Our generation of physicians is ready for technological upgrade through more quality computer access and improved EMR systems. Third, I will facilitate bylaw clarification to ensure retention of both staff and board members. There will always be turnover but we need to ensure there is a legacy and corporate memory.

Biography

Back in Vancouver during my MSc and MD, I chaired a junior auxiliary committee for BC children's hospital in fundraising thousands of dollars and promoted an afternoon adventure program for the kids. As well, after a needs assessment of volunteers our team created health career panels. Furthermore, I built my public speaking and leadership through Toastmasters international. As treasurer I reduced costs for members, promptly provided educational materials and ensured balanced budgets for several years. During my term as president I took pleasure in ensuring a safe place to overcome fears, teaching diverse groups speech craft and honing delegation skills.