

APDS

Independent Program Directors Committee
Virtual Meeting
Zoom Platform
April 25, 2020

Attending:

Sebastiano Cassaro, MD
Lily Chang, MD
Amit Joshi, MD
William Hope, MD
Chuck Paget, MD
James Rucinski, MD
Jennifer Serfin, MD
James Whiting, MD
Louise Yeung, MD

The meeting was called to order at 3PM PST.

Several topics were discussed.

1. Initiative to represent the group's main constituencies within the committee (DO, corporate ownership, rural, underserved, inner city, etc.)
2. Initiative to identify, measure and highlight common strengths of independent programs using metrics such as:
 - a. Favorable fellowship placement
 - b. Fellowship director satisfaction
 - c. Hiring practice satisfaction
 - d. Board pass rates
 - e. Underserved areas placement
 - f. Standardized video assessment operative skills
 - g. Operative volume, breadth
 - h. ACGME Resident survey results
 - i. Milestones standings
3. Initiative to better define the group's identity and raise its visibility within the APDS
 - a. JSE 'Perspective' submission highlighting the strengths of independent programs leveraging existing information or data or collected with the instruments listed above 3.
 - b. Proactive role in EPA metrics design
 - c. Proactive role in E-QIP metrics design

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sebastiano Cassaro, MD