

Policies of VSA Resident & Fellow Section (RFS)

Purpose/Mission:

1. Encourage resident and fellow involvement in organized medicine by creating an environment for collaboration, education and networking amongst the Anesthesiology residency programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia (University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, & Portsmouth Naval)
2. Provide leadership opportunities and experience among young physician anesthesiologists.
3. Educate resident and fellow members on the role of Virginia Society of Anesthesiologists and American Society of Anesthesiologists in organized medicine.

Goals:

1. Become a more politically involved section of young physician leaders in organized medicine.
2. Increase resident and fellow membership and retention after graduation within the VSA and ASA.
3. Sponsor/hosts at least one event for networking, career development, education, and political advocacy
4. Encourage 100% participation for ASA and VSA Political Action Committees amongst Resident and Fellows
5. Contribute at least one article related to resident and fellow involvement in the VSA to the newsletter per year.

Membership:

1. All residents and fellows attending an accredited Virginia anesthesiology program are eligible for VSA membership
2. Residents from P. Naval invited to attend events as guests but would not be eligible for membership since they are part of USSA
3. Resident and Fellow Members are encouraged to become involved in committees of VSA

Leadership and Responsibilities:

1. President
 - a. President should be elected for a 1-year term during the Initial year, and the Vice President will automatically ascend to the responsibility in subsequent years.
 - b. Responsibilities of the President include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Organize and preside over all meetings and conference calls of the VSA RFS
 - ii. Serve as Resident Delegate to the ASA Resident House of Delegates at ASA Annual Meeting
 - iii. Organize, coordinate, and moderate all VSA RFS activities
 - iv. Communicate activities of the RFS to the VSA BOD
 - v. Attend VSA annual board meeting and provide an annual report to VSA Board of Directors on RFS activities
2. Vice President
 - a. Vice president shall be elected annually for a 1-year term.
 - b. Vice president will ascend to President at the end of term as vice president unless they are a Graduating CA3 resident not expected to remain in Virginia for fellowship
 - c. Responsibilities of the Vice President include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Assist the president in conducting affairs of the RFS

- ii. Serve as Resident Delegate to the ASA Resident House of Delegates at ASA Annual Meeting
 - iii. Write an article for VSA newsletter on activities at the ASA House of Delegates.
- 3. ASA Annual Meeting Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegate(s)
 - a. Per ASA Policy, VSA RFS is currently offered 3 delegates and 1 alternate delegates to the ASA Annual Meeting (1 delegate per 50 members). The President and Vice President will serve as delegates, so the RFS has a delegate and alternate delegate to fill annually, unless the total number of delegates/alternate delegates is changed by ASA or additional residency program positions increase the total number.
 - b. The Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegate will attend the Annual Meeting to participate in Resident House of Delegates Events.

Elections

1. Eligible members for leadership positions of VSA RFS must be in good standing with their Anesthesiology Residency program and must have Program Director approval to attend required meetings.
2. The RFS executive committee (consisting of president, vice president, delegate and alternate delegate) membership should be balanced equally between representatives of the anesthesia training programs in Virginia. No program should comprise greater than 60 percent of the executive committee membership.
3. The RFS elections will take place at the annual RFS meeting in conjunction with the VSA Board Meeting or VSA Annual Membership Meeting, currently held in January in Richmond.

Meetings

1. VSA RFS annual meeting (required for executive committee)
2. VSA Board of Directors Annual meeting (required for President and Vice President)
3. VSA "White Coats on Call" Day in Richmond, VA (optional)
4. ASA Legislative Conference (optional)
5. ASA Annual Meeting (must have at least 3 members of executive committee to serve at ASA Resident House of Delegates)

Communication:

1. RFS update in quarterly newsletter to be drafted by the RFS leadership. Information disseminated may consist of but not limited to legislative updates/call to actions, ABA written and oral examination info, Residency program updates, and recognizing involved residents.
2. RFS will maintain a section on VSA Website

Financial:

1. Funding is provided by the VSA
2. The VSA will provide funding for the President and Vice President to attend the ASA Annual Meeting (including registration, hotel, airfare/travel expense, and a per diem) up to \$2500 each after any residency program funding.
3. The VSA will provide funding to the Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the ASA Annual Meeting (including registration, hotel, airfare/travel expense, and a per diem) up to \$2500 each after any residency program funding.
4. The VSA will make available travel grants for any RFS member to apply to attend meetings such as the ASA Legislative Conference, MSV Legislative sessions, or "VSA White Coats on call" to the extent that funds are available in the VSA budget for these events.

5. The VSA should sponsor one RFS meeting a year usually held in conjunction with the VSA Annual Meeting which could include but not be limited to networking and educational topics as well as the business of the RFS.