EMRA Elects New Board of Directors

IRVING, Texas - The Emergency Medicine Residents’ Association recently elected a new Board of Directors and continues to make diversity and inclusion a priority with newly elected leaders.

During its fall meeting earlier this month, the EMRA Representative Council elected 4 physicians to its board and marked the passing of the gavel from Immediate Past President Jessica Adkins Murphy, MD, to President Blake Denley, MD.

The newly elected leaders continue to represent a wide diversity in gender, race, orientation, professional background, and practice goals. “We are excited to welcome a new, diverse board to help us prepare for EMRA’s 50th anniversary in the coming year,” said EMRA Executive Director Kris Williams, CAE. “We want everyone to feel welcome at EMRA.”

“Continuing to make diversity and inclusion a priority is important to us,” Dr. Denley said. “We are the future of our specialty, and having representatives from different backgrounds is essential for us to accomplish our goals on behalf of our membership.”

Newly elected board members include:

- **President-Elect David Wilson**, MD, of University of Cincinnati College of Medicine;
- **Secretary/EM Resident Editor Morgan Sweere**, MD, of University of Florida - Jacksonville;
- **Vice Speaker of the Council Jacob Altholz**, MD, of University of Nevada - Las Vegas;
- **Immediate Past President Jessica Adkins Murphy**, MD,
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- **Director of Education Joe-Ann Moser**, MD, MS, School of Medicine at Mount Sinai graduate; University of Wisconsin education fellow.

“We are all passionate about emergency medicine and providing quality health care to anyone who walks through the doors of the ED. We are here to advocate and influence policy changes that help all of us,” Dr. Denley said.

“We may all come from different places, but the one thing that unites us is that we all want to make the future of emergency medicine better,” he added.

The newly elected EMRA Board members join their colleagues:
- **Speaker of the Council Michaela Banks**, MD, MBA, of Louisiana State University - New Orleans;
- **Resident Representative to ACEP Aaron Kuzel**, DO, MBA, of University of Louisville - Kentucky;
- **Director of Health Policy Kenneth Kim**, MD, of Ronald Reagan UCLA / Olive View UCLA Medical Center;
- **Director of Leadership Development Derek Martinez**, DO, of University of Oklahoma College of Medicine/Tulsa;
- **EMRA Representative to the AMA Angela Wu**, MD, MPH, of George Washington University;
- **Medical Student Council Chair Revelle Gappy** of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

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**About EMRA**

The Emergency Medicine Residents' Association is the voice of emergency medicine physicians-in-training and the future of our specialty. Founded Nov. 6, 1974, EMRA has become the oldest and largest resident-driven organization in the world,
representing more than 18,000 emergency medicine residents, alumni, and medical students hoping to match into the specialty.