

Ohio ACEP Resident Board of Directors & Resident Councillor Candidates

Resident Board Member & Councillor Elections

The Resident Board Member and Councillor will be elected by ballot by majority vote of the Chapter's resident members at the Chapter's [Residents' Assembly](#), on **August 14, 2024**. Candidate and Voting Residents **MUST** be ACEP/EMRA members and **MUST** be present at Ohio ACEP's Residents' Assembly to vote in the elections.

Resident Representative to the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors

The Resident Representative to the Ohio ACEP Board will serve a one-year term, which will begin at the close of the 2024 Residents' Assembly and will end at the 2025 Residents' Assembly. Ohio ACEP Board members meet four times per year.

Resident Councillor

The Resident Councillor will represent Ohio ACEP on [ACEP Council](#), the representative body made up of ACEP's 53 chartered chapters which meets once a year for two days prior to the College's annual Scientific Assembly (2024's Scientific Assembly, ACEP24, is planned to be held in Las Vegas, NV on September 27 & 28, 2024). The Council votes on resolutions, elects members to the National ACEP Board of Directors, and ensures grassroots involvement in the democratic decision-making process.

Resident Board Candidates



Aaron Cain, DO, MBA; Board Candidate

MetroHealth/Cleveland Clinic/Case Western Reserve University, PGY3

There are many reasons that I want to serve as the resident representative to the Board of Directors for Ohio ACEP, but at its core I wish to serve as a resident advocate. Organized medicine is built on advocacy: advocacy for you, your colleagues, and your patients. As a Northeast Ohio native, advocating for Ohio's next generation of emergency physicians would be an honor. My main goal as a representative would be to serve as a voice to bring the ideas and concerns of Ohio emergency residents to the Board of Directors.

I have had numerous experiences that equip me well for this position. As an elected chief resident and representative to the House Officer's Association at the MetroHealth System/Case Western Reserve University program in Cleveland, I advocate for my co-resident's best interests daily. I also spent two years on the Committee on Economics & Quality in Medicine for the American Medical Association during medical school, which provided me with additional experience and expertise in this arena.

Organizational skills will be quintessential to success in this position, and this is an area where I excel. I have been able to balance educational and work commitments throughout my journey. As a medical student, I completed my MBA to develop multiple skills within operations, marketing, and leadership. Recently, I contributed to EMRA's Practice Essentials, an online course for residents to learn the basics of the business of medicine. I have demonstrated my commitment to the specialty, as well as residency advancement, advocacy and education. I plan to bring this same energy to the resident representative position and would be honored to be elected to the position.



Marianela Feliu, MD, MS; Board Candidate

The Ohio State University, PGY2

My journey to medicine continues to be the most enriching and rewarding experience of my life. I'm a USAF veteran, passionate about many things, some of those are: humanism in medicine, compassion, and serving my community.

I'm an active member of the OSUCOM admission's committee since 2019, I participate in the interview and deliberation process advocating for those whom I think would enrich the entering class and the OSUCOM community. I'm part of the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) where I advocate for EM residents and work closely with our chiefs and residency leadership to provide a better training and wellness environment for all residents.

Additionally, I was voted lead senator by my medical school class and then voted Chief Justice by my fellow senators, twice. As senator, my role was to advocate for professional students on a myriad of issues affecting daily student life from parking concerns to 24-hour library access for medical students. As Chief Justice, I trained the individual justices from each professional school and managed the professional development fund – application, grading, & determining grant amount for distribution - for all six professional schools at OSU.

As a member of the Humanism-in-medicine and then GHHS at OSUCOM I started a tradition of giving care packages with uplifting quotes to students struggling academically, personally, or getting ready to take boards – a tradition that is still ongoing at OSUCOM.

If selected for the 2024 Resident Representative to the Ohio ACEP Board of Directors role, my goal is to continue to be an advocate for the EM community on a bigger platform.



Negin Khosravi Ceraolo, MD, MS; Board Candidate

Cleveland Clinic Akron General, PGY2

Having been born and raised in Iran, I spent most of my younger years outside of the United States. I grew up in an environment where I constantly had to suppress my emotions, thoughts, and freedom. Starting from an early age, finding ways to care for others or make changes through advocacy was always something that was especially important to me. I was fortunate to immigrate to the United States in high school. Through opportunities, hard work, and dedication, I was able to find my voice and purpose.

Throughout college, graduate, and medical school, I continued to be an educator and compassionate leader. Whether it was through community service, tutoring, or mentoring. In medical school, I was chosen to serve as a future leader council member of the Academy of medicine of Cleveland in northern Ohio (AMCNO). For the past 3 years, I have been involved with healthcare policies and attended conferences at the Ohio Statehouse and in Washington DC. I have continued working toward improving healthcare issues whether at a state level or through smaller projects.

Being a strong advocate is also why I chose to specialize in emergency medicine. To treat a diverse patient population and be the voice for those who are in their most vulnerable state or need someone to advocate for them. Although there was a time where my thoughts and voice could not be heard, I want to be the one who hears your concerns and brings a diverse perspective to the board. I thank you for your consideration and for allowing me to be a candidate for this position.



Garrett Parsons, DO, MBA; Board Candidate

Aultman Hospital/NEOMED, PGY3

From its early days in the 1970s at the University of Cincinnati, to its current statewide residency programs, Ohio has been a leader in emergency medicine. At the heart of this innovation is Ohio ACEP, a hub for promoting leadership, advocacy, and education. I am fortunate to train in this state and have friends in programs from Kettering to Marietta Memorial and our local Akron/Canton area. It would be an honor to amplify their voices and experiences as the resident representative to the board, continuing the tradition of excellence and improvement.

Beyond my regular shifts and study hours, I have been selected as chief resident and serve as an Air Force Reserve officer. I strive to build a strong internal foundation before supporting others. I have embraced the Air Force core values as my own: "Integrity first," essential to our careers as physicians and central to my values; "Service before self," a mindset I aim to embody as chief and advocate. "Excellence in all we do," a standard reflecting Ohio ACEP's legacy and Ohio's EM education history. With these values and the support of my peers, I aim to be their voice, give back as much as possible, and learn from both my peers and board members.

Resident Council Candidates



Elissa Bailey, MD; Council Candidate

MetroHealth/Cleveland Clinic/Case Western Reserve University, PGY2

I believe that I am a great candidate for the position of Resident Councillor for Ohio ACEP. I was first pulled towards this position due to my interest in healthcare policy, advocacy, and medical/political relationships. I am very interested in learning more about medical society governance and hope to start in this position to develop a stronger foundation and help to encourage my future career goals.

I am confident in my abilities to uphold the position with professionalism and determination to represent the interests of Ohio ACEP at the annual Scientific Assembly. I hope to represent the interests of the burgeoning specialty by bringing a resident physician's perspective. I am motivated to be involved and part of the team of physicians who are making a difference for our colleagues and protecting the practice of Emergency Medicine.

I believe that my involvement in Ohio ACEP this year demonstrates my commitment to the chapter and the Emergency Medicine physicians of Ohio. This year I have joined the Government Affairs Committee and attended my first Ohio Advocacy Day and Annual Meeting. Additionally, I attended ACEP's Scientific Assembly in 2022 in San Francisco. I believe my conscientiousness, unrelenting willingness to learn in any environment and supportive personality would make me an asset to the council. I would be honored to serve as the resident member of Ohio's Council delegation.



Ruben Geeraert, MD; Council Candidate

The Ohio State University, PGY3

For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in advocating for my peers. In medical school, I had the opportunity to start and lead the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) chapter across multiple campuses, a challenge that necessitated both efficiency and effective communication skills. Through AMSA, I had the opportunity to meet virtually with Senators and Representatives to discuss various issues including mental health access for health care providers and ensuring affordable COVID-19 drugs during the pandemic. It was here that I learned the importance of speaking up on important issues in order to affect change. I carried this lesson with me in residency, where I have the privilege of advocating for my peers through the co-chair position on the Residents' Advisory Council.

Now, I am looking for the opportunity to take this a step further by running for Ohio ACEP Councillor. This position will allow me to make a difference, collaborate with peers from different states, and elevate emergency medicine in our state.