

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 24, 2022**. 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 2022 Residents' Assembly and will end at the 2023 Residents' Assembly. There are 15 members of the Ohio ACEP Board. 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 (2022's Scientific Assembly, ACEP22, is planned to be held in San Francisco, CA on September 29 & 30, 2022). 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



Tyler Bender, DO; Board Candidate

Aultman Hospital Emergency Medicine, PGY2

I am currently interested in running for the resident representative of the Ohio ACEP Board of directors. I am highly interested in leadership in my residency and would love the opportunity to further expand my leadership knowledge and bring it back to my residency program. Through the experiences provided in political advocacy, education, and leadership I feel that I will obtain invaluable skills. These skills will allow me to not only become a better leader in my program but allow me to succeed in my professional career in emergency medicine after residency. This opportunity will also teach me how to advocate for emergency medicine and help prevent bad policies that could potentially weaken the field of emergency medicine in the future. This unique experience will also help me better understand what it means to work in a fair, supportive, and equitable environment. Also as being a member of Ohio ACEP, I would also like to participate in the NIX Opiates program and be able to be a leader back here in my community for this program. This would be a very special and unique opportunity to educate local high schoolers and their parents on opioid addiction, abuse and overdoses in my community. Overall, I feel that this opportunity will not only teach me how to be a better leader in my program and community, but it will also allow me to learn how to become a leader on a national level and be a part of the advocacy for the next generation of emergency medicine physicians.



Amanda dos Santos, MD; Board Candidate

Summa Health, PGY3

As a resident representative I would like to advocate for trainee education.

During the four years of medical school most of us accumulated hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. During residency we work 50-80 hours/week while squeezing every minute from a 24-hour day to study, work on academic projects, prepare for boards and tend to our loved ones. Many relationships and personal goals were put on hold. All during a pandemic that undermined the breadth of our training and threatened our lives.

We chose one of the most difficult yet rewarding specialties. Not because of money, admiration, or glamour. We all share a goal of helping the sick. However, I argue patient care should be our number two goal, followed by equitable and cost-effective care. Without our number one collective goal being excellence in resident training, nothing else can be accomplished.

During residency we trade off lower wages for the priceless postgraduate education. Upon graduation, we hope to have the skills to provide excellent patient care, but also secure a lucrative job and repay our hefty loans while attaining financial security. We understand that healthcare in America is a business that depends on private funding, and soon most of us will be working for private groups. Many of us will be training residents and chasing RVUs. If I treat the patient in front of me, I'm treating one patient. If I help train ten residents to be the best physician they can be, my impact multiplies exponentially. As a medical community I hope we advocate for education over profits to ensure quality patient care and reputability for our profession.



Megan Ladd, DO; Board Candidate

Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center, PGY2

I'm interested in this opportunity to improve the resident experience at Ohio ACEP and increase involvement in resident education and advocacy.

During my time as my program's liaison to Ohio ACEP, I've had our OH-ACEP board come speak at our program's didactics, increased participation in advocacy by email drive during advocacy day, and I helped plan this Residents' Assembly.

Currently, I've led the creation and planning of the Glass City EM conference, which is bringing together residency programs from NWO and SE Michigan.

My hopes for this year if elected resident representative to the board would be to increase resident involvement.

- Have a resident leader in each committee (EMS, education, etc.) to create leadership opportunities for residents and give residents a voice in policy and programming.
- Increase attendance at advocacy day and create projects for remote attendance.
- Increase involvement by medical students as well and bring back the medical student conference.
- Have a resident from each program on the residents committee and provide programming via a remote platform on life after residency lectures (like on networking, resume writing, looking for jobs, advocacy).

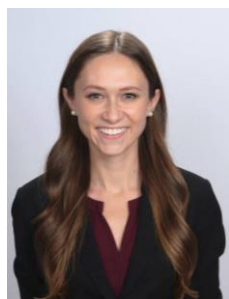
Resident Council Candidates



Juliette Gerardo, MD; Council Candidate

Case Western Reserve University at MetroHealth and Cleveland Clinic, PGY2

I am hoping to serve as the Ohio ACEP 2022 Resident Councillor. During medical school I was lucky enough to be located in my state capitol and participate in advocacy days. I enjoyed working alongside our local attendings to discuss with our representatives changes on behalf of our patients as well as our profession. I look forward to the opportunity to be involved in similar discussions through Ohio ACEP and at the Scientific Assembly this September. After speaking with the current councillor, I decided to review prior resolutions to see a sample of possible discussion topics. Upon reviewing the resolutions from 2021, I look forward to more information on how we can focus on decreasing the opioid deaths and diversity and inclusion. I hope to learn more from our colleagues through discussing proposed resolutions. I have seen first-hand the beneficial changes that can come from our discussion of ideas. I would be honored to be elected to voice concerns of our state and to be involved in shaping the future of our specialty.



Megan Ladd, DO; Council Candidate

Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center, PGY2

Being resident councillor would give me the opportunity to start grassroots advocacy in Ohio while also working on a larger scale with EMRA.

So far, I've started an email campaign to increase communication from my program's residents to the house and senate reps during deliberation on HB 270 and SB 150 this past year. Also, we are in the process of creating an advocacy training for emergency medicine residents that will be at the Glass City EM conference for NWO residency programs. If elected resident councillor, my plan would be:

- Continue to represent Ohio at ACEP this year.
- Start advocacy email threads to improve resident knowledge of current legislation in Ohio
- Increase participation at in person advocacy day
- Create projects to provide remote participation in advocacy day for residents and attendings



Michael Pergola, MD; Council Candidate

Case Western Reserve University at MetroHealth and Cleveland Clinic, PGY2

I am honored to have the opportunity to be run for the position of resident councillor. I value ACEP as an important body to help steer the future of emergency medicine and therefore my future. I have been driven to be involved within ACEP throughout my short career at the resident level through EMRA, acting as a member of the reference committee for general assembly and the representative to ACEP for my program at CWRU – MetroHealth/Cleveland Clinic. As I transition closer to life as an attending, I am applying for a role to continue to represent my fellow EM physicians at the state level through Ohio ACEP.

I think the resident voice is extremely valuable when planning the future. I am applying for this role to bring the perspective as a current resident, acting in the interests of my fellow Ohio EM residents, to help ensure our voice is heard and appropriately considered at state assembly. In addition, this position is an incredible opportunity on a personal level to continue to develop leadership skills and become increasingly involved in professional advocacy. Thank you for your time reading and I appreciate your consideration for this role.



Melanie Yates, MD; Council Candidate

University of Cincinnati, PGY3

I am honored to submit my name as a candidate for Ohio ACEP Resident Councillor. As someone who is and has been highly motivated to weave the intersection of medicine and policy into my career, this would be a great opportunity to serve my emergency medicine community while gaining invaluable experience. Throughout my undergraduate, medical school, and residency career I have shown my passion for advocating for my colleagues and my patients through various leadership roles. I would take full advantage of the ability to continue this advocacy through the Resident

Councillor position.

Throughout the last two years, I have worked tirelessly to increase my opportunities in my local Cincinnati region, Ohio, and nationally to engage in health policy and advocacy. From participating in Ohio ACEP's advocacy day, to joining a new Vot-ER fellowship to develop tools to increase civic engagement, and becoming an active member in the ACEP Public Health and Injury Prevention Committee and the EMRA Health Policy Committee, I have branched out of my comfort zone and my institution to experience new ways to advocate for my patients and colleagues inside and out of the hospital. I have seen the positive influence effective advocacy can have for our specialty, our healthcare system, and our patients. Additionally, I am aware of the many great leaders that Ohio ACEP has produced throughout the years, and it would be my privilege to learn from and work with this strong coalition of physicians and advocates. I look forward to your consideration.