



## PEDIATRIC CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 8:00PM EST, Virtual Platform

**Chair: Joseph Piccione**

**Co-Chair: Erik Hysinger**

**Secretary: Alfin Vicencio**

**AABIP Administrative Support: Brittany Holcomb**

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### AGENDA

- **AABIP 2024 Conference updates – Piccione**
  - August 22-24, 2024; location was Charlotte, NC; peds sessions held on the Friday of the conference
  - Robust pediatric presence, with >20 pediatric pulmonologists in attendance
  - Full day of didactic sessions and simulation/hands-on session, well attended (including some adult IP at peds sessions)
  - Friday, August 23, first in-person chapter meeting held at the end of the day
  - Reminder of 2025 AABIP conference, August 22-24, Austin, TX (6 pediatric proposals submitted for consideration)
  
- **Pediatric Chapter Leadership Structure - Piccione**
  - Chair, co-chair and secretary responsibilities and proposed service time (1-year) discussed; co-chair to assume chair responsibilities following term
  - Elections for chapter leadership will start September 2026; nominees will be selected by AABIP Advisory Board (see below) and pediatric chapter leadership prior to voting
  - Pediatric Chapter Advisory Board = AABIP Membership Committee Chair + AABIP President + prior pediatric chapter leaders; semi-annual meetings
  - Chapter meeting structure and cadence introduced; quarterly meetings (zoom x 3 + in person at AABIP Conference); work group report out
  
- **Results of Pediatric IP Needs Assessment and Priorities Survey – Vicencio**
  - Priorities identified within established AABIP committees
  - Robust response (n = 61) with widespread institutional representation from the US and abroad

- Priorities identified: **Advocacy = industry partners**; Certification = basic proficiency guidelines; Communication and social media = ATS; DIU = mentorship program; **Education = hands-on courses**; **Research = identify priorities**; JOBIP = establish pediatric reviewers (**bold** = highest priority)
- **Establishment of Work Groups – Hysinger**
  - Discussed proposed selection process and group members
  - Ideally, each group with mix of senior, mid-level, junior and allied health
  - Chapter leadership will propose assignments based on survey responses
- **Open Forum Discussion**

Marc Schechter – reiterated importance of seasoned + junior representation for working groups to foster mentorship and eventual transition to leadership positions. Question regarding how positions will be assigned. Response from Piccione/Hysinger – proposed assignments based on survey choices.

Eleanor Muise – is above a change in plan for peds members to apply for open AABIP committees? Piccione response – can still apply for such AABIP positions, will try to coordinate

Cherie Torres-Silva and Shailendra Das – ok to still submit survey? Response – yes.

When will members be notified of proposed assignments? Hysinger response – inquired if group ok with such plan, data actively being analyzed so timeline should be short.

Guillermo Beltran Ale – working group timelines 1 year? Hysinger response – asking for at least 1-year commitment, but timeline unclear considering the infancy of chapter and work needed

Brittany Holcomb via chat – Announced 2025 abstract submissions will open next week, 2025 grant submissions also to open soon, guideline proposals will also be open.

Greg Burg – ATS/AABIP overlap abstract submission? Piccione/Hysinger response – advocating dual submission if possible considering the early stages of discipline.

Megan Januska and Brittany Holcomb via chat – ATS publishes abstract, AABIP abstract submission rules state submitted abstracts cannot be previously published – need to clarify this.

Don Hayes – question about guideline publication. Brittany Holcomb response – goal is publication, not necessarily in JOBIP.

Sarabon Tahura – expressed interest in simulation station, had difficulty submitting proposal. Offline discussion needed to clarify/optimize process.

Guillermo Beltran Ale – ATS/AABIP relationship? Hysinger response – no official relationship.

Piccione question – group ok with leadership structure and timeline? Das – thumbs up. Muise – proposed alteration in structure specifically that secretary assumes co-chair such that future leadership individuals have 3-year involvement (offline discussion needed).

Maria Teresa Santiago – provided example of initial extended leadership structure (ATS Journal Club) in order to establish structure before transition plans implemented.

## **Conclusion of meeting**