



Eastern Society for Pediatric Research (ESPR)

Position Title: Councilor

Term: 3 years

Position Summary

Councilors of the Eastern Society for Pediatric Research (ESPR) serve as engaged members of the Council, contributing to the mission, governance, and strategic direction of the Society. Councilors represent the broader membership, support the annual scientific meeting, promote trainee engagement, and advance ESPR's commitment to fostering excellence in pediatric research, mentorship, and collaboration.

Key Responsibilities

Governance and Leadership

- Know and advocate for the organization's mission, policies, programs, and needs.
- Follow the organization's bylaws, policies, and council resolutions.
- Participate actively in all ESPR Council meetings to discuss, develop, and support Society policies, initiatives, and strategic priorities.
- Provide insight and perspective on issues impacting the Society, including membership development, programming, diversity, and trainee involvement.
- Contribute to discussions and decision-making on ESPR business matters brought before the Council.
- Faithfully read and understand the organization's financial statements.
- Maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of ESPR

Annual Meeting and Scientific Program

- Support the planning and implementation of the ESPR annual scientific meeting in collaboration with the Program Chair(s) and Council.
- Review submitted abstracts, moderate sessions, and assist with trainee and investigator awards as requested.
- Encourage participation in the meeting and contribute ideas for innovative sessions or speakers.

Membership and Engagement

- Serve as an advocate for ESPR by promoting membership growth and engagement.
- Represent the interests and perspectives of members in Council deliberations.
- Leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to achieve the strategic goals of the organization

Committee and Task Force Participation

- Serve on or assist ESPR committees or task forces as appointed by the President.
- Contribute to specific initiatives such as awards, communications, JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) efforts, or membership development.

Qualifications

Active member of the Eastern Society for Pediatric Research in good standing.

Demonstrated commitment to pediatric research, education, and mentorship.

Experience in academic pediatrics or research leadership preferred.

Strong communication, collaboration, and organizational skills.

Time Commitment

Attend and participate in all ESPR Council meetings (virtual or in-person).

Participate in the ESPR annual scientific meeting and associated events.

Contribute to Society activities and committee work throughout the year as needed.