



Ohio ACEP Resident Board of Director & 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 12, 2026**. 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 2026 Residents' Assembly and will end at the 2027 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 (ACEP26). ACEP Council 2026 is scheduled to be held in Chicago, IL on October 3 & 4. 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 Candidate



Kristen Septaric, MD; Board Candidate

Cleveland Clinic Akron General, PGY2

Thank you for considering my application for Resident Representative to the Ohio ACEP Board. In this role, I hope to strengthen resident engagement and involvement in Ohio ACEP activities across the state.

My goals include increasing awareness of the opportunities available through Ohio ACEP, encouraging greater resident participation on committees, and fostering stronger connections among residency programs to promote collaboration, networking, and camaraderie within Ohio's emergency medicine community.

As a strong advocate for medical education, I am also committed to expanding mentorship opportunities for medical students and increasing resident involvement in the Medical Student Symposium. By helping connect students, residents, and physician leaders, I hope to support the development of the next generation of emergency physicians.

As Resident Representative, I would be honored to serve my peers while learning from and collaborating with Ohio's emergency medicine leaders. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to Ohio ACEP's mission and help ensure residents have a strong voice within the organization.

Resident Council Candidate



Thomas Gautier, MD; Council Candidate

MetroHealth/Cleveland Clinic/Case Western Reserve University, PGY2

I am excited to run to represent you at this year's annual council meeting. Throughout my career, I sought out leadership roles centered on mentorship, teaching, and advocacy because I enjoy seeking out and understanding the perspectives of my colleagues and making sure our collective voice is heard. As resident councillor, I would focus on listening to residents across Ohio and bringing their concerns, ideas, and priorities forward. If selected, I encourage you to

reach out to me directly to share what issues matter to you and what priorities you would like represented at ACEP Council.

Advocacy has been an important part of my professional development. I've experienced firsthand ACEP's ability to drive change through participation in advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and at the Ohio Statehouse. As a subcommittee chair for Doctors for America, I have helped develop advocacy and educational initiatives focused on improving access to care for those with substance use disorder and have participated in federal advocacy to protect the integrity of the FDA during the transition to the current administration. At the state level, I have met with Ohio legislators to advocate for policies that protect patients' access to emergency care and fair insurance practices, including through student-led advocacy through Case Western's Day of Advocacy. I would be honored to bring these experiences to serve as a strong representative for Ohio's emergency medicine residents.

If elected, I will send out a survey as well as my contact information to all 18 Ohio residency programs to gather your thoughts on key issues and resolutions prior to representing you at the annual council meeting. I encourage you to share your thoughts with me!