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APSA is awarded 2020 ASAE Power of A Silver Award

The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) has named the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) a 2020 Power of A Silver Award winner for our 2019 Physician Scientist Trainee Diversity Summit. APSA wants to recognize and thank all of our partners, listed below, whose contributions were vital to making the summit a success:

- Burroughs Wellcome Fund
- Association of American Physicians
- American Society for Clinical Investigation
- Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians
- Student National Medical Association
- American Medical Women's Association
- Latino Medical Student Association
- American Medical Student Association
- Clinician Investigator Trainee Association of Canada

APSA formed a physician scientist trainee diversity working group (PST-DWD) with these organizational stakeholders, and through the partnership and support of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF), the 2019 Diversity Summit brought together diverse individuals, from trainees to tenured professors, for two days at BWF's headquarters in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

ASPA is grateful to the industry professionals, trainees, and volunteers who helped us win this 2020 ASAE Power of A Silver Award! APSA is a member of ASAE and eligible for this award through our partnership with McKenna Management Inc., our association management company. We thank them for their support and expertise. This honor for our Physician Scientist Trainee Diversity Summit is a true testament to how associations come together to make change in our communities.

About the Power of A Awards:

ASAE's Power of A (association) Awards, the industry's highest honor, recognize the association community's valuable contributions on the local, national and global levels. The Power of A Awards reward the outstanding accomplishments of associations and industry professionals who work tirelessly to solve problems, and strengthen lives, the workforce, the economy, and the world.

This year, six organizations received Summit Awards, 21 organization earned Gold Awards, and 39 organizations received Silver Awards. Winners' information can be found at www.thepowerofa.org/awards. The 2020 award categories include The Power of Industry/Professional Advancement, The Power of Community Support and Engagement, The Power of Global Development, The Power of Diversity and Inclusion, and The Power of Advocacy. APSA was honored in the Power of Diversity and Inclusion category this year.

“Congratulations to the American Physician Scientists Association on being named among the very best organizations that go above and beyond . . . to improve society and our quality of life in America and abroad,” said ASAE President and CEO Susan Robertson, CAE. “This has been a very trying year for associations, but even amid a months-long pandemic, associations are proving that positive change can happen. More than ever, the Power of Associations is on full display in this year’s award-winning programs, providing tangible evidence that associations will help lead the way toward economic and societal recovery in the months ahead.”

About the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA):

APSA is committed to continuing to provide programming and the accessibility of resources and education for our membership and beyond – even as our community grapples with a global pandemic. The mission of APSA is to be a voice for physician-scientist trainees at all levels. APSA aims to help physician-scientist trainees realize their educational and professional goals in an organization free from harassment or discrimination based on gender, orientation, race, ethnicity, or religion.

The American Physician Scientists Association is an organization devoted to inclusion, and the APSA community is open to everyone who aligns with our mission. We recognize that the most productive teams are those that utilize the strength found in diversity. We believe that diversity applies to more than just gender, race, and ethnicity, but encompasses the wide range of human experiences and perspectives related to culture, ideas, and worldview.

Furthermore, we embrace the fact that physician- scientists come from many different pathways, and are constantly evolving to ensure that our resources are available and relevant to all physician-scientist trainees, not just those who are part of a formal dual- degree program. We strive to create a community where everyone feels safe to express themselves and where all members are treated with dignity and respect, and we will stand up to all forms of intolerance.

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