

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

**Minutes**

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1. ACS Committee Updates

Mentors for new programs – There are four new programs that could use mentors.

* Rhode Island/Brown – Jonathan Gates, Nishant Merchant
* Mercer
* Baylor
* UW Madison
* Christiana – Shock, Steven Holsten, Mira Gneim

Bootcamp

* USC/LAC – July 30th - August 1st, 2025
* Shock Trauma – August 6th – 8th, 2025
* There will be 12 positions open at each site. There will be a fee for the fellows to attend, but that fee is still being determined. We would like to expand to additional locations as the years go on to keep the travel costs down for programs.

1. Program Assignment Schedule

In an effort to simplify things, we have built three-year schedule assigning each program to two journal clubs and one Stump the Mentors. Trish Ayoung-Chee will provide guidance on topics for Journal Club and Regan Bollig will provide guidance on Stump the Mentors.

1. 2024 Projects
   1. Didactic Curriculum – we continue to update and add to the curriculum on the website.
   2. Match Issues

Associate members are working on a presentation providing guidance for applicants on February 18th at 4pm CT. The program will address two vs. one year programs, how to find the right fit, etc. It will be recorded and we can link it to the SAFAS website and our website.

The group discussed in person versus virtual interviews for the upcoming interview season. Some programs are going to in person, some are staying with virtual and some will offer both.

The Approved Site section on the AAST website contains information on your program. We have added program spotlight slide decks for some programs; if you have one you would like to add or have any other revisions, please contact Bridget Lindbloom.

* 1. Caselog Revisions

Linda Dultz is currently reviewing the caselogs to evaluate the minimum caselog numbers. However, we also need to reconnect with ACGME to correct some issues to improve the ease of data entry and coding cases to the correct CPT codes. We will schedule a meeting with ACGME in the next month.