

**Origin of the  
Society for Pediatric Cardiology Training Program Directors  
SPCTPD**

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## **Initial Discussions**

- Initial idea arose during conversations at Pediatric Cardiology Subboard meeting, 1999, between
  - D. Woodrow Benson, MD, PhD, Chair of Subboard
  - Walter Tunnessen, MD (deceased), Senior Vice President of the American Board of Pediatrics
- The Subboard was dealing (again) with the requirement for research experience during fellowship
- At the time, cardiology training programs were working in isolation

# The Need?

- **Reasons to have an organization of training program directors**
  - Opportunity for Program Directors to have a voice in areas that affect the subspeciality
    - E.g. recommending program requirements for fellows in training to the RRC
  - Opportunity for Program Directors to exchange educational ideas among the various programs
  - Clearing house for matching of residents with interest in pediatric cardiology fellowship

# Support

- The Subboard offered administrative support
- Mary Alice Parsons (Residency Review Committee for Pediatrics) April 12, 1999
  - Enthusiastic
  - Wonderful idea
  - Offered assistance

# Formalizing the Idea

## ◆ D. Woodrow Benson - Founder

- **Drafted By-Laws and Constitution (April 1999)**
  - Fashioned from Pediatric EP Society By-laws
- **Organized Steering Committee**
  - D. Woodrow Benson, MD, PhD
  - Robert Beekman, MD
  - Timothy J. Bricker, MD
  - Charles Kleinman, MD
  - Lynn Mahoney, MD
- **Revised By-Laws and Constitution (July 1999)**

# First Slate of Officers Appointed

- President - Robert H. Beekman, MD
- Vice President - Larry Mahoney, MD
- Secretary - Tom Vargo, MD
- Treasurer - Tim McQuinn, MD
- Subsequent officers elected