**Project Ideas List:**

**National Initiatives are in Red**

**Our Call to Action on Global Warming:** So, we will have a petition on global warming: http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=MedicalAlliance_to_StopGlobalWarming

This is a part of our project with AMSA called "Medical Alliance to Stop Global Warming" and while it is online, you could collect signatures on paper at all of your events, entering them later into the computer. Our goal is to get thousands of signatures, so this is part of a large movement and that could attract some folks your way that as a part of that. I would go so far as to trying to get all the medical school faculty to sign it and drafting a few of your classmates to help.

We also have a new google group for this project at: http://groups.google.com/group/MedicalAlliance

**Small arms violence:** We are starting a project with Nigeria and Latin America on small arms violence. Med students at my school love anything with an international focus, so this may appeal to your chapter. More will be posted soon on the social justice page, but we a brand new google group and would love for you and your members to join: http://groups.google.com/group/NoSmallArms

**Election 08:** We will be emailing out a voter card for use as a handout - it also will have clickable links to view references. This is a useful way to frame issues of peace and security that affect global survival, and to broach an otherwise scary topic. Check our website (links are at the bottom of the page) for more peace and security ideas/resources.

**Tabling:** You could table with a friend (or alone) in a place that med students hang out, and make food as a fundraiser. Or, you could sell fair trade coffee, or energy saver light bulbs. If you sit out there for a half an hour for a couple/few days people should be interested enough to stop and talk and you could talk about what your chapter is about, and your goals for the year informally - as well as keep a list of interested folks and sign ups for the first meeting. It would be great also to have a copy of the petition for signatures.

**Journal Club:** Another idea is that if your first event is educational, you could reserve a small room once a month before hand. Then, at the event, you could announce that you will be having a potluck journal club on X day at X room once a month. At the journal club, things would be really informal and members are invited to bring in an item of food and something from the news or journals for discussion that has to do with what your chapter is interested in. I think such an event would lay the groundwork for creating a community of activists that isn't too difficult. The first day you would probably have to choose the article to help get the ball rolling.

**Engaging people in leadership positions:** I would also get people to take leadership positions in your chapter so they have an impetus to be involved. Ex: you could appoint someone to chair environmental issues. This could be done at the first event and advertised as such. We are actually looking for chapter leaders for the Medical Alliance project.
Greening your school: Depending on your relationship with your dean - and it is alright if that is nothing right now - you might try to talk to him about greening the campus. There is a resource here: http://www.psr.org/site/DocServer/Project_Sustainable_Campuses.doc?docID=1802 where you can learn about that.

Movie night/lunch: Two words - super easy.

Cross town events: If applicable (if there are other med schools)

Include local charity stuff: - Such as taking all your members to a soup kitchen to work once a month. Or, a raffle where you raise money for a local charity. Or, a homeless clinic - lots of work. Med students seem to like to be able to do something locally that they can be proud about.

This may be a real pain in the neck to coordinate but would be awesome if you could pull it off: A health fair. We have 2 health fairs at my school (not through SPSR though) and students LOVE it. It would take months to plan, and you would need to elect people for publicity, etc., but it is a great way to get people involved and if you do it well, it is an event that can be done every year and would be associated with your chapter = good brand recognition.

Nature hikes and stuff: If your students are interested in enviro issues particularly, you could hold little fun nature-y type events so things don’t get so serious all the time.

Bike to school day: One of our chapters did this - the idea being that everyone in the chapter were encouraged to bike to school once a month and not use a car.

A lecture series: Let us know if you need help with that.

Stay involved with physician PSR: Either locally if applicable, or nationally

Other project ideas can be found at the following three places: http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=SPSR_Nuclear http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=SPSR_Enviro http://www.psr.org/site/PageServer?pagename=MedicalAlliance_to_StopGlobalWarming