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Finishing Strong

We are getting close to the end. The end of the beginning, I hope! It's Match time 2015. What a great season and a nice quiet time to get some things done.

With the Match list in and waiting on March 16, we have more time to contribute to our programs and to AFMRD.

For our program, this means time to get next year's block schedule finished, planning for how our program will finish out our ACGME PDSA goals, electing our chief residents for next year, and finishing our ACGME resident and faculty surveys. But we also need to think externally, too. We are making plans to attend PDW in March and making sure that we have contributed something to AFMRD and our discipline -- something I challenged everyone to last year.

If you haven't yet made a contribution, now is the time. Select a topic to complete for the Family Medicine Residency Curriculum Resource. Submit a resource to the AFMRD Toolbox. Get involved with Family Medicine for America's Health. Do something that will benefit your fellow program directors and the family medicine



Exemplary Teaching Award

Thomas W. Johnson Award

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A Message from AFMA

As a program director, we believe you share our vision of working to understand the changes in the health care environment and providing the tools to our colleagues to excel. It is in that spirit of shared vision that we would like to invite your coordinator or administrator to join the Association

community.

Another task on many program's to-do list this time of year is making plans to exhibit at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students. The AAFP has made a modification to attendee criteria that may enhance your exhibiting experience. Please read the article below to learn about the change.

So, I hope to see you in Kansas City at least twice this year: PDW and National Conference. And I look forward to hearing an overwhelming "yes" at this year's business meeting when I ask if you have contributed to AFMRD. With everyone contributing time and talent, we are stronger leaders and more successful in producing the nation's best physicians.



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AAFP Modifies National Conference Attendance Policy

In advance of the 2015 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, the AAFP has announced a slight change in the conference attendance policy. Effective with this year's conference, attendance will be open only to family medicine residents, current medical students, and recent medical school graduates who completed medical school within 2013, 2014, or 2015.

As you know, the National Conference is the place for residents and medical students to learn about family medicine, explore residency programs, and speak to potential employers. In addition to educational programming, leadership opportunities, and the ability to network with others who are passionate about family medicine, the Expo Hall offers valuable opportunities for both medical students and residents -- for medical students, exhibitors include hundreds of residency programs, allowing students to visit with multiple programs in the same place; for residents, exhibitors include employers, fellowship programs, and other post-residency opportunities.

of Family Medicine Administration (AFMA).

Just a few benefits of AFMA include: Residency Administrative Development (RAD) workshop, online newsletter, AFMA website, email discussion list, webinars, and individual mentoring.

Details: Contact Cristin Estes, AFMA executive secretary, at cestes@aafp.org or 800-274-2237 ext 6708.

AAFP Senior Immunization Grant Awards

The AAFP Foundation Senior Immunization Grant Awards provide support to family medicine residency programs to enhance resident quality improvement and/or community health training, while improving the rates of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines in patients age 65 and older during the 2015-2016 flu season (September 2015 through March 2016). Each grant award provides \$11,200 in support.

Deadline: April 6
Details: [Visit the website.](#)

New Online Advocacy Modules

The STFM's online Advocacy course has been completely revised and updated for 2015.

This course, which is endorsed by the Council of Academic Family Medicine organizations, provides skills and practical strategies for advocating and promoting the value of family medicine.

In the past several years, the AAFP has seen an increase in the number of unmatched medical school graduates attending the conference solely for the opportunity to visit with residency program exhibitors. Feedback from these valued exhibitors indicated that these conversations were not helpful -- for the unmatched graduate or for the residency program.

The AAFP believes this new attendance policy will better meet the needs of attendees and exhibitors, and provide a more optimal meeting experience for all. Should you have any questions about this change, please contact Jenifer Scheibler at jscheibler@aafp.org.

2015 AFMRD Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Program director members of AFMRD are eligible to vote on items of business, including the election of board members and proposed bylaws changes. If a program director member is absent, that member may designate an alternate by completing and signing a [proxy form](#). Consistent with the AFMRD bylaws, candidate information and proposed bylaws changes are posted 30 days in advance of the meeting.

This year, the Nominations Committee presents to the voting members one candidate for President-Elect, one candidate for Treasurer, and six candidates for the two Member-at-Large positions. Each candidate's application materials, including photos, are available for your review: [2015 AFMRD Board Candidates](#). The Bylaws Committee proposes changes to the bylaws. The proposed changes are available for your review: [2015 AFMRD Bylaws Proposed Changes](#).

For more information pertaining to the Annual Business Meeting, visit the [AFMRD website](#).

Congratulations to our 2015 FMCC Resident Scholarship Recipients

The AFMRD will provide the following family medicine residents with reimbursements of up to \$1,500 each for attendance at the 2015

The modules can be used to learn new skills, refresh older ones, or to help educate your learners.

Details: [Visit the website.](#)

ERAS Field for Gold Humanism Honor Society

Membership in the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) will now be prominently displayed on a student's MyERAS application and will appear on the Program Director's Workstation as a filterable field, beginning this spring for the ERAS 2016 season.

GHHS is a signature program of The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. In 2002, the Foundation launched GHHS to identify students, residents, and faculty who embody the qualities of integrity, excellence, altruism, respect, and empathy and would serve as role models, leaders, and advocates for humanism in medicine.

FP Essentials Seeks Authors

The American Academy of Family Physicians is seeking authors for four upcoming issues of *FP Essentials*. The four topics are: Nephrology Update, Eye Conditions in Older Adults, Heart Failure Update, and Care of Patients with HIV.

Due dates for these manuscripts will vary. In general, authors or author groups are given 6-8 weeks to prepare a polished draft manuscript that is suitable to submit for peer review. Authors receive a \$4,000 honorarium for preparing a manuscript and seeing it through to publication.

Family Medicine Congressional Conference (FMCC), May 12-13 in Washington, DC.

Christopher Danford, MD
University of Wisconsin-Madison Family Medicine Residency Program
Madison, WI

Stewart Decker, MD
Cascades East Family Medicine Program
Klamath Falls, OR

Stephen Noel Henry, DO
South Nassau Family Medicine Program
Oceanside, NY

Kelsey Lewis, MD
Banner Good Samaritan Hospital
Phoenix, AZ

Crystal Lee Pyrak, MD
Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
Boise, ID

Elizabeth J. Quinn, MD
Lawrence Family Medicine Residency
Lawrence, MA

Moira Rashid, MD, MPH
UCSF/SFGH Family and Community Medicine
San Francisco, CA

Ashley Reddy, MD
Drexel University College of Medicine
Philadelphia, PA

Melissa Velez See, MD, MPA
University of Utah School of Medicine
Salt Lake City, UT

Jason R. Woloski, MD
Penn State Hershey Family Medicine Residency Program
Hershey, PA

Opportunity for Scholarly Activity

Deadline: March 15 for proposals
Details: [Visit the website.](#)

National Conference of Constituency Leaders

The National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL, formerly National Conference of Special Constituencies) is April 30-May 2, 2015 in Kansas City, MO.

NCCL is the AAFP's leadership and policy development event for underrepresented constituencies, including women, minorities, new physicians, international medical graduates, and GLBT physicians. It serves as a platform to voice individual and group perspectives, exchange information, share experiences, and develop leadership skills. Second and third year residents are invited to attend NCCL (at a discounted registration rate).

Details: [Visit the website.](#)

family medicine RESIDENCY CURRICULUM resource

The Family Medicine Residency Curriculum Resource -- a joint project of AFMRD and STFM -- is seeking authors for a variety of topics.

[View the list of PGY1 topics.](#)

[View the list of PGY 2/3 topics.](#)