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Renew Now for 2016

All 2015 AFMRD memberships expire when the clock strikes midnight on December 31. If you haven't yet done so, [go online](#) and renew your membership for 2016.

If you have any questions about your membership, please contact [Sam Pener](#).

News from Other Family Medicine Organizations...

New Workshop for Program Coordinators

2016 RPI Survey Now Available

The Association of Family Medicine Administration has developed a new training workshop specifically for family medicine residency coordinators who have been in their role for two years or less. The workshop will be held on April 1, 2016, prior to RPS. Registration is limited to 60 participants. For more information, contact [Star Andrews](#) at 217-383-4846.

Training Award in Substance Abuse and Addiction

The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine has partnered with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to fund a yearlong training award of \$20,000 (including \$2,000 for a mentor stipend) to support the development of expertise in substance abuse and addiction within academic family medicine.

Deadline: December 31
Details: [Visit the Website.](#)

Family Medicine Cares Resident Service Award

The AAFP Foundation's *Family Medicine Cares Resident Service Award* offers an opportunity for a first- or second-year family medicine resident to fulfill a desire to address health disparities by tackling the health needs of the underserved in his or her local community.

Deadline: March 7, 2016
Details: [Visit the website.](#)

Registration Now Open for PDW and RPS

Program director members of the AFMRD should have received an email with a link to the 2016 Residency Performance Index (RPI) survey. If you are a program director member and did not receive the email, or have any questions about the survey, please contact [Vickie Greenwood](#). Complete information on RPI, including FAQs, can be found on the [AFMRD website](#).

New System for Email (List Serve) Discussions

AFMRD email discussions were recently moved to a new system with a new address: members@lists.afmrd.org. This move was made because the old list serve provided to the AFMRD through the AAFP is about to be discontinued.

There are some big advantages to the new system. For example, members can go online and search the discussions, which are displayed in well-organized threads.

However, there are some aspects of the functionality that are causing confusion. Namely, the inability to easily respond to only the individual posting via email. We are working with the software provider to see if this feature can be developed. Adding a signature with an email address included is the best workaround at this time.

New Website and Community Platform for AFMRD Members

The AFMRD has a [new website and online community platform](#).

You will be hearing much more about the features and benefits of this new platform, beginning in January.

In the meantime, please log in and take a look around. (The first time you log in to the new site, you will be asked to reset your password. You may use the same password as before, if you so desire.)

If you have any questions about the new site, please contact [Lynn Pickerel](#) or [Chris Pyle](#).



Connect with family medicine residency program professionals at the PDW and RPS Residency Education Symposium, April 1 - 5 in Kansas City, MO. Please note Program Directors Workshop (PDW) is before Residency Program Solutions (RPS) this year. No matter which residency program role you represent, all are welcome to attend both PDW and RPS. Save \$100 when you register for both. [Register Now](#).

Thomas W. Johnson Award for Career Contributions to Family Medicine Education

The Thomas W. Johnson Award for Career Contributions to Family Medicine Education is presented annually to an AAFP member who has made outstanding contributions to education for family medicine in undergraduate, graduate and continuing education spheres.

Deadline: March 1
Details: [Visit the Website](#).

Exemplary Teaching Awards

The AAFP is accepting nominations for the Exemplary Teaching Awards. These awards acknowledge AAFP members who deserve recognition for excellence in teaching, as well as individuals who have implemented outstanding educational programs and/or developed innovative teaching models.

Deadline: March 1
Details: [Visit the Website](#).



A Great Opportunity for Your Residents

There's still time for your residents to apply for a 2016 Family Medicine Congressional Conference Resident Scholarship. It's a great experience for residents - and the knowledge they bring back to share with others is valuable to your program. Please encourage those with an interest in advocacy to apply. A total of 10 scholarships will be awarded.

Deadline: January 5
Details: [Visit the Website](#).

BRONZE SILVER GOLD Program Director Recognition Awards

Get the recognition you have earned! The AFMRD honors program directors with three levels of recognition, depending on length and level of experience: Bronze, Silver, Gold.

Deadline: January 29
Details: [Visit the Website](#).

ACGME Response to Survey Timing Concerns

Many AFMRD members had expressed dissatisfaction that the ACGME resident and faculty survey data arrived too late to address concerns in order to plan for the following year.

The AFMRD Board of Directors took members' concerns to the ACGME in a letter requesting they release this info by May 1st.

[Read the ACGME response.](#)

FAMILY MEDICINE *for* AMERICA'S HEALTH

Read the latest on this important initiative.

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