

ADFM Membership Committee Report
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New Associate Members Have joined ADFM!

I am very pleased to report that our new category of Associate Membership in ADFM has rolled out very smoothly with great interest and participation. In 2018, we welcomed 26 Associate Members into ADFM (4 nominated by Administrators, and 22 nominated by Chairs (these 22 include 4 Lifetime and 2 Emeritus Associate Members). In our process of receiving and approving nominations for Associate Membership in ADFM, we did not have to turn any prospective nominees away. Additionally, several of our Associate Members have joined join a strategic committee and one is serving as an advisor for our new ADFM Leadership for Academic Development and Success (LEADS) Fellowship. Another important purpose which Associate Membership in ADFM is fulfilling is to embrace new chairs of very new Departments in new medical schools which have not yet achieved the level of LCME accreditation for Departmental membership in ADFM. Bringing these very new chairs into ADFM as Associate Members of allows them to benefit from all ADFM has to offer as the Departments and new schools evolve into accredited entities.

We anticipate more Associate Members joining committees and serving as advisors and mentors (in a number of capacities) as more people become familiar with this new membership category and opportunity in ADFM and as we become more deliberate in tapping this new level of expertise and talent in ADFM. We look to expand this number of Associate Members in 2019.

Membership Committee Composition

The ADFM Membership Committee has been in place for two years. To streamline staffing needs, the composition of the Committee has included members of the Executive Committee, Secretary and Committee Chair. Recently, the Board approved appointment of a DO representative to this Committee. We are most pleased to have Amy Keenum, DO, MAL on the Board, now participating on the Membership Committee.

Osteopathic Department of Family Medicine Outreach

Last Fall in conjunction with the invoicing for 2019 dues, we made a concerted effort to communicate with Chairs of Departments of Family Medicine in osteopathic schools and colleges of medicine. In 2018 we had four osteopathic Department members. In 2019, we have already had one more osteopathic department join. Our experience is that it is the local, state and regional connections which are key to helping our osteopathic colleagues understand the value of their Departments of Family Medicine joining ADFM. We will be calling on all of our ADFM Chairs and Administrators to help in reaching out to osteopathic department chairs and administrators about ADFM. Continuing to embrace osteopathic department membership in ADFM is an important avenue to strengthening academic family medicine's footprint around the country.