



COMMUNICATION CHAIR & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT February 2024

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LISTSERV

Thank you for your ongoing engagement with the listserv & our Connect community!

As a reminder, the Connect platform can function as a listserv (just email to ADFM-adfmchairs@connectedcommunity.org or ADFM-adfmadministrators@connectedcommunity.org to reach the Chairs' and Administrators' listserves, respectively). This year we added some instructions and answers to common questions about using the Connect platform to our website, under "Resources" (direct link [here](#)).

If you are new to the group, two particular features to note are that the Connect platform has 1) the option to set your individual preferences for a daily digest or receiving each message as a separate email to your inbox and 2) the ability to easily view an archive of messages.

To set your preferences and access the archives, log in with your ADFM member profile information at <https://connect.adfm.org/>

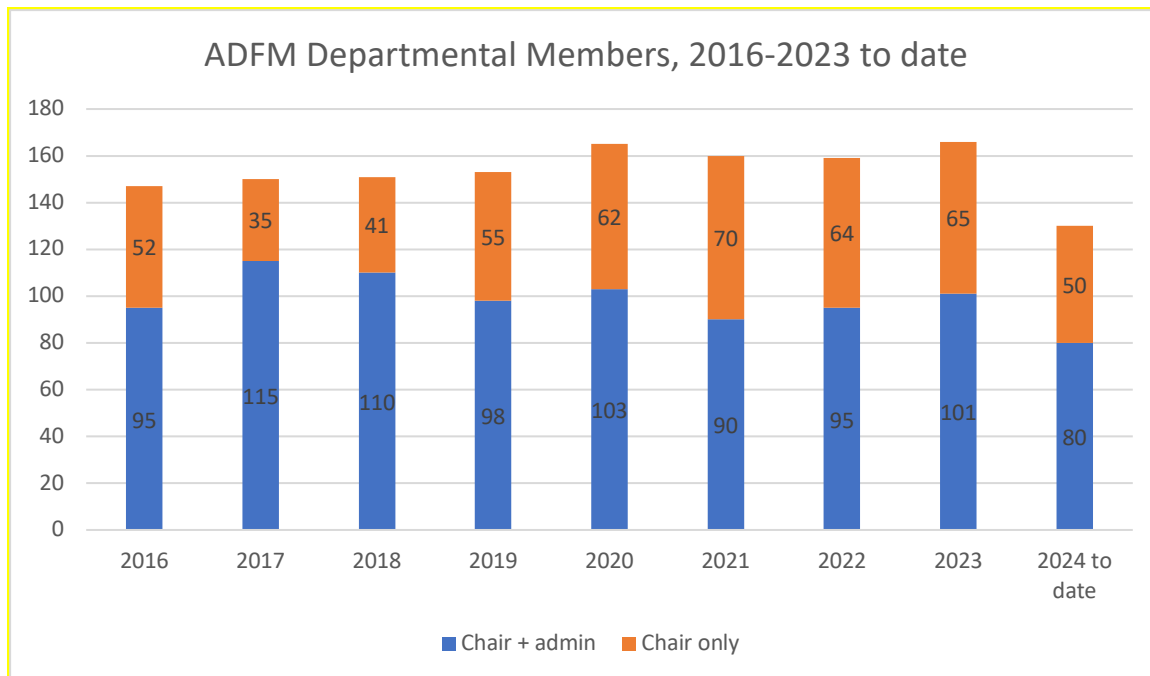
As we have done in the past, we continue to send an announcement of and welcome to new members and Associate Members to the listservs. Thank you for helping us with these welcomes – and a brief reminder to make sure to stay within our "[listserv etiquette](#)" guidelines!

In particular, please remember to only share job descriptions that are the chair/administrator level or higher (e.g. Dean is OK), to not share surveys, and to send congratulations and other similar messages directly to the sender instead of the whole group.

MEMBERSHIP

We ended the 2023 program year with strong membership numbers: 166 department chairs (the highest ever!), 101 administrators, 77 Associate members, 7 Associate Administrators, and 16 Lifetime members.

As of January 22, 2024, we have 130 paid departments. Please make sure to renew if you haven't already done so!



New Departmental Members

For the 2023 dues year, we welcomed a few brand new departments, including Texas A&M and Central Michigan University. We also welcomed back 5 departments whose dues had lapsed in recent years, including several with new department chairs.

If you have any contacts at departments that are not members of ADFM --- particularly osteopathic departments who are currently underrepresented in ADFM and new departments at the new medical schools popping up around the country who may not have heard of us -- please encourage them to join ADFM if you think they would benefit. Your word-of-mouth is our best outreach. Thank you all for your support as we work to make ADFM inclusive and welcoming!

Associate Membership

Our Associate Membership category, which started in 2018, continues to grow. As noted above, in 2023 we had 77 Associate members, 7 Associate Administrators, and 16 Lifetime members.

The option to add an Associate Member has been a valuable one for many departments and we have appreciated the opportunities for enhanced diversity, greater breadth of knowledge across the organization, and leadership development it has provided. ***Please consider who in your department might benefit from participation in ADFM as an Associate Member!***