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Presidents Message

By: Joanne Hojsak (President) and Katharine (Katie) Yamulla (President Elect)



It is hard to believe that it is already August 1st and that the annual meeting is only 3 months away!

This has been a busy year for DOCS, as our organization has many advancements in our 14th year! We are growing, doing more, connecting with other organizations (we are officially an affiliated group of the Society of Simulation in Healthcare), taking on more of the responsibilities of a prominent, established organization. Additionally, submissions are open for the Ron Silvestri grant which has grown to a \$6,000 opportunity. (Up from the previous amount of \$3,000!)

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, we hope you will be able to join us on Saturday, November 1st, in San Antonio, Texas, for a day that will include an inspiring plenary speaker, innovative workshops, pioneering posters, invigorating networking /mentoring, and our first-ever DOCS-sponsored Wine Down Happy Hour at the end of the meeting day (4-5pm) in the same meeting space.



Indeed, we are truly excited about the upcoming Annual Meeting, which our highly effective Program Planning Committee has been organizing for most of the past year. Additionally, we have had an incredible lineup of virtual webinars, with more to come, including a virtual GEA regional meet-up in September. If you missed any of our virtual programming, you can find the archived recordings on the Members Only portion of our Website.

Lastly, we have been actively working on making continuous updates to our website. It is with genuine excitement that we can finally announce a brand-new DOCS Listserv will be ready next week!!! The old listerv will be formally retired, as we no longer have admin access to it.

Keep a lookout for an email blast with instructions by next Wednesday! On a related note, we no longer have an active technology committee. It's been Katie, Dani, Michelle and Joanne working on all of these changes. If anyone is interested in rekindling that committee, please let us know!

Wishing you all the best,
Joanne and Katie

Annual Meeting Update

Directors of Clinical Skills Education(DOCS) 2025 Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 1, 2025

7am-5pm

Henry B. González Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas

Registration

Please click here to register for our annual meeting via Whova.

<https://whova.com/portal/registration/dj4ktBFtryVn7pa09Aa/>

Early Bird Member Meeting fee: \$300

Early Bird Non-Member Fee: \$375

Meeting fee (after 10/2): \$350

Non Meeting fee (after 10/2): \$425

Student/Resident fee: \$75

Plenary Speaker: Dr. John Chuck, Chief Wellness Officer, California Northstate University, Northridge. Subject: Supporting Student and Faculty Wellbeing in Times of Change

Workshops Submissions Now Open. Each 90-minute workshop is presented in a collaborative format with other DOCS members from other institutions who have a similar interest in the topic. In the survey below, you will be asked to rank your top 3 workshop choices and to write a brief paragraph explaining your specific interest/experience pertaining to each of the three workshops. The Workshop planning team will then play "matchmaker" based on the survey results. If you have any questions, please email Katie Yamulla (katharine_yamulla@nymc.edu) and Lisa Bernstein (lbernst@emory.edu). Attached are additional details about workshop submissions.

Important Dates:

Submission deadline: August 29 by 5pm Eastern Time

Submission decisions: Wednesday, September 10

Please complete this survey to be considered for a workshop team.

Submission Link: <https://forms.gle/yiqmjQ4mqfNWzCmL6>

Poster Submissions Now Open. The 2025 Annual DOCS Program will again include a Poster Session to highlight the research and innovation work of our members. If you have research or an innovation related to a clinical skills course that you would like to share with the larger DOCS membership, please consider submitting an abstract. For questions about the Poster Session or Abstract submission process, please contact Dr. Karen Szauter at kszauter@utmb.edu and/or Dr. Dawn Schocken at schocken@usf.edu.

Important Dates:

Submission deadline: August 11th

Submission decisions: Week of Sept 8th

Submit your poster abstracts here: <https://forms.gle/1MF43Hpt3nqFr0rv5>

Additional Meeting Information. We will be hosting a “Winedown Happy Hour” at the annual meeting and it will be sponsored by DOCS! Join us after the meeting, in the main meeting room, for drinks, snacks, mentoring, networking and camaraderie. The DOCS sponsored open bar will be hosted from 4pm-5pm immediately following the third workshop. Please stick around for a cheers!

Nominations Update

This fall, we will hold our DOCS elections for Representatives for the South, West and Central Regions (SGEA, WGEA, and CGEA), and for President-Elect. *(Note - we will invite nominations in subsequent communications next month prior to the deadline of 9/2/25).*

Now is an excellent time to consider whether you would like to run for office to support the vital work of DOCS. As we approach the DOCS election season (starting early August), we will invite those interested in running to submit a letter of intent, which should address your qualifications, reasons for seeking office, and include a photo.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the chair of the nominations committee, Susannah Cornes
susannah.cornes@ucsf.edu

Ron Sylvestri Grant Application

2025 DOCS RS Grant Call for Proposals is now open! Click here for the application form
<https://forms.gle/bbYCb9JsJPWss3tn8>

Rationale and Purpose

Directors of Clinical Skills Education (DOCS) supports scholarship in clinical skills education. We are excited to announce the third annual DOCS Ronald Silvestri Clinical Skills Education Grant will be awarded in 2025. The award will be offered to support innovation in clinical skills education. We hope to foster scholarship across the medical education community by encouraging collaboration across institutions or medical disciplines.

Grant Details

DOCS will award one \$6,000 research grant annually to be dispersed over a two-year period. The grant recipient(s) will be announced and celebrated at the DOCS Annual Meeting in November. Awardees will present their completed project at an annual DOCS Meeting at the conclusion of the grant period.

Eligibility

Medical educators affiliated with a (US) allopathic or osteopathic medical school are eligible to submit a proposal. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a member of DOCS. Trainees who would like to submit a proposal must have a faculty member or medical educator as a co-Primary Investigator (co-PI). Applicants may submit one proposal per year.

Once you are ready for submission, you must complete this form using the link above. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Candace Y Pau at candace.y1.pau@kp.org

