

Greetings DOCS Membership! We have a lot of exciting updates to share with you.

1. **Listserv:** Our current listserv is reaching non-functional status. New members cannot join, and we have no administrative control over it on the backend. Since the listserv is the heartbeat of DOCS, the Executive Council voted to purchase our own cloud based listserv. We hope that this will be live by the end of May.

However, we need everyone involved with DOCS to fill out this survey so that we can make updates on the backend- particularly for preferred email addresses. We also have a few additional questions that we have included regarding other DOCS initiatives. Please complete this by May 9th, 2025

DOCS Survey: <https://forms.gle/FhFBuBTJ6aozv2Tq8>

2. **Annual Meeting:** The DOCS Annual Meeting will be held, in person, on **SATURDAY, November 1st in San Antonio, TX.** The AAMC pushed back the start of their annual meeting by a day. So for the first time, DOCS will be on a Saturday, not on a Friday. We will still hold the DOCS happy hour on Friday, October 31st from 7-9pm.

Calls for Workshops and Posters will go out in June. Registration will open up in July.

3. **DOCS Membership-** Last year the Executive Council separated DOCS Membership Dues from the Annual Meeting Fee. If you purchased your \$100 membership via our website in the past year, you will get an automatic email reminder to renew. If you haven't paid your membership dues, you may do so by using this link:
<https://www.directorsofclinicalskillscourses.com/membership>

Speaking of the DOCS website- we are hoping to utilize that in more ways than in previous years. One way to do that is to use the Forum feature to start threads about topics related to the DOCS community. It's a great way to engage with other members. We will also be creating a "DOCS Trophy Room" to highlight member achievements. More to come-Stay tuned!

4. **2025 DOCS Ronald Silvestri Clinical Skills Education Grant:** Announcements to apply for the 2025 DOCS Ronald Silvestri Clinical Skills Education Grant will occur this spring. An updated application form will be available on the DOCS website. We are encouraging applications by young investigators and/or collaborators from 2 or more medical schools.

\$6000 will be awarded for a 2-year period to support innovative scholarship in clinical skills education. Awardees will present their completed project at the DOCS annual meeting in November 2027.

Uncertain of how to create an application? A grant-writing workshop will be offered for any potential applicant in early August. Applications will be due by September 1, 2025, with the award announced at the DOCS national meeting on October 31, 2025.

5. **GEA Updates:** Traveling to the regional GEA meetings annually may not be feasible given career, time and financial constraints. The DOCS GEA representatives will be planning virtual DOCS meet-ups in order to keep in touch and potentially collaborate.

We are so grateful to have you in this wonderful community of educators.

All our best,

Joanne Hojsak (DOCS President) and Katharine Yamulla (DOCS President-Elect)