

**AAST Program Directors Subcommittee Phone Conference**

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

**Notes**

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1. ACS Committee Updates
   1. Graduated Fellow Survey has been sent out to fellows that graduated July 31, 2023. We have had about a third of the fellows respond. Please follow up with your fellows and encourage them to respond to the survey.
2. 2024 Projects
   1. Didactic Curriculum – ***\*Deadline 1/15/24***

Please submit your materials a.s.a.p. Tom Carver will be following up with individuals in the coming weeks.

* 1. Match Issues

Survey responses show a 60/40 split in favor of separating the match. While it is not an overwhelming response one way or the other, there does seem to be enough interest to collect data on number of SCC spots, how many are filled each year, feedback from the applicants, etc. If you are interested in participating in this project, please reach out to Bridget.

* 1. PD Resources   
     We have updated the Approved Sites page with program logos, updated links, approval dates, etc. We would like to develop content about the benefits of the two-year program, a mission statement or a statement of purpose a description of the offerings and resources we provide, etc. We would like to add any sort of introductory power point, or the program spotlight power point used during our PD meetings. If you have additional information or an introductory blurb, etc. to include, please contact Bridget.

Please review the following:

* Logo used for your program
* Link to your program’s website page
* Send your introductory or program spotlight power point to Bridget.
* If you would like to include any other information (a short video, the elevator speech for your program, etc.)

1. ACS Programs with Job Openings
   1. Emory University
   2. Indiana University
   3. Hartford Hospital
   4. University of California San Francisco - Fresno
   5. University of Pennsylvania
2. New Business
   1. Change in Program Fees

The AAST Board of Managers met in November. A majority of the meeting was spent discussing the finances. It’s clear that ACS fellowship program is a valuable asset to the AAST but it is losing money. The site visit fee has not increased since 2007 and the site visit fees just cover the site visit expenses, not any other ACS resources or staff time to manage them.

Starting in 2024, the site visit fees will be discontinued. Programs will pay an annual fee of $2,000 plus $750 for the caselog system for a total of $2,750 billed on January 1st of each year. New program site visits will cost $9,000 and programs will be responsible for all travel expenses. Looking at the numbers, this is an overall increase of $2,000. It was pointed out that ACGME fees are over $5,000 per year, so even with this increase we are less expensive.

Some of the arguments for this change in fees include easier to incorporate annual fee into annual budget as opposed to going for approval of a site visit fee every three years. In addition, the number of site visits in any given year can vary quite a bit, which makes it difficult to anticipate revenue and expenses for the AAST.

Invoices will be sent on January 1st and payment will be due by March 1st. For this first year, we can work with programs individually if you need additional time to get the funding in 2024.

* 1. SubTracks

The Burn and Pediatric SubTracks will soft launch in mid-January. If you would like further information, please contact Bridget

* 1. AAST Annual Meeting Auction

AAST Committees are collaborating with their members to pull donation baskets together for the auction at the AAST Annual Meeting. The PD Committee is welcome to donate a basket as well.

1. Reminders and Upcoming Dates:
   1. Meet the Mentors
      1. January 2 – Ball
      2. January 9 – Kaups
      3. January 23 – Dissanaike
      4. February 20 - Miller
   2. Next Program Directors’ Meeting:

Monday, January 22nd, 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT