# FMEC Residency Fair Booth Exhibitor Information 2023 FMEC Annual Meeting

Friday, October 13: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Saturday, October 14: 4:45 pm - 6:45 pm



Thank you for supporting the 2023 FMEC Annual Meeting. Your presence and financial support are appreciated! The FMEC will do all we can to make this a positive experience for you. Please read the background information below to prepare you for exhibiting at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

## **Location Assignment/Booth numbers**

Programs are grouped alphabetically by state, then alphabetically by organization name. Please click here to see the complete list of participants and booth numbers.

# **Residency Fair Schedule**

Friday, October 13 10:00 am to 1:00 pm - Booth setup 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Residency Fair

Saturday, October 14 4:45 pm to 6:45 pm - Residency Fair 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm - Booth breakdown

During the last half hour of each evening, the FMEC will do prize drawings for students and residents who have filled out their cards. Must be present to win.

# **Annual Meeting Policies**

Please review all <u>FMEC Annual Meeting Policies</u> before you come to the meeting.

#### Adherence to the Residency Fair Schedule

The Residency Fair will not be opened to students and should not be staffed by your program director or faculty until 7:00 pm on Friday and 4:45 pm on Saturday. The FMEC does not want students or faculty to be distracted from the academic presentations, for their own benefit and for that of the speakers. Therefore, we discourage setup on Friday afternoon during the academic sessions, and we do not allow people into the Residency Fair room all day Saturday until the Residency Fair officially begins. Please focus your attention on the academic sessions and the excellent content that the presenters have prepared.

#### Giveaways

The FMEC asks that items distributed from the residency fair booths be primarily educational and/or informational about the program and its community. Modest trinkets or giveaways such as pens, hand sanitizers, and small candies are acceptable, however, we discourage programs from handing out items that are large or very valuable (such as t-shirts or gym bags), or any items that may cause a nuisance by being loud or difficult to clean up. If you have questions about an item you intend to bring, please contact Denise Steele at denise.steele@fmec.net in advance to confirm it is acceptable.

#### **Student Drawing**

To encourage interaction, we offer students the opportunity to win a prize. Students who obtain five (5) signatures, on a special form we provide, are eligible for drawings that will award door prizes. The forms and drawings are separated, with one for first and second-year students and one for third and fourth-year students. Please sign the form for each student who interacts with a representative at your booth. We'll leave it to your judgement to decide how much interaction is required before you'll add your signature.

#### **Representing Family Medicine and Your Program**

Nearly 300 students attended the Annual Meeting in past years! At the meeting, you will meet residents ready to begin applying to programs, along with those who are not at that stage but there to learn more about family medicine and hear about special educational summer experiences, preceptorships, or other programs that you may offer. The meeting itself, and the opportunity to interact with enthusiastic faculty and residents, make a powerful impact on students who are considering family medicine or primary care. Feedback from students over decades of the FMEC Residency Fair has helped us to understand that hard sells and "hustling" of students are counter-productive strategies. Students want the chance to meet the many faculty and residents who attend the meeting, hear their authentic stories about family medicine and the communities they work in, and learn from their perspectives.

### Program

We will post a link to the program (September/October) with details about this year's program. We will also have a mobile app for the meeting.

# Scholarship Support

Many of you, as programs and individuals, have donated to support student scholarships. THANK YOU! If you are interested in contributing, visit **FMEC Student Scholarships**.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great weekend with you!

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