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**Subject:** Additional Information About the Evolution of AAMC Affinity Groups



Dear Colleagues,

Following the recent email you received from David Skorton, MD, AAMC president and CEO, I'd like to provide additional information about the evolution of AAMC affinity groups.

First, I want to thank you for sharing your feedback. We were pleased to hear that many of you are excited for the opportunity to participate in new ways and to engage more broadly across groups and communities. We also know this is a big shift, and we acknowledge concerns that some of you raised about the impact these changes might have on the groups in which you have engaged in valuable ways.

We have designed the new structure to provide greater access, facilitate collaboration and engagement, and ensure long term sustainability. While groups will have broader and more flexible purposes and structures, there will continue to be opportunities for you to identify and network with peers within each group who share specific interests, challenges, and professional roles.

As a reminder, we are at the very beginning of this deliberately long transition process. Over the next nine months, we will work closely with you to share more specific information about group governance structure, meetings and conferences, and recognition and awards for the incredible contributions of groups and leaders. While these operational details are continuing to come together, we are committed to transparency and will communicate them to you as soon as we are able.

**Based on your valuable feedback, we have added additional answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#). We encourage you to regularly reference this resource as we continue to add additional content.**

Until July 1, 2026, work and programming under our current group structure continues as planned. I look forward to seeing many of you next month in San Antonio at Learn Serve Lead

2025: The AAMC Annual Meeting and again this spring at your professional development conferences.

The AAMC remains steadfastly committed to its mission and to remain the premier source of convening, leadership development, and learning for the academic medicine community. Engaged affinity group members are a critical pathway for feedback and insights on issues affecting academic medicine. We look forward to maintaining the strong relationships and sense of community we have built together. Thank you for your patience and engagement as we thoughtfully navigate this transition with you.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer M. Schlener  
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