

July 10, 2024

Hello MACHA Colleagues!

We hope this email finds you well and energized from recent 4th of July festivities! The MACHA Board is pleased to share the following information:

- We would like to invite everyone to our semi-structured "coffee talks" for the 2024 fall term on **Tuesday, September 17th from 12-1pm Eastern** and **Tuesday, October 15th from 12-1pm Eastern**. These meetings are an opportunity to meet the Board and other regional members and talk about issues relevant to us in college health.
- Our first-ever "**Better Together**" online symposium will be held on **Friday, November 8, 2024 from 8am-1pm Eastern**. We hope this virtual mini-conference will be informative and we look forward to reconnecting with everyone! The call for programs can be found here - <https://tinyurl.com/MACHAOnline2024>. Submissions are due by **11:59pm ET on Friday, August 9th** and due to internal deadlines regarding CE credit, *we are not able to extend this deadline*.
- Are you interested in volunteering for the MACHA Board? Our current terms expire in November 2024 and we are looking for new members to get involved. The roles of President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member-at-Large are up for election. The President-Elect functions as Program Planner for our annual meeting. The current Board can be found here - <https://tinyurl.com/MACHABoard2024>. Position descriptions can be found in our affiliate by-laws, which are also posted on that page. If you would like to submit your candidacy, please complete the following form by **11:59pm ET on Friday, October 18th** - <https://forms.gle/riMZqBstX6sBfTHz5>. Voting will occur in November.
- We also encourage you to recognize your outstanding colleagues by nominating them for a MACHA award. Self-nominations are permitted. The **John A. Hargleroad Award** is presented for exceptional service to MACHA and its members, and the **Janet Diggs Award** is presented for laudable service to a college/university and the campus community therein. (The Affiliate New Professionals Award is presented at the ACHA annual meeting in the spring and nominations for that will be solicited later this year.) Nominations should be sent to the Awards Co-Chairs, Joseph Henson (joseph.w.henson@gmail.com) and Diane Dawson (dmdawson414@gmail.com), and should consist of the letter of nomination and at least two letters of support. At least one letter of these three should be from the nominee's supervisor or director. The deadline for submission is also **11:59pm ET on Friday, October 18th**.
- And lastly, in an effort to streamline communications moving forward, please look at the ACHA Connect website - <https://community.acha.org/home> - and MACHA website - <https://www.acha.org/midatlantic> - for more information and important updates! If you did not previously receive a "save the date" email, please make sure your contact information is up to date with ACHA and that you're signed up to receive updates via ACHA Connect. *We plan to use ACHA Connect and our affiliate website as the main means of sharing information moving forward.*

Please feel free to reach out to us individually or via our leadership account (MACHALeadership@gmail.com) with any questions or comments. We are looking forward to having a productive year that advances us as individuals, institutions, and as a specialty!

Your 2023-2024 MACHA Board,

Benjamin Silverberg, MD, MSc; President

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