Welcome to the latest incarnation of the AMPPA newsletter! A bit longer than previous issues, but covers more topics...

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ERAS – We may not need another hero, but we need ERAS!
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Welcome to the ERAS-DOME!!

It’s here at last! Web-based PDWS! Running at lightning speed with no issues at all. Oh, wait... That was just a dream I had last night!

Some tips to help with getting a handle on the new & improved ERAS:

1. Create your own filters! These will be invaluable for sorting your applicants.
2. When assigning an interview status, if you check the wrong status (i.e. you checked Invited to Interview instead of Waitlisted for Interview) you just need to click the edit button, uncheck the incorrect status and check the correct one.
3. You can assign more than 1 application status! For instance, you can check Application Reviewed and On Hold.
4. You can assign statuses in bulk. If I have a filter for USMLE scores lower than 200. When I run that filter I can select all of those applications by checking the box next to Applicant Name and then in the dropdown box in the lower right corner chose what status I want them to be.
Your AMPPA Leadership

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  - Amy Cutting, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
  - Kelli DaSilva, Greenville Hospital System, Greenville, SC
Did you know???

- We want your input!
  - E-mail us with items or ideas about what you would like to see in this newsletter. Contact info on the last page.

- We have a website!
    - Lots of Med-Peds info, meeting info.
  - AMPPA: [http://mppda.org/amppa/](http://mppda.org/amppa/)
    - You can view resources, sign up for the listserv, find other Med-Peds administrators and leave a comment!

- We want your help for our website!
  - See AMPPA link above and let us know what you want to see there!

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Interview Broker

This online program allows applicants to sign up for interviews themselves. You can set up e-mail templates, add attachments to your e-mails, set up interview dates and times and waitlist slots. You can even set up to allow your interviewers to sign up for days they are available. Very user friendly and fairly inexpensive. You will get a quote up front based on how many invites you plan send out. Actual bill is based on how many invites were sent.

I found this to be a huge time saver! [https://www.interviewbroker.com/interview](https://www.interviewbroker.com/interview)
ACGME

Click here to view A Practical Guide to the ACGME Self-Study from the JGME:


MENTORING

Need one? Want to be one?

For a description of AMPPA’s Mentorship Program, click here: AMPPA Mentorship
TAGME Update

TAGME Window Now Open! TAGME is a wonderful learning tool and resource for PCs. The Application dates are: September 1 - November 30: for monitored assessment sites between January 1 - June 30.

- Please visit the TAGME website - [http://www.tagme.org/](http://www.tagme.org/) to learn about the only certification available to the Program Coordinators.

- “There are no study guides or textbooks to read. Knowledge of the day to day management of a residency training program is a major part of preparation for your certification.

- There are two separate and distinctly different parts of the TAGME certification process, the work effort assessment tool (WET) and the monitored assessment tool (MAT). The WET is designed to assess your knowledge of your residency training program and how it functions as well as your ability to find and access information relative to graduate medical education. The MAT is designed to assess your knowledge of the ACGME/AOA requirements for successful maintenance of a residency training program.”
  [http://www.tagme.org/About_the_Assessment.wss](http://www.tagme.org/About_the_Assessment.wss)
Interview Season To Dos:

- Sanity check?
- Interview day itinerary set up?
- Interviewers nailed down & scheduled?
- If you provide lodging for applicants, have you made reservations?
- Scheduled residents to help/tour/interview?
- Pulled your hair out yet?
Upcoming Meetings

- AAP National Conference: 10/11-14/14 in San Diego, CA
- New Innovations Fall GME & Coordinator’s Meeting: 10/20-24/14 in Cleveland, OH
- APDIM Spring Meeting: 4/26-29/15 in Houston, TX
- MPPDA National Meeting: 3/24-25/15
  - Swan & Dolphin Resort Orlando, FL
  - Can you say Disney World?!?!?
Last but not least...

If there is something you would like to see in our newsletter, please e-mail any of us below:

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