

MRS RFS Fall Social Event Proposal

Summary:

Over the past several years, and especially since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a decline in MRS involvement by staff and residents. Specifically, in regard to the resident and fellows section, the only relevant event during the year for most members is the annual meeting in the spring. Throughout the remainder of the year, the MRS RFS remains unknown or forgotten by most residents (and faculty) in programs throughout the Southeast Michigan area.

A social event hosted by the MRS RFS during the fall would be a great first step in solving this issue. It would allow both members to become more familiar with their local radiological society, possibly elucidating potential roles for current involvement. Additionally, such an event would facilitate networking and interaction between local programs, which seems to be at a low point. Importantly, an event like this could give younger members a pathway for future involvement and commitment as they settle into their careers.

In addition, since the start of the pandemic, we've also seen a rise in the amount of interest in radiology as a specialty from medical students. A fall social event could also be utilized to facilitate information-sharing and networking between current residents and potential applicants prior to the interview season. It would provide a more relaxed setting for everyone to get to know one another, and to get to know the great programs we have in the area.

The event would take place within the Detroit area within the first half of November, after work hours. It would be open to residents and staff (and guests) from programs in the area, as well as any interested medical students on an RSVP basis. The venue would be more casual, such as a local restaurant or brewery.

Objectives:

- Boost resident participation in MRS
- Foster networking between residency programs in Southeast MI
- Provide a more informal environment for potential applicants to learn more about Southeast MI radiology residency programs

Date/Time: First or second week of November

Venue: TBD, likely somewhere in the Detroit area

Requested Funds: \$2000

MRS RFS Community Service Proposal

Summary:

One of the things that the MRS -RFS currently lacks is involvement within the community in which the participants train and practice. A solution to this problem that would not only benefit the RFS board and general members but also members of the community is organized and periodic community service events. These events could be coupled with meetings afterward at a nearby restaurant to help encourage attendance.

Not only would regular events like this help get members involved in the community, it would help increase awareness within the community about what the Michigan Radiological Society does and its goals. Additionally, coupling these events with meetings would get more residents involved in the RFS and potentially help accomplish our annual goals.

Initially, we would start by keeping the volunteer events available to just the board, then open it up to general members as the meetings became more established.

Objectives:

- Greater involvement by MRS RFS board and general members within the Southeast MI community
- Standardize meetings throughout the year to better accomplish MRS RFS goals and help foster involvement by members

Date/Time:

- Every quarter

Venue:

- Various non-profit groups: urban farms (MUFFI), soup kitchens/food banks (Gleaners), local schools, health fairs
- Various local restaurants in the SE MI area

Requested Funds: \$200 per meeting