New Policy on Annual Fees

Earlier this year, the ABFAS Board of Directors voted to change the annual fee structure to better align with our organization’s bylaws. Over the past few years, ABFAS has received feedback regarding the two late fees and the timing associated with when they occur.

We have listened to you! Because of this feedback, we have streamlined the late fee process. IF ABFAS has not received payment by October 1, 2018, ABFAS will add a $100 late fee onto your annual fee invoice. If you haven’t paid by October 15, 2018, ABFAS will send a certified letter notifying you of the final October 31, 2018 deadline. If you do not pay your annual fee plus the late fee by that date, ABFAS may revoke your status.

ABFAS will be sending out numerous reminders during this time, to help you avoid paying late fees.

Annual Fee Schedule

- Early July 2018: Notice emailed, invoices available to be paid online
- Mid-July 2018: Invoices mailed out
- September 1, 2018: Annual fee payment due
- October 1, 2018: Late Fee Assessed
- October 15, 2018: Certified Letter Sent
- October 31, 2018: Status Revoked

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Here are the details:

- Enrollment is free, and it’s easy to sign up. Go to dpmmentornetwork.org to get started as a mentor or speaker.
- The AACPM can tailor your mentoring and speaking assignments to your schedule.
- All mentors have access to free tools and resources that will help you be a successful mentor and/or speaker.

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