

MULTI-STATE FORUM

PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT

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In 1987, John Casebolt, MD, with the New Mexico AFP, envisioned an opportunity for states in the mid-portion of the country to come together.

Original goals were:

- Support each other
- Collectively influence the national agenda for Family Medicine

Original state chapters were: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

13 Current state chapter members:

- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Texas

Purpose:

- Leadership development
- Networking
- Professional development
- Sharing chapter experiences
 - Success stories
 - How to implement examples
- State chapter development
- Advocacy
- Motivational topics

Intended Audience

- Current leaders
- Prospective leaders
- Chapter staff
- Others designated by chapter

CURRENT AGREEMENTS:

- Member chapters enjoy the culture of the Multi-State Forum which is somewhat dependent on the overall size of the group.
- Member chapters share the expenses of the Multi-State Forum and are billed by the host chapter according to how many representatives each state chapter originally registered for the event.
- Multi-State will graciously welcome guests from ALL chapters to attend the meeting (for a registration fee).
- If a state chapter requests to become a member of the Multi-State Forum and belongs to a regional meeting that does not welcome guests from chapters outside of their regional meeting, it will be up to the Multi-State Chapter executives to decide if they can be a member.
- Chapter members attending the Multi-State Forum share in the expenses for the conference. Guest attendees are currently charged \$250 per person which is subject to change, to be decided by chapter executives.
- If another chapter requests membership in the Multi-State Forum, the chapter will be invited to attend the Multi-State Forum as a guest chapter for two years to ensure interest in continuing attendance and a commitment to the shared responsibility among chapters for planning/financing the meeting. After two years the chapter executives will determine whether to accept the chapter as a full member. This will depend on many factors including hotel contract agreement for conference room space and rooms, overall size of the group allowing for meaningful discussion, and enough time in the program agenda to allow for all state reports.
- Multi-State is not to be political in nature. A "block" to vote a candidate into office from this group is prohibited. Candidates may announce their candidacy but overt campaigning is prohibited, for example, giving a campaign speech, or distributing campaign materials, etc.
- The Multi-State Forum hotel room block will go to member chapters first. Guests might need to reserve rooms at another hotel. Chapters will be urged to make hotel reservations for their members in a timely manner.