

Network of Alumni Buddies (NAB)

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CMC Vellore Global Medical Alumni



Social and Professional Networking Groups

Overview

The Network of Alumni Buddies is the outreach arm of the CMC Vellore Global Medical Alumni Group in Facebook and LinkedIn. It seeks to fulfill a felt need of recruiting professional resources to serve in remote parts of the world. Currently utilized popular forms of communication methods will be used to make contact and establish links. The core values of service to the needy, inscribed within the ethos of the alma mater will be the motto.

Goals

To connect volunteering professional medical resources to remote hospitals for short and long term engagement

Owners (Ex-Officio Admins of the CMC Vellore Global Medical Alumni Group)

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Specifications and Scope

NAB will maintain a list of Resources available with dates and contact details. Another list of hospitals or programs with needs called Recipients will be maintained. Both lists will be updated once in two months.



The NAB map available on the Facebook alumni group page will show a global geographical placement of Resources and Recipients with specialties.

NAB will facilitate the connection and support any effort to make the program function smoothly.

Since NAB is a voluntary effort no financial commitments are implied.

Resources

For the purposes of maintaining quality and accountability, only medical alumni or past and present faculty of the Christian Medical College, Vellore and their current professional colleagues shall be eligible to be resources

Recipients

Recipients or institutions that require support shall have a reference, called a ‘Recipient Sponsor’ from an alumnus or faculty (past or present) of Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Policies and Procedures

Sponsor

The Sponsor will direct and suggest changes to the scope, objectives, policies and procedures related to the project. Any action will be effected through the Project Lead

Lead


The Project Lead will be in charge of the day to day operations and will delegate tasks to the owners or any other suitable person, to work within the explicit guidelines of the project.

Owners

The owners will be in charge of tasks assigned to them and will lay utilize the services of the members to accomplish the goals set out.

Members

All individuals who have membership of the CMC Vellore Global Medical Alumni group on Facebook will be considered as Members of the project. The members will help maintain the Resources and Recipients lists and contribute with ideas on how this project can grow and improve.



Access to view the program participants will be made available to the members. Members will be required to respect the privacy of the resources and recipients and not use the information from this program elsewhere and for any purpose other than what it is meant for.

Adding to the Resources and Recipients Database

An electronic form has been made available for the program participants (both resources and recipients) to fill in. All information shall be reviewed by the project lead will then incorporate the item into the database. The database will be maintained in the ‘Google Sheet’ spreadsheet format. One sheet each will be maintained for the resources and recipients. The project lead shall have sole authority over the contents and management of the database.

Accountability

The NAB Program will only function as a service to establish contact between an institution or a health professional and a resource.

The program shall not be responsible for the generation of finances or other needs connected with the service. The program will focus itself solely on the provision of medical professional connectivity and facilitate a fruitful relationship between a resource and a recipient.

The program also shall not be in anyway responsible for the quality of the service provided and absolves itself totally from any legal liability thereof. Similarly, the program cannot guarantee the quality or standards of facilities provided by the recipient to the resource. The details of the above shall be privately discussed between the involved parties without the inclusion, opinion or participation of the NAB program.

Conflicts

The NAB program recommends that the Recipient and Resource enter into a mutually acceptable legal agreement before undertaking the service thereby avoiding conflicts.

The program may help with conflict resolution if required on a friendly non legal platform.

Evaluation

The program will devise a method of objective evaluation at a prescribed time and readjust program priorities and objectives as suitable.



Milestones

I. Launch: 01 June 2016

The two lists mentioned above will be built and available on the common email platform to view by the owners and sponsor.

II. Evaluation: 01 June 2017

A objective evaluation of the hits and successes of the program will be analyzed and course adjustments made. Some core policies and procedures drawn.

III. Review and Plan: 01 September 2017

A review of the achievements and the suitability and utility will be presented to the sponsor and owners and a decision taken on the future of the project.