**AMES meeting – December 6, 2012 – 12:00 p.m.**

Present: Jack Nolte, Marc Tischler, Todd Vanderah, Amy Waer, Sean Elliott, John Bloom, Paul St. John, Ed French.

1. Brainstorming Session to address remaining AMES Budget funds:
   1. Current budget expenditures: $10,757 for AMES Grant funding + <$500 for bagels, etc. at AMES journal club and AMES/OMSE Educational Scholars program. Total budget per year is $40,000; unspent funds do not roll-over.
   2. Increased support for medical student-led educational research: This is a direction we would like to go, but will need to create appropriate criteria for fundable projects. **ACTION:** AMES members to contemplate these criteria and discuss at next meeting.
   3. Create AMES Awards for Educational Innovation by Years I and II Blocks, and by clinical clerkships: Anticipate $5000 per award ($15,000 total) to block or clerkship that self-nominates and describes medical education innovation within the course.
      1. Money would go to the block/clerkship director (similar to AMES Grant funds) for use as s/he sees fit. Possible uses might be purchase of new iPads or on-line curricular material for block/clerkship faculty, or providing lunch to block/clerkship meetings.
      2. Evaluation of nominations needs to be performed by an ad hoc committee, since many AMES members are block directors. Suggestion for award committee: Celia O’Brien (OMSE Director of Medical Education Research), students from curriculum post-review committees, Deb Fuchs and John Bloom (clinical AMES faculty), and Sean Elliott (AMES, and will not be nominating Prologue Block which he directs).
      3. Award nominations to be solicited in January, awarded in the Spring, and announced the following Fall at the Faculty Teaching Awards. These awards are intended to be separate from the student-chosen block and clerkship awards presented at the Faculty Teaching Awards
      4. **ACTION:** Sean will create and share a request for nomination announcement with AMES members. If acceptable, this will go out in early January. Also, Sean will create (with help from Amy Waer?) the ad hoc award committee and set up a timeline for award decisions.
   4. Travel grants: Especially for faculty travelling to AAMC meetings and faculty/staff/students travelling to WGEA meetings to present posters/platform presentations. **ACTION:** Amy Waer and Paul St. John to create a description of WGEA travel grant and send to Sean to publish in campus-wide announcement.
   5. Visiting Speaker support: AMES continues to wish to support visiting professors/lecturers on educational scholarship. However, prior to spending money on honorarium/travel, Jack Nolte suggests assessing interest in such sessions by supporting an on-line presentation and confirming how many attendees participate. ACTION: Jack will check out some possible on-line speakers to be discussed at next meeting.
2. Meeting adjourned at 12:30