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I would like to be sure that we are all on the same page when comes to the FAMIS organization participation at the FAEDS conference in September. As a member of both boards I have a vested interest in both organizations and want to see both continue to thrive.

We are in challenging times as we all are aware. When we cancelled the FAMIS Conference in the Spring we decided that we would throw our support behind the FAEDS Fall conference. Well the time is here to step up to the plate. The FAEDS Board met last week to discuss conference plans and status. Overall things appear to be on schedule. No commitments have been made that would obligate us in any way. However, there are as always concerns. Listed here are this items that we (FAMIS) may be in a position to assist with.

- Attendees
  - Are we going to offer assistance with room nights to our membership?
  - Are we going to help by sending information to our membership? FAEDS is doing so but are we planning to follow-up?
- Presentations
  - Are we going to fill at least two sessions for the conference? If so, we need to get speakers and topics lined up and provide that information to FAEDS in the next few weeks.
  - What is going to be our position on support for DOE speakers?
- Vendors
  - Are we actively working with our vendor lists to get vendor participation at FAEDS?
  - Do we work FAEDS and ask for part of the vendor registration fee if the vendor says they came to FAEDS because of a FAMIS recommendation. (purpose would be a revenue stream to offset membership attendance assistance)

From my notes at the April 27, 2009 meeting we agreed that for the FAMIS Steering Committee we would do the following for the FAEDS Conference:

- Pay mileage
- Pay motel
- Pay registration fee

My notes could be incorrect – we need to confirm.

I would like to suggest that a conference call (no more than 1 hour) be scheduled to discuss these matters. Suggested date and time: Thursday, July 30 11:00 – 12:00 EST. Open to all suggestions!!

**Most important – Have a great weekend!!**

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