August/September ERAS Applications

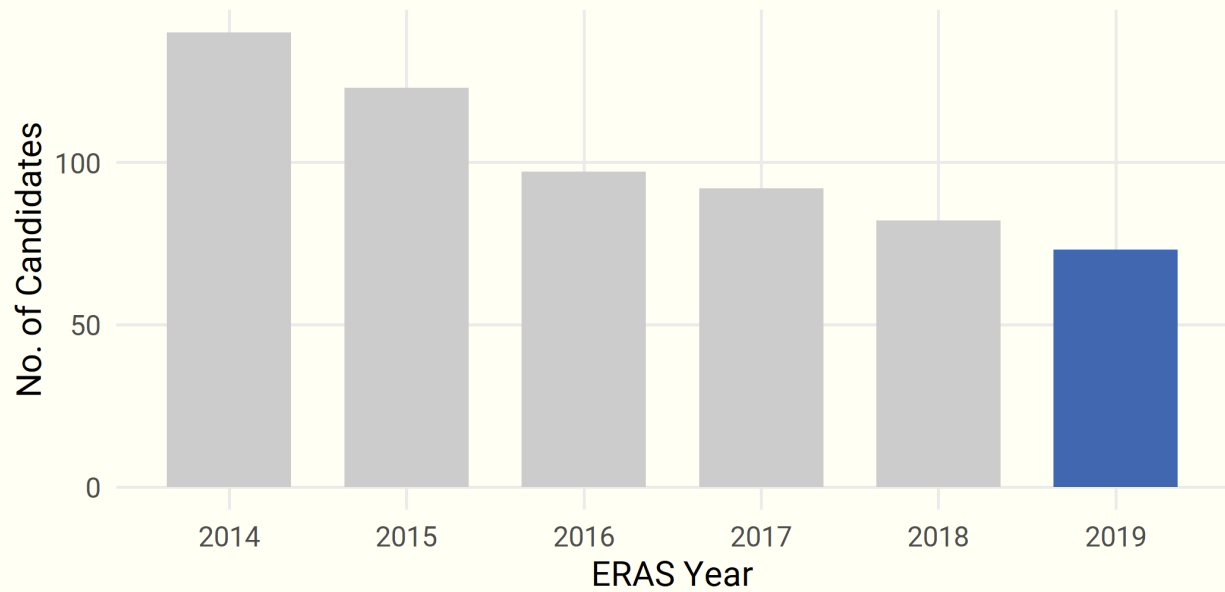## ASN Data Brief

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AY 2019 Nephrology Match Update: August/September ERAS Applications

August and September ERAS application data for the appointment year (AY) 2019 nephrology Match exhibited diverging trends. While applications declined in August, year-over-year totals are trending above the past 3 Match cycles.

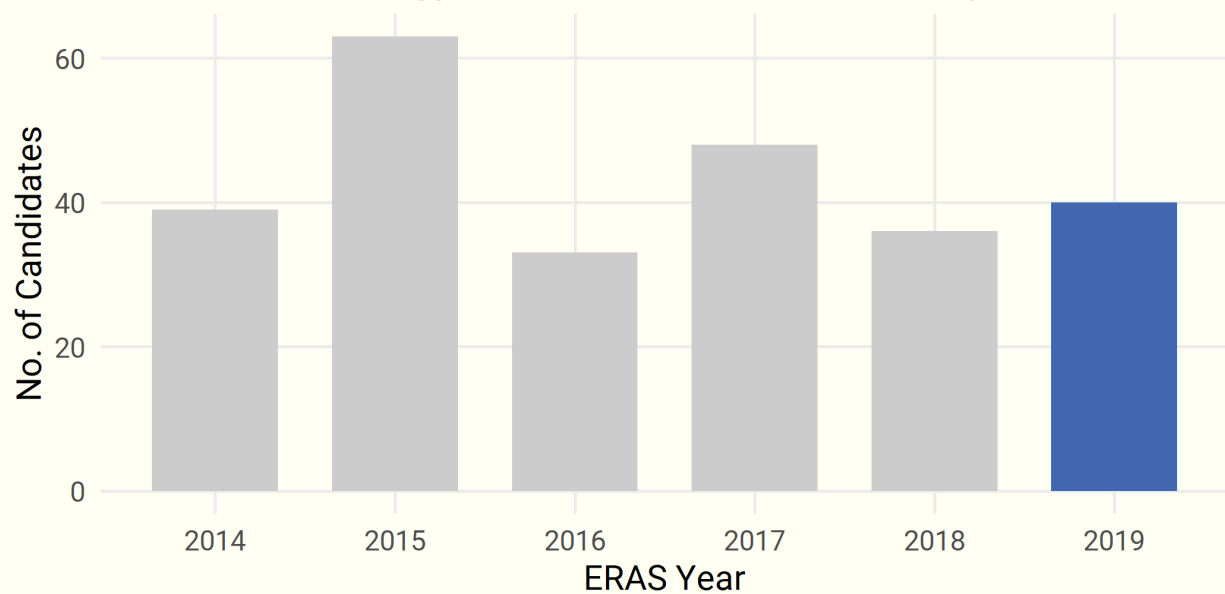### Fall Rebound in Candidates and Applications

New nephrology candidates applying in August continued their recent decline, but September saw a bump in new candidates (40), an 11% increase over AY 2018. The uptick is expected and likely an artifact of residents changing career plans mid−application cycle. Nephrology candidates have recently had the highest proportion of ERAS cross-specialty registrations (excepting allied subspecialties such as Pulm−CCM) and new data from the *Report on the 2018 Nephrology Fellow Survey*—being released October 15, 2018—found only 35.4% of respondents had considered nephrology as their only career option.
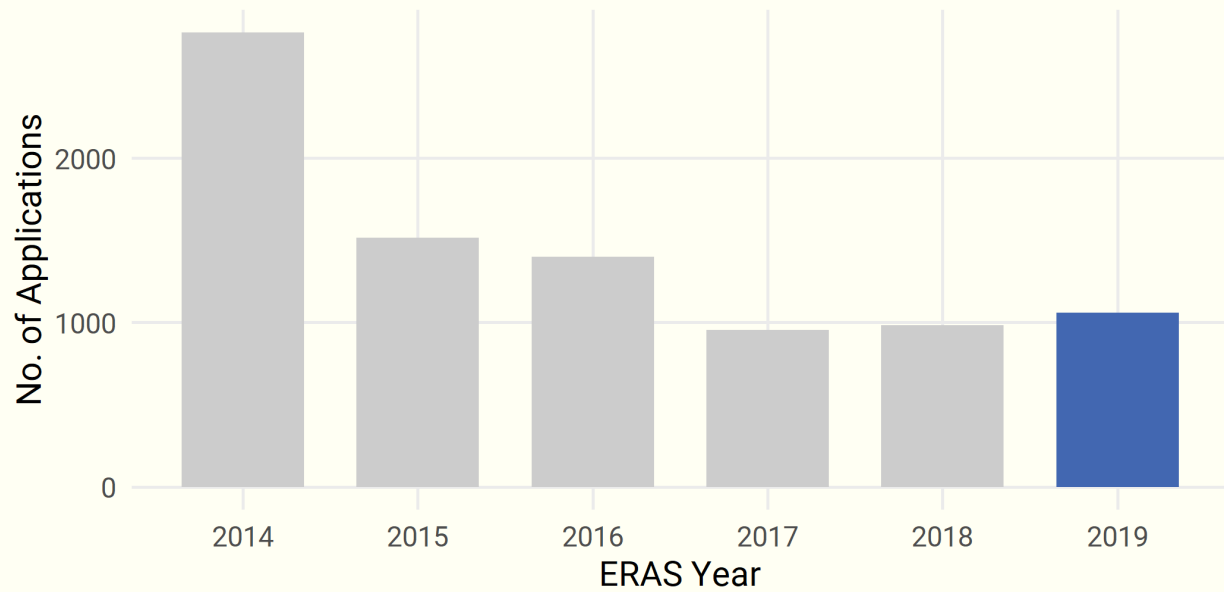
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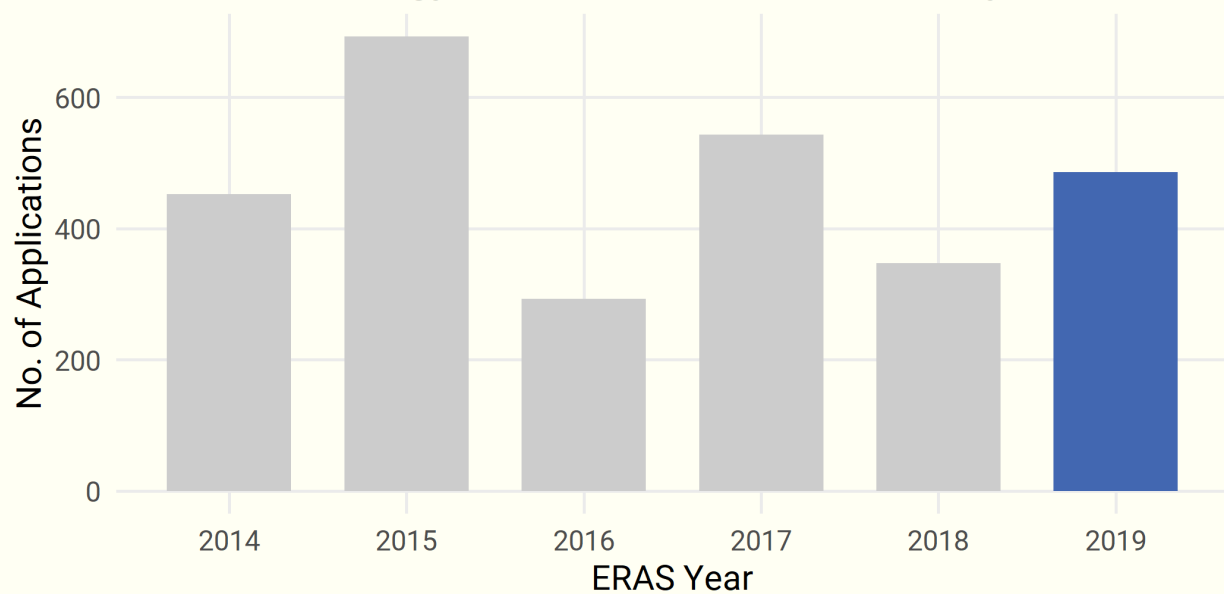2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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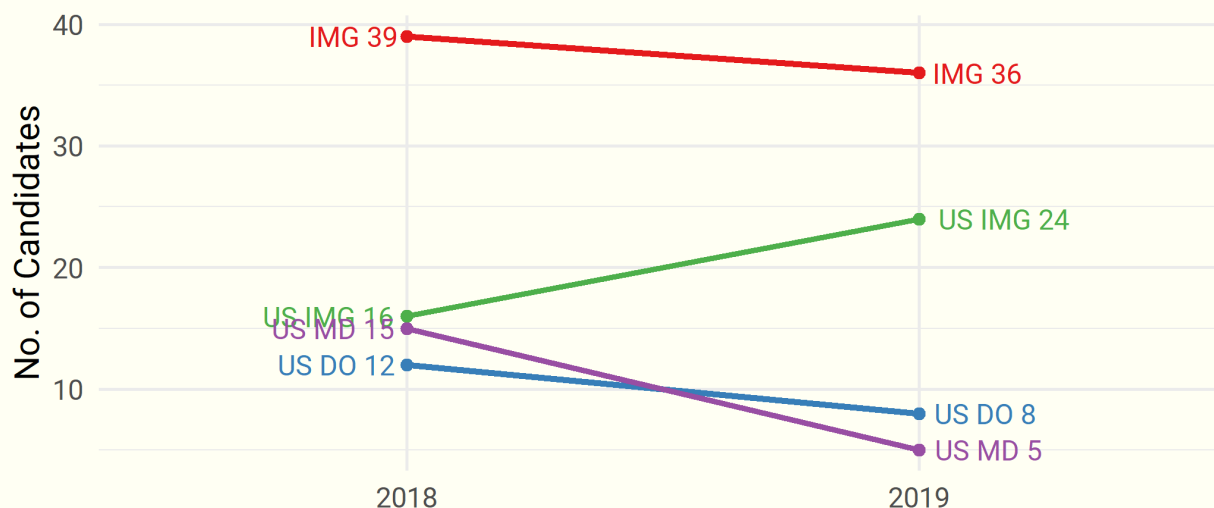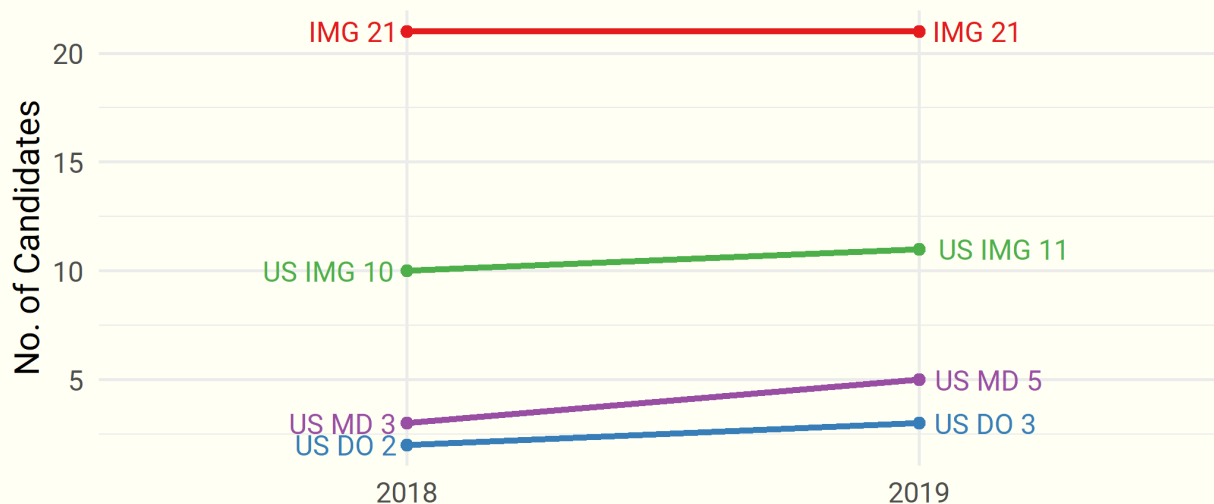
Educational Status

Broken down by educational status, US international medical graduates (US IMGs) have offset declines among both USMGs and IMGs over the past 2 months.

August Candidates by Educational Status
AY 2018 and AY 2019

IMG 39
IMG 36
US IMG 24
US IMG 16
US MD 15
US DO 12
US DO 8
US MD 5

No. of Candidates

2018   2019

Source: ERAS, 2014−2018

September Candidates by Educational Status
AY 2018 and AY 2019

IMG 21
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US IMG 10
US IMG 11
US MD 3
US DO 2
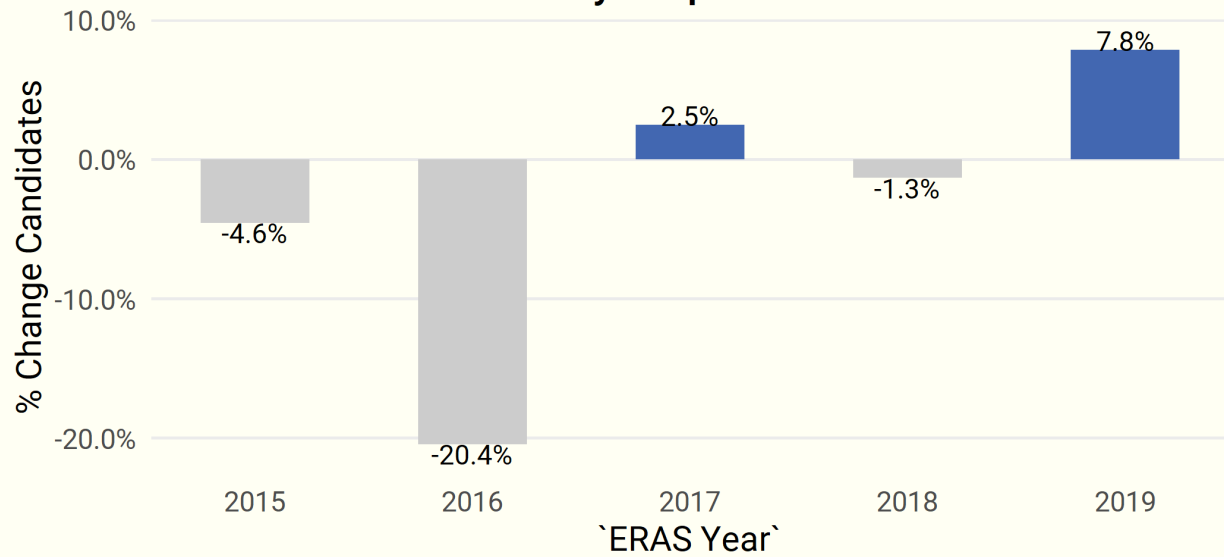US MD 5
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Source: ERAS, 2014−2018

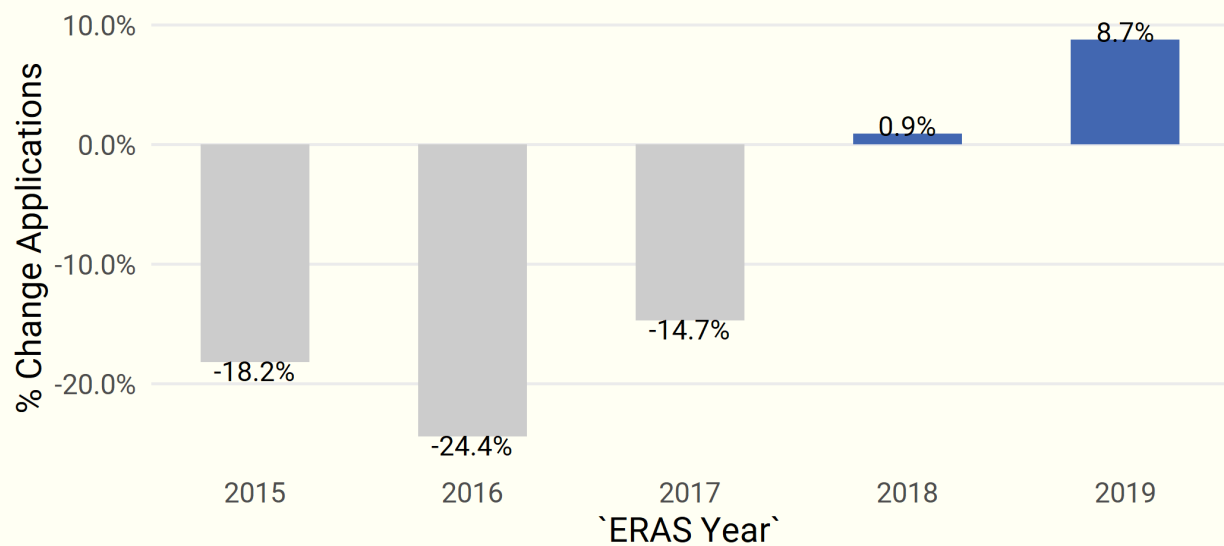### Year over Year—Candidates and Applications

Total candidates and applications continue to trend higher over AY 2018 application cycle (7.8% and 8.7%, respectively). As of September, candidate totals are trending higher than the past 3 application cycles (AY 2016−AY 2018).

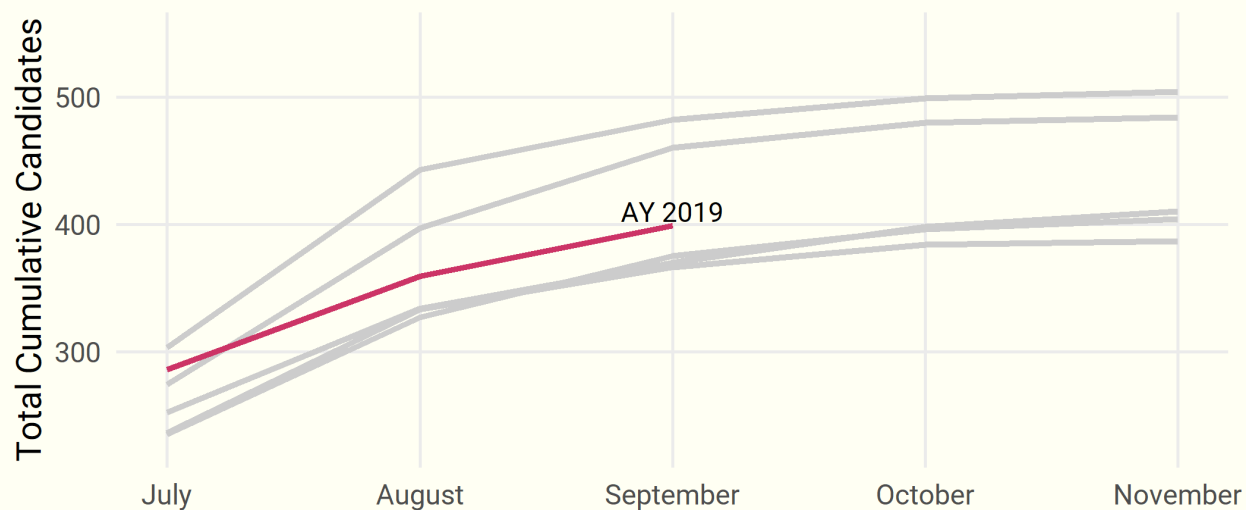## Percent Change Year over Year—Candidates
July–September

% Change Candidates

- 2015: -4.6%
- 2016: -20.4%
- 2017: 2.5%
- 2018: -1.3%
- 2019: 7.8%

`ERAS Year`

Source: ERAS, 2014–2018

Percent Change Year over Year—Applications
July–September

% Change Applications

- 2015: -18.2%
- 2016: -24.4%
- 2017: -14.7%
- 2018: 0.9%
- 2019: 8.7%

`ERAS Year`

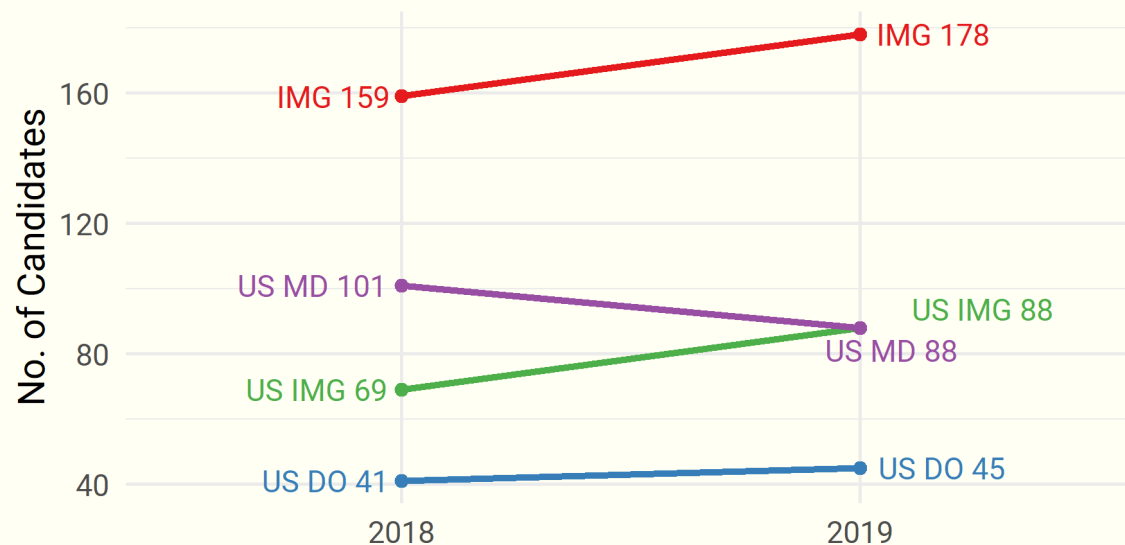Source: ERAS, 2014–2018

Year over Year Cumulative Candidates
AY 2014–AY 2019

Educational Status

To date, IMGs have rebounded over last year by 12% and US IMGs are up 28%. Yet, the number of US MDs dropped 13% over September of last year (when 91 US MDs matched in nephrology), pointing to a lower total for AY 2019 (Figure 9).

Cumulative Candidates by Educational Status
AY 2018 and 2019

Up Next

The next *Data Brief* will report preliminary nephrology Match results on *Match Day, Wednesday, November 28*.

Questions? Comments?

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