

---

General Assembly – July 8, 2016 – Destin, FL

---

**DRAFT - GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

Baytowne Conference Center, Destin, FL

July 8, 2016- 1:00 pm

**PRESENT:**

Derek Anderson, MD, FAAFP  
Raymond Baez, MD  
Donnie Batie, MD  
Walter Birdsall, MD FAAFP  
Joseph Boger, MD  
Richard Bridges, MD  
Kenneth Brown, MD, FAAFP  
James Campbell, MD  
Lisa Casey, MD  
Lacey Cavanaugh, MD

Mary Coleman, MD  
Rafael Cortes-Moran, MD  
Mark Dawson, MD, FAAFP  
Brian Elkins, MD, FAAFP  
Thomas Fontenot, MD  
Chris Hayes, MD  
Jack Heidenreich, MD  
Daniel Jens, MD, FAAFP  
Laura McCormick, MD  
Tobe Momah, MD

Brandon Page, MD  
Marguerite Picou, MD  
Bryan Picou, MD  
Camille Pitre, MD  
Marcus Pittman, MD  
Paul Rachal, MD  
James Taylor, MD  
Hugh Washburn, MD, FAAFP

**Special Guests**

Rob Muscalus, MD  
Senator Dan Claitor, JD  
Senator Mike Walsworth  
Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAAFP

**LAFP Staff:**

Ragan LeBlanc, Executive Vice President  
Lee Ann Albert, Membership and Education Director  
Katie Underwood, Foundation Coordinator  
Joe Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist  
Sandy Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist  
Bilee Yelverton- LAFP Lobbyist

---

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Daniel Jens called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Dr. Jens gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Jens led the pledge of allegiance.

**IN MEMORIAM REPORT**

Dr. Jens reviewed the Memoriam Report, he asked for a moment of silence for a member who passed away since the last General Assembly: Bobby Helms, MD and Tony Henry, MD.

## **MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Dr. Jens then recognized the LAFP members who had a LAFP membership anniversary and asked that they stand for recognition.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Jens then recognized the LAFP Board members by asking them to stand.

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – ROB MUSCALUS, DO**

Dr. Anderson gave an overview of Dr. Muscalus's background stating he is currently the Medical Director for Care Transformation at BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana (BCBSLA). In this capacity, he provides leadership and support for the growth and development of BCBSLA's "pay for value" and shared savings programs. For the past 22 years, he has held senior leadership and medical management positions in the healthcare industry. He also served for six years in state government as Pennsylvania's Physician General, being an advisor to the Governor and Secretary of Health on matters pertaining to public health. Dr. Anderson proudly introduced Dr. Rob Muscalus.

## **ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – ROB MUSCALUS, MD**

Dr. Muscalus's topic focused on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or better known as "Obama Care." He provided information and updates from inside Blue Cross on the ACA relative to the population being served, co-ops, and the role of the commercial insurer. to everyone hospitals, physicians, and health plans. He also updated the members present changes to the BCBS drug formulary and explained that they would be going to a closed drug formulary. He instructed members to go to the website at [www.bcbsla.com/pharmacy](http://www.bcbsla.com/pharmacy) for more information. He then took questions.

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – SENATOR DAN CLAITOR, JD**

Dr. Anderson in his introduction of Senator Dan Claitor, JD, stated his professional experience includes working as a publisher, Prosecutor for Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, Legal Counselor, and manager of a family business. In 1987, Claitor was named an assistant district attorney for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's office, where he claimed a good record in fighting crime. Claitor entered private practice in Baton Rouge in 1990. He stated that Senator Claitor calls himself a "constructive conservative" and "a team player with an independent approach". He currently serves as Chairman of Senate Committee on Judiciary C and serves as a member of the Senate Committee on Health & Welfare. Dr. Anderson proudly introduced Senator Dan Claitor.

## **ADDRESS OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – SENATOR DAN CLAITOR, JD**

Senator Claitor thanked the members for the opportunity to be at the General Assembly. He gave an overview of 2016 legislative session and bills pertaining to medicine. He also stressed the importance of physicians being involved in the legislative process and knowing your representative and senator. He then took questions from the audience.

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – ROBERT L. WERGIN, MD, FAAFP**

Dr. Anderson in his introduction of Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAAFP, stated he is a family physician of Milford, Nebraska and the current Board Chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

## **ADDRESS OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – ROBERT L. WERGIN, MD, FAAFP**

Dr. Wergin thanked the members for the opportunity to be at the General Assembly. He presented an update on the AAFP with regards to membership, advocacy and practice management. He then took questions from the audience.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business for discussion on the agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Follow-up taken from 2015 General Assembly**

Dr. Anderson stated that a report was being presented from the LAFP Board of Directors regarding action of resolutions that were passed during the 2015 General Assembly. The report is as follows:

**Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians  
2015 General Assembly  
All items are complete.  
Action Grid – As of June 2016**

<b>Resolutions</b>	<b>Executive Committee Approved Action:</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
<p><b>Resolution 1: Background Checks and Education For Patients Regarding Gun Safety</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians inform our state and federal legislators of the AAFP policy on prevention of gun violence and encourage them to promote legislation consistent with this policy.</p>	<p>A draft of a letter will be discussed during the LAFP Board of Directors meeting in July.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution 2: Resolution of Condolence – David Euans, MD</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians join the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians in recognizing Dr. David Euan’s invaluable contributions to Family Medicine, and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. David Euan’s family as an expression of condolence.</p>	<p>Resolution was submitted to the AAFP Congress of Delegates and approved as written.</p>	<p><b>Completed – September, 2015</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution 3: Establish a Resident Award of Excellence</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians Foundation establish a Resident Award of Excellence and recognize resident leadership, scholarly activity and family medicine research.</p>	<p>Final guidelines and nomination form were approved and nominations were accepted for a 2016 recipient.</p>	<p><b>Completed – March, 2016</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution 4: Dues Increase for Active, Inactive and Supporting Membership</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians</p>	<p>Dues increase was sent to the AAFP to reflect in the 2016 invoices.</p>	<p><b>Completed – August, 2015</b></p>

<p>(LAFP) Board of Directors urges the membership to approve for the annual dues for active members of the LAFP will increase \$25 dollars beginning January 2016 resulting in the total annual dues for chapter dues to be \$300 dollars be approved by the General Assembly at its August, 2015 meeting.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution 5: Late Term Abortions</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the LAFP is against performing elective abortions 20 weeks and after, and further be it</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the LAFP submit a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates to set such policy to also not support or endorse elective late term abortions in the United States.</p>	<p>The LAFP policy manual has been amended to reflect approved policy at the 2015 General Assembly meeting.</p> <p>Draft of a resolution has been submitted by the author for the board to review for submission at the 2016 AAFP Congress of Delegates.</p>	<p><b>A resolution will be submitted to the AAFP for debate at the 2016 Congress of Delegates meeting in Orlando, FL.</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution 6: Recognizing the Importance of Vaccinations and Immunizations in Louisiana</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) endorses the concept that all children and adults, regardless of economic and insurance status, should have access to all immunizations recommended by the AAFP; and further be it</p> <p>RESOLVED, LAFP strongly recommends that patients receive all immunizations recommended by the AAFP in their medical home and when recommended vaccines are provided outside of the medical home, all pertinent vaccine related information should be provided to the patient's medical home.</p>	<p>The LAFP policy manual has been amended to reflect approved policy at the 2015 General Assembly meeting.</p>	<p><b>Completed – September, 2015</b></p>

<p><b>Resolution 7: Medical and Recreational Use of Marijuana</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians strongly oppose the recreational use of all medications and drugs of abuse, and be it further</p>	<p>The LAFP policy manual has been amended to reflect approved policy at the 2015 General Assembly meeting.</p>	<p><b>Completed – September, 2015</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution 8: Nurse Practitioners</b></p> <p>RESOLVED, that advanced nurse practitioners should not be granted full license authority; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that in the interest to maintain the highest quality of care and to maintain the highest quality of medical standards to Louisiana patients, the LAFP adopt the policy that states “a nurse practitioner should only function in an integrated practice arrangement under the direction and responsible supervision of a practicing, licensed physician. In no instance may duties be delegated to a nurse practitioner for which the supervising physician does not have the appropriate training, experience and demonstrated competence.”</p>	<p>The LAFP policy manual has been amended to reflect approved policy at the 2015 General Assembly meeting.</p>	<p><b>Completed – September, 2015</b></p>

He reported that all actions had been completed except with regards to Resolution 1: Background Checks and Education For Patients Regarding Gun Safety and Resolution 5: Late Term Abortions. He stated that the Board of Directors had met prior to this meeting and that the following actions would be taken over the next few months: 1) A letter would be drafted and sent to federal and state legislators regarding gun safety; and 2) A resolution had been submitted to the AAFP for presentation and debate during the 2016 AAFP Congress of Delegates meeting in September.

**APPROVAL OF 2015 GA MINUTES**

Dr. Anderson requested that all members in attendance review the minutes. The following motion was adopted by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THAT THE AUGUST 7, 2015 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Anderson announced there are no late resolutions and closed the submission period. Without further comment he proceeded with the Resolutions for the Assembly's consideration:

**RESOLUTION NO 1. DUES INCREASE FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE AND SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP**

Dr. Anderson stated that the current LAFP Bylaws reads that dues for active members shall be set by the General Assembly as recommended by the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. He stated that the current dues for LAFP membership is \$300 and that the Board of Directors had met before the General Assembly meeting and approved that dues be increased to \$320 for 2017. He informed the Assembly that they must approve the dues increase as recommended by the Board and asked for any questions. The following motion was made and approved by consent of the General Assembly:

**THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVE THAT THE LAFP DUES BE INCREASED TO \$320 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION NO.2 –DIVISION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP ISSUES COMMITTEE.**

Dr. Anderson read the resolution as stated:

**RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) Board of Directors urges the membership to separate the Legislative and Membership Issues Committee being into two separate committees, forming the Legislative and Advocacy Committee and Membership Committee be approved by the General Assembly at its July, 2016 meeting.

Dr. Anderson after reading the resolution, opened the floor for comment and discussion. Dr. James Taylor presented to the Assembly the reasons behind the resolution. He stated that because of the amount of work of the committee being heavily weighted on legislative issues, the board felt it necessary to split the legislative and membership issues in to two separate committees. Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that if this is approved, bylaws will have to be amended for presentation and approval in 2017 to allow the committees to become two standing committees of the LAFP. He stated that the committee can develop a subcommittee to operate over the next year that focuses on membership issues. The following motion was made and approved by consent of the General Assembly:

**MOTION (ADOPTED)**

**THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVE TO SEPARATE THE LEGISLATIVE AND MEMBERSHIP ISSUES COMMITTEE BEING INTO TWO SEPARATE COMMITTEES, FORMING THE LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**INTRODUCTION OF PAST PRESIDENTS**

Dr. Anderson asked all past presidents of the LAFP to stand for recognition.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Dr. Anderson asked for members who served on a committee to stand for recognition. Dr. Anderson asked those who do not currently serve on a committee to raise their hand and asked that they consider getting involved in the LAFP.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – RAGAN LEBLANC**

Mrs. LeBlanc stated that she did not have anything additional to report from what was included in her written report.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

There were no verbal officer reports given during the General Assembly meeting.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report was submitted and included in the handbook.

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report was submitted and included in the handbook.

Dr. Picou noted that the financials including the 2015 Profit Loss Statement, 2016 Profit Loss Statement and current account holdings was included in the meeting packet. Dr. Picou noted that there is \$410,476.35 in income with \$189,661.65 in outstanding expenses to date for 2016. He stated that as of 7/01/2016 we have the following balances in our operating and investment accounts:

- **LAFP Academy**  
As of 7/01/2016 the Academy had \$370,188.99 cash on hand. Therefore, the Academy is currently in sound financial shape.
- **LAFP Foundation**  
The Foundation had \$83,845.50 on hand as of 7/01/2016.
- **LaFamPac**  
LaFamPac had \$4,965.97 on hand as of 7/01/2016.

He reported that the LAFP has a total of \$459,000.46 on hand to support operations through the remainder of the year. He also reported to the Board that the 2015 audit would be taking place later in the fall.

#### **LEGISLATIVE & MEMBERSHIP ISSUES COMMITTEE – James A. Taylor, Jr., MD**

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report was submitted and included in the handbook. Dr. Taylor thanked everyone during the 2016 legislative session. He asked that if anyone had any issues that they would like the committee to consider, to forward those to the LAFP office so that preparation can begin for 2017.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE- James A. Taylor, Jr. MD**

Dr. Taylor reported the nominations for the LAFP Foundation and the LAFP Academy Board of Directors. He referred to the nomination slates included in the handbook. He stated that currently there were vacancies for District 1 Alternate and District 8 Alternate.

#### **MATCH DATA**

Dr. Anderson reported the Match Data for Family Medicine Residency Programs for 2015-2016 and announced they located in the handbook. He stated that the state does not have an issue with producing physicians in the state and had 492 graduate in 2016, which puts Louisiana in the top ten. He stated of the graduates, 159 stayed in state for residency. He stated that 32 medical students chose family medicine. Lastly he informed the Assembly that all 68 slots were filled in the match for the LA Family Medicine Residency Programs.

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE LAFP OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Anderson called for any member from the floor interested in making a nomination for any position to make it known at this time. Dr. Marguerite Picou nominated Bryan Picou, Jr, MD to fill the vacancy of District 8 Alternate. Dr. Richard Bridges nominated Brandon Page, MD to fill the vacancy of District 1 Alternate. Dr. Anderson then asked were there any additional nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

Dr. Anderson went on to read the nomination slate for the LAFP Board of Directors. Dr. Anderson called for any member from the floor interested in making a nomination for any position to make it known at this time. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE LAFP FOUNDATION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Anderson went on to read the nomination slate for the LAFP Board of Directors. Dr. Anderson called for any member from the floor interested in making a nomination for any position to make it known at this time. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

#### **DISTRICT DIRECTOR/ALTERNATE REPORTS**

No verbal or written reports were provided.

### **FAMILY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Dr. Anderson stated that written reports were submitted and included in the handbook.

### **FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Dr. Anderson stated that the written Residency Program reports submitted were included in the handbook.

### **LAFP FOUNDATION**

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report was submitted and is included in the handbook. He informed the Assembly that raffle tickets were still available for purchase and that the winner would be chosen during the President's Party.

### **2016 FAMILY MEDICINE AWARD WINNERS**

Dr. Anderson stated the Family Medicine winners for 2016 is included in the handbook and listed on the LAFP website. The winners are as follows: The Michael O. Fleming MD Family Medicine Award was presented to Janice Dara, the LSU-New Orleans Gerald R. Gehringer Family Medicine Award was presented to Danielle Fuselier and the Tulane Family Medicine Excellence Award was presented to Nicole "Nikki" Gentile. The Resident Award of Excellence was presented to Micah Pippin, MD. He congratulated the winners.

### **LAFAMPAC BOARD – Marguerite "Cissy" Picou, MD**

Dr. Marguerite "Cissy" Picou, stated the PAC did very well in its drive to increase PAC contributions last year. She informed the Assembly that between July 1, 2015 and July 1, 2016 LaFamPac had collected \$10,814.00 in donations from 27 members of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP). She stressed to the importance of donating to the PAC. Dr. Picou informed those in attendance that every year Dr. Bryan Picou, Dr. Anderson and herself always challenge the attendees during the meeting. She stated that the challenge for 2016 was if the donations from this year equaled what was donated last year, the Picou's and Dr. Anderson will match the amount donated. Dr. Picou continued by stating that a contribution form was located in the meeting packet for those who wished to make a donation during the meeting.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Due to there being no special elections during the General Assembly, the following officers were elected for the 2016-2017 year. Dr. Robert Wergin, AAFP Board Chair will swear the officers in during the Awards and Installation ceremony on Saturday, July 9, 2016.

President:	James Taylor, Jr., MD, Zachary, LA
President-Elect:	Jonathan Hunter, MD, Alexandria, LA
Vice President:	M. Tahir Qayyum, MD, Monroe, LA
Secretary:	Christopher Foret, MD, Franklinton, LA
Treasurer:	Bryan Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA
Immediate Past-President:	Brian Elkins, MD, Alexandria, LA
Speaker:	Derek Anderson, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
Vice-Speaker/GA:	Lisa Casey, MD, Metairie, LA
AAFP Delegate:	Russell Roberts, MD, Shreveport, LA
AAFP Delegate:	Marguerite Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA
AAFP Alternate Delegate:	James Campbell, MD, Kenner, LA
AAFP Alternate Delegate:	Bryan Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA
District1 Director	Mary Coleman, MD, New Orleans, LA
District 1 Alternate	Brandon Page, MD, New Orleans, LA
District 2 Director	Daniel Jens, MD, Mandeville, LA
District 2 Alternate	Luis Arencibia, MD, Mandeville, LA
District 3A Director	Jack Heidenreich, MD, Raceland, LA



District 3A Alternate	Camille Pitre, MD, Larose, LA
District 3B Director	Indira Gautam, MD, Lafayette, LA
District 3B Alternate	Zeb Stearns, MD, Lafayette, LA
District 4 Director	Ricky Jones, MD, Shreveport, LA
District 4 Alternate	Gregory Bell, MD, Coushatta, LA
District 5 Director	Tobe Momah, MD, West Monroe, LA
District 5 Alternate	James M. Smith, MD, Bastrop, LA
District 6A Director	Phillip Ehlers, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
District 6A Alternate	Carol Smothers-Swift, MD, New Roads, LA
District 6B Director	Richard Bridges, MD, Amite, LA
District 6B Alternate	Keisha Harvey, MD, Bogalusa, LA
District 7 Director	Jason Fuqua, MD, Sulphur, LA
District 7 Alternate	Andrew Davies, MD, Lake Charles, LA
District 8 Director	Kenneth Brown, MD, Alexandria, LA
District 8 Alternate	Brian Picou, Jr, MD, Natchitoches, LA
Director at Large	Jody George, MD, Lake Charles, LA
Alt. Director at Large	Esther Holloway, MD, Coushatta, LA
Resident Representative:	James Robinson, MD, Lake Charles, LA
Resident Alternate:	Ronnie Slipman, MD, New Orleans, LA
Student Representative:	Koby Lanclos, Shreveport, LA
Student Alternate:	Michael Bacon, New Orleans, LA

**Foundation Board of Directors**

President	Brian Elkins, MD
President-Elect	James Taylor, Jr., MD
Secretary	Wayne Gravois, MD
Treasurer	Bryan Picou, MD
Immediate Past President	Melvin Bourgeois, MD
Lay Member #1	Justin Angelle
Lay Member #2	Barry Dunn
Lay Member #3	Kim Gassie
Lay Member #4	Nadine Robin
Lay Member#5	Kenny Laborde
LAFP Member #1	E. Edward Martin, MD
LAFP Member #2	Russell Roberts, MD
LAFP Member #3	Jason Fuqua, MD
LAFP Member #4	Jonathan Hunter, MD

**ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**

There was no additional new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana was hosting the annual LAFP Foundation Auction and President’s Party in the Azalea Ballroom at the conference center at 7:00 pm. He stated that if you had not purchased a ticket to attend or still needed a raffle ticket, staff was located in the back of the room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This concluding the General Assembly business, the following motion was made by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 2:30 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Derek Anderson, MD  
Speaker  
General Assembly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Jens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Jens, MD  
Vice-Speaker  
General Assembly