



### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, Louisiana

August 5, 2011, 1:00 pm

#### **PRESENT:**

Derek Anderson, MD, FAAFP

Raymond Baez, MD

Donnie Batie, MD, FAAFP

Gregory Bell, MD, FAAFP

Walter Birdsall, MD, FAAFP

James Campbell, MD

Thomas Davis, MD, FAAFP

Matthew Delfino, MD

Phillip Ehlers, MD

William Ellerbe, MD

David Euans, MD, FAAFP

Thomas Fontenot, MD, FAAFP

Jason Fuqua, MD

Jody George, MD

Wayne Gravois, MD

Jack Heidenreich, MD

Esther Holloway, MD

Harold Ishler, MD

Edward Jeffries, MD

Daniel Jens, MD

Alan LeBato, MD, FAAFP

Azikiwe Lombard, MD

E. Edward Martin, MD, FAAFP

Chrisitan Mayorga, MD

Ronald Menard, MD, FAAFP

Lacey Millet, MD

Kevin Murphy, MD, FAAFP

Theresa Murphy, MD, FAAFP

Joseph Nida, MD

Bryan Picou, MD, FAAFP

Marguerite Picou, MD, FAAFP

Kevin Plaisance, MD

Albert Rees, MD

Richard Streiffer, MD, FAAFP

James Taylor, MD

Michael Williams, MD, FAAFP

#### **Special Guests**

Thomas Grimstad, MD

Susan Nelson, MD

Mike Reitz

Glen Stream, MD

#### **LAFP Staff:**

Margaret Civella

Mary Catherine Koonce

Ragan LeBlanc

Joe Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist

Sandy Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist

Bilee Yelverton

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Derek Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

#### **INVOCATION**

Dr. Daniel Jens gave the invocation.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Daniel Jens led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **IN MEMORIAM REPORT**

Dr. Anderson reviewed the Memoriam Report, mentioning each member who had passed away since the last General Assembly: Hussein Abdelhalim, MD, Alexandria, LA; Steven Brazeel, MD, New Orleans, LA; Doyle Hamilton, MD, Monroe, LA; Durell Hiller, Jr., MD, Shreveport, LA; James O'Neal, MD, Maringouin, LA; W. Lucien Simpson, MD, Lockport, LA; and Eli Sorkow, MD, Lake Charles, LA. He then asked for a moment of silence to remember those deceased colleagues.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dr. Anderson then recognized the LAFP Board members by asking them to stand. He stated that the Academy could not exist without their support. He then asked the members of the Assembly to recognize them by a round of applause.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – MIKE REITZ**

Dr. Anderson introduced Mike Reitz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA), the largest locally owned health insurance company in the state with 1.4 million members. He went on to say

that prior to assuming the position of president and chief executive officer in 2009, Mr. Reitz served as the company's interim leader for a seven-month period. Before taking on this interim role, he was the company's senior vice president and chief marketing officer from 2000 to 2009. Mr. Reitz has more than 30 years of insurance and healthcare industry experience. Under his guidance, BCBSLA has also taken a proactive role in promoting wellness to members. The company has invested in new wellness tools and programs designed to keep members healthier and hold down their medical costs. Mr. Reitz has also been a driving force behind the company's innovative Louisiana 2 Step program, launched in 2007 to address the state's high obesity rankings with a simple equation for healthier lifestyles: encouraging Louisianans' to *eat right* and *move more*.

#### **ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – MIKE REITZ**

Mike Reitz provided information regarding the insurance industry and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Mr. Reitz stated that due to the rising cost of health insurance, people are choosing to be uninsured and are looking for other ways to manage their healthcare expenses. He went on to say that the Obama Administration and the insurance industry realizes that something has to be done to address the rising cost of health insurance with hopes that the recent reform will decrease cost. Mr. Reitz informed the Assembly that BCBSLA is currently making changes concerning patient insurance. These changes include no lifetime limits on certain coverage and no annual limits on essential benefits. He stated that they have also implemented expansion of coverage for dependents up to the age of 26. Mr. Reitz stated the act currently guarantees that a policy for anyone up to the age of 19, that has a condition and is currently uninsured, can get insurance without showing any evidence of being previously insured. He went on to say that by 2014 there will be no waiting periods for anyone with preexisting conditions. Mr. Reitz said that BCBSLA supports the act, but realizes that there are provisions of this act that need to be modified. He informed the Assembly that with everything they are currently doing, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is not going to reduce rates, causing the affordability of insurance to remain a problem. He said the insurance industry is being transformed like never before, but unfortunately, it is being transformed at a significant cost. Mr. Reitz stated that it is important for BCBSLA to create some sort of relationship with its customers to help them understand that there are challenges associated with their lifestyle and that there are opportunities for healthcare reform to start at home. He said that everyone needs to be held more accountable for their own risks and BCBSLA is trying to teach people how their lifestyle has a significant influence on healthcare cost. He said the community needs to be educated on the importance of healthy eating habits and exercise. He said with government plans like Medicaid and Medicare there are no incentives for insurer to self manage their cost, because there is no cost associated to the Patient.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – THOMAS GRIMSTAD, MD**

Dr. Anderson introduced Dr. Thomas H. Grimstad, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Louisiana Medical Mutual Insurance Company. He went on to say that in January 2008, Dr. Grimstad became the fourth physician to lead LAMMICO since the company was founded almost thirty years ago. Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that Dr. Grimstad is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the Tulane University School of Medicine, and he is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Disease. From 1977 until 2005, Dr. Grimstad practiced medicine at the West Jefferson Medical Center in Marrero, Louisiana. During that time, he served as Chief of Staff for the large medical facility located on the west bank of Greater New Orleans. Dr. Grimstad's association with LAMMICO started as a policyholder. He was later appointed to several LAMMICO committees; covering the areas of Claims, Risk Management & Underwriting. A former Past President of the Jefferson Parish Medical Society, Dr. Grimstad has served as a board member at LAMMICO since 1998. Dr. Grimstad has been instrumental in maintaining LAMMICO's solid financial position, even in the wake of current economic instability. Since being President and CEO, LAMMICO has awarded four consecutive dividends to all of its policyholders in both Louisiana and Arkansas.

#### **ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – THOMAS GRIMSTAD, MD**

Dr. Grimstad began by thanking the LAFP for allowing him to speak during the General Assembly. He then referred to his presentation and provided an update on the status of medical malpractice in Louisiana with regards to its insurers. He informed the Assembly that LAMMICO recognizes the need for change to Louisiana's medical professional liability system to address claim frequency and insurance rates. Dr. Grimstad stated that LAMMICO believes that any change to

the system must not increase the physicians overall cost with regards to the Patient Compensation Fund (PCF). He went on to say that physicians are facing adverse legislative actions, effects of the recession, reduced governmental reimbursements, effects of national health care reform and constitutional challenges to the cap.

Dr. Grimstad discussed the significant challenges associated with the cap. One case included *Oliver v. Magnolia Clinic*, which included medical malpractice allegations against a nurse practitioner (NP). He discussed this case during the LAFP General Assembly last year. He stated that the District Court initially felt the cap was unconstitutional regarding the NP only. He said that on rehearing of the case, the District Court ultimately found the cap constitutional to all health care providers including the NP. The case was appealed to Third Circuit Court, where there was a hearing before the 5-judge panel. Dr. Grimstad stated that the hearing has taken place and the position of all parties is that the NP is covered by the Act. The *en banc* opinion has not been determined as of yet. Dr. Grimstad also gave an update on the *Arrington v. Taylor* case, which he also referenced during the 2010 General Assembly. He stated that oral argument is scheduled for August 2011. After the District Court opinion is rendered, the cases will either go to the Third Circuit again or directly to the Supreme Court. Dr. Grimstad stated that if the cap is found unconstitutional, then it would call for retroactive or prospective application. Retroactive application will cause chaos.

Dr. Grimstad stated that the 2011 Legislative session ended, where the focus was on the state budget. He then discussed several bills that were filed regarding the medical malpractice cap. He began by discussing SB 61 by Senator Mills which called for a Constitutional amendment that the legislature has the authority to place a cap on medical malpractice damages. SB 61 did not get out of Committee. Dr. Grimstad then discussed HB 341 by Representative Hazel which called for a Constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish the Patient's Compensation Fund Made up of private monies. It will be presented on the October 22, 2011 voters' ballot. Lastly, he referenced HB 69 by Representative Ligi that calls for the PCF Oversight Board to invest the PCF funds. The Governor signed as Act 160. Dr. Grimstad stated that the discussions on whether to legislatively increase the cap will continue in the 2012 legislative session.

Dr. Grimstad then began discussing the possibility of raising the cap and keeping the overall costs neutral. He stated when the primary layer is increased; the amount of the admission of liability will also increase. He discussed the importance of an increase in the admission of liability and gave possible scenarios for increasing the cap and admission of liability.

Dr. Grimstad stated that when changes do occur, LAMMICO will be prepared to address the system change and help insure peace of mind regarding policies. He thanked the Assembly for their time and stated that he could be contacted if anyone had questions.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – SUSAN NELSON, MD**

Dr. Anderson introduced Dr. Susan Nelson, Chairwoman of the LaPOST Coalition, a network of Louisiana health care professionals raising awareness of the LaPOST document. He continued by stating that Dr. Nelson is Board certified in internal medicine, geriatrics and hospice and palliative medicine. Dr. Nelson serves as medical director of St. Joseph Hospice in Baton Rouge. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the American College of Physicians, as well as an advocate for senior health. Dr. Nelson works with the Louisiana State Medical Society Council on Public Health and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. A University of Houston graduate, Dr. Nelson earned a medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, where she completed her residency and served as chief resident. While at UTMSH she was an assistant professor in the department of internal medicine.

#### **ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – SUSAN NELSON, MD**

Dr. Nelson began by thanking the Assembly for letting her present. Dr. Nelson stated that in 1990 the Patient Self Determination Act was passed. This piece of legislation gives patients the right to make choices and decisions about the types and extent of medical care they wish for themselves. This act allows patients to specify if they want to accept or refuse specific medical care. The patient also can identify a legal representative for urgent healthcare decision

purposes. If the patient becomes unable to make decisions due to illness, the patients' wishes have been clearly documented beforehand. This act further defines rights of self-determination, which are guaranteed in the Fourteenth Amendment.

Dr. Nelson stated the LaPOST program helps health care professionals, patients and families discuss and develop treatment plans that reflect patient end of life wishes. The plan then results in the completion of the LaPOST form. The LaPOST form is an easily identifiable document that translates in patient's end of life wishes and goals of care into a physician order which transfers with the patient across care settings. The form helps physicians, nurses, health care facilities and emergency personnel patient wishes regarding life-sustaining or emergency treatments. She stated that LaPOST is generally for patients with health conditions that are life limiting. Physicians should consider consulting with patients about completing a LaPOST form if the patients: wants to avoid or receive life-sustaining treatment; resides in a long-term care facility or requires similar services; and/or might die within the next year.

Dr. Nelson thanked the Assembly for their time. She stated that if anyone would like further information, then they could contact her.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – MARGARET CIVELLA**

Dr. Anderson introduced Margaret Civella, LAFP Foundation Coordinator. Ms. Civella has over ten years of experience as a consultant in marketing solutions for small businesses. He continued by stating that the LAFP Foundation's latest project is the start up of the E-Louisiana HIT Toolkit. Prior to moving to Louisiana, Ms. Civella managed the Records Management program for the Texas A & M University Library System.

Ms. Civella also oversees the Louisiana Tar Wars program for the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians. She is enthusiastic about involvement with a program that helps to educate children on the importance of anti-tobacco.

Ms. Civella is a native of Baton Rouge, LA and after 20 years of moving around, she is excited to settle back into her home state of Louisiana.

#### **ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – MARGARET CIVELLA**

Ms. Civella thanked the Assembly for allowing her to present. She stated that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians Foundation and the Louisiana Quality Health Care Forum developed the E-Louisiana EHR Toolkit with a grant provided by the Physicians Foundation. She continued by stating that the primary purpose of the toolkit is to provide information, resources, assessments and hands on tools to guide a clinical practice through the EHR adoption process. She said that this is an electronic web-based toolkit that provides various strategies, contacts and information for implementing certified EHR systems.

Ms. Civella informed the Assembly that the LAFP Foundation's goal is to continually update the toolkit and provide resources to the information. She explained that she would discuss how the toolkit is structured and how it can help physicians. The E-Louisiana HIT Toolkit has been divided into six sections: Preparation and Investigation; Selection and Purchase; Implementation; Maintenance; Incentive and Assistance; and Resources. Ms. Civella further discussed each of the six sections in the Toolkit. She concluded her presentation by stating that the Toolkit is designed to be an interactive guide for all clinical practices. She thanked the Assembly for letting her speak and stated that if any of the members had any questions to contact her directly.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – GLEN STREAM, MD**

Dr. Anderson introduced Dr. Glen Stream, AAFP President – Elect. Previously, Dr. Stream served three years as a member of the AAFP Board of Directors. As President-Elect of the AAFP, Dr. Stream advocates on behalf of family physicians and patients nationwide to inspire positive change in the U.S. health care system.

Dr. Stream has been a family physician serving the Pacific Northwest for more than 25 years. A member of the AAFP

since 1985, Dr. Stream served on the Commission on Governmental Advocacy from 2005 to 2007. He also has served as a delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates since 2000, and as an alternate delegate from 1994 to 1999. He also served on the AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2010.

Dr. Stream has been a member of the Washington Academy of Family Physicians since 1985, where he has served in numerous leadership roles. Dr. Stream has also been an active member of the Washington State Medical Association, in which he served on the Inter-Specialty Council and as a trustee of the Spokane County Medical Society.

Dr. Stream attended the University of Washington, Settle, where he graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in microbiology. He earned his medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle and completed his family medicine residency at the Swedish Hospital Family Medicine Residency program, also in Seattle. He completed a Master of Biomedical Informatics degree at the Oregon Health and Science University in June 2007.

Dr. Stream is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and has the AAFP Degree of Fellow; an earned degree awarded to family physicians for distinguished service and continuing medical education.

#### **ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – GLEN STREAM, MD**

Dr. Stream provided an update about the AAFP and the past year. Dr. Stream began by informing the Assembly of the AAFP's vision, mission and values. He then began to discuss the AAFP objectives, which include: education, advocacy, health of the public and practice enhancement. Dr. Stream stated that educating members on the importance of becoming a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is one of the AAFP's main goals. He continued by stating that promotion of a pipeline type system within the membership is important. He stated that advancing health care for all has been a policy of the AAFP for over two decades. He said that increasing the family physician workforce and the attraction to the specialty from medical students is a huge issue at the national and state level. He continued by stating that the residency match data has shown improvement.

Dr. Stream began to discuss advocacy and the importance. He stated that there is still more work to be done on Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR), which was not included in the debt ceiling. Then he encouraged the members to become more involved and listed out ways to help advocate on behalf of family medicine. He encouraged members to donate to FamMedPAC and the state PAC, as well as utilize resources such as Speak Out.

Dr. Stream stated that the AAFP has helped implement programs that better the health of the public. He continued by stating that the AAFP was proud to help with First Lady of the United States with the fight against obesity this year. The AAFP will continue to support and participation in programs improving the health of the public.

Dr. Stream went on to discuss the advancement in practice enhancement. He discussed the AAFP partnership with TransferMed and commended states' on their Health Information Technology (HIT) efforts. He stated that the AAFP has numerous practice enhancement resources for members and their staff to take advantage of on the AAFP website.

He continued by giving an update on the AAFP. He informed the Assembly that the AAFP just reached 100,300 members and the AAFP was very proud of this milestone. He also stated that the AAFP is financially sound and was \$1.4 million ahead of the budgeted loss. Dr. Stream stated went on to say that the AAFP is focusing on an organizational realignment and would like feedback on how things may be done differently. He continued by stating that the AAFP knows there have been some issues regarding communication and the AAFP is working to better communication between the organizations.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business for discussion on the agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF 2010 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 JULY 2, 2010 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE  
MOTION CARRIED.**

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Anderson stated that there were two resolutions submitted to the General Assembly for consideration and that all resolutions would be discussed during the New Business section.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

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

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **LaFamPac BOARD – Marguerite “Cissy” Picou, MD**

Dr. Marguerite “Cissy” Picou addressed the Assembly and asked members who had not already donated to LaFamPac to do so as soon as possible. She continued by thanking Dr. James Taylor for all of his hard work during the 2011 legislative session. Dr. Alan LeBato thanked the membership for their support and participation during the legislative session and asked for continued participation in 2012. Dr. Anderson stated that LaFamPac began during the Congress of Delegates a few years ago by Dr. Bryan Picou and Dr. Anderson. They each pledged to donate six hundred dollars, if the rest of the membership matched their donations. Dr. Anderson urged the members to donate.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Brian Elkins, MD**

Dr. Anderson stated that Dr. Elkins was not in attendance, but he submitted a written report that was included in the General Assembly packet. He then gave the floor to Ms. Mary Catherine Koonce, Education Committee Liaison. Ms. Koonce informed the Assembly that the LAFP approved for Journal CME and thanked those members who turned in articles.

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

Dr. Anderson turned the floor over to Dr. James Taylor to report on the Legislative and Membership Issues Committee. Dr. Taylor first thanked Sandy & Joe Mapes, LAFP lobbyists, for all of their hard work. Dr. Taylor then stated that 2011 was a successful year for the LAFP in the legislative session. He continued by explaining that the success of 2011 has bred more responsibility. He thanked the members for their support during the 2011 session and urged them to continue during the 2012 legislative session because the LAFP will be facing difficult issues once again. He asked the members to pick up the phone and call their legislator to explain LAFP positions on legislative issues. He encouraged the members to donate to LaFamPac, but also make to sure the voice of family physicians is heard during the session.

#### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Herbert Muncie, MD**

Dr. Anderson stated that Dr. Muncie submitted a written report that was included in the packet. He then asked Mrs. Ragan LeBlanc to discuss the report, since Dr. Muncie was not in attendance. Mrs. LeBlanc stated that Dr. Muncie’s report included a \$2500 loss for last year because of the Winter Conference loss. She continued by stating that the LAFP Foundation received a grant this year for an HIT Toolkit. Mrs. LeBlanc informed the Assembly that overall, the LAFP is doing well financially.

#### **FUTURE OF FAMILY MEDICINE TASK FORCE – Richard Streiffer, MD**

Dr. Richard Streiffer presented the Assembly with the 2011 Match data tables and discussed some of the highlights from

the data collected. Dr. Streiffer stated that the Match data tables combined information gathered from Louisiana's three medical schools over the past thirty-one years. He continued by stating that 9.24% of students have entered family medicine residencies in the past thirty years. Dr. Streiffer stated that the retention rate for Louisiana was around fifty percent.

Dr. Streiffer concluded by stating that though Louisiana produces a large supply of physicians, most of them are not choosing primary care. He informed the Assembly that the current supply of physicians is insufficient in numbers to meet future needs.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that the LAFP Nominating Committee meets to discuss and review nominations for the upcoming year. He stated that the slate of nominations recommended by the Nominations Committee was included in the packet for review.

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF LAFP AND LAFP FOUNDATION OFFICERS

Dr. Anderson stated that nominations could be made from the floor for any vacant positions. Dr. Alan LeBato nominated Dr. Bryan Picou for LAFP Vice President. Dr. Bryan Picou was added to the slate of nominations. With no further discussion, the following motion was made by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

#### **MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THAT THE SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2011-2012 LAFP AND LAFP FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE ACCEPTED. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

#### DISTRICT DIRECTOR/ALTERNATE REPORTS

No verbal or written reports were provided.

#### FAMILY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### LSU – NEW ORLEANS, Kim Edward LeBlanc, MD

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report from the department was submitted and included in the packet.

##### LSU – SHREVEPORT, Michael Harper, MD

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report from the department was submitted and included in the packet.

##### TULANE – Edwin Dennard, MD

Dr. Anderson stated that Dr. Dennard was not in attendance and a written report was not submitted. He asked Dr. Streiffer if he would like to verbally report for the Tulane Department. Dr. Streiffer asked for more Preceptor participation because preceptors are the ones helping to teach the students. Dr. Streiffer informed the Assembly that Tulane is developing a medical home curriculum and resources would be soon to follow.

#### FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

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

#### LAFP FOUNDATION

##### PRESIDENTS REPORT – James Campbell, MD

Dr. James Campbell informed the Assembly that the Annual Foundation Auction would be held that evening Friday, August 5. He encouraged everyone to attend the auction to help raise money for the Foundation and thanked everyone that donated items.

Dr. Campbell continued by informing the Assembly that the Foundation Golf Tournament this year was a success. He

thanked and recognized everyone who donated to the LAFP Foundation. He encouraged everyone that has not contributed to the Foundation to do so as soon as possible. He reminded everyone that the Foundation could not continue to fund student and resident activities and programs without generous donations from the LAFP members.

#### 2011 FAMILY MEDICINE AWARD WINNERS

Dr. Campbell informed the Assembly that the recipient of the 2011 Michael O. Fleming, MD Family Medicine Award was Matthew Daniel Prine. He stated that the 2011 Gerald R. Gehringer, MD Family Medicine Award went to Stewart Greathouse and the recipient of the 2011 Tulane Family Medicine Award was Jamie Elson. He congratulated each of the recipients.

#### TAR WARS REPORT

Dr. Campbell informed the Assembly this year the Tar Wars Program and Poster Contest was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Katheryn Young a 5<sup>th</sup> grader from Coppermill Elementary School in Zachary, La., was named the 2011 Louisiana State-level Tar Wars Poster Contest winner on the steps of State Capitol at a ceremony that focused on the positive effects an increase in the state tobacco tax would have on kids. She also represented Louisiana during the National Tar Wars Poster Contest July 12 – 13, 2011. The winning posters were chosen from 50 top entries from around the state.

In addition to Katheryn Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was awarded to Olivia Williams, a 5th-grader from Pitkin, La., 3<sup>rd</sup> place was awarded to Sean Grappe, a 5th-grader from Natchitoches, La. and honorable mention went to Maddie Juneau, a 5<sup>th</sup>-grader from Cottonport, La. Tar Wars is a tobacco-free education program administered by the American Academy of Family Physicians that increases 4th- and 5th-grade students' awareness of attitudes about tobacco use and the effects of tobacco on the body. Since it was established in 1988, Tar Wars has reached more than eight million children with its tobacco-free message.

#### ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Anderson stated that there were two resolutions submitted to the General Assembly for consideration.

##### Resolution #1

Dr. Anderson read Resolution #1 submitted by the LAFP Resident and Student Leaders. He then gave the floor to Dr. Matt Delfino and Dr. Lacey Millet, the LAFP resident representatives to the LAFP Board of Directors. Dr. Delfino stated that the LAFP Resident and Student Leadership Committee would like to add a student-voting member to the LAFP General Assembly. Dr. Delfino continued by stating that the LAFP student members are becoming more involved and would like a voting position. He stated that the Assembly would have to vote to change the bylaws and if approved, then the bylaws would be revised and presented at the 2012 General Assembly for adoption that would require a 2/3 majority vote. He continued by stating that the student representative to the LAFP Board of Directors has already established a voting member position and this resolution would allow that student representative to vote during General Assembly. The following motion was made by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

#### **MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THAT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS ESTABLISHES ONE STUDENT VOTE AT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
THE MOTION CARRIED.**

With there being no further discussion, Resolution #1 was voted on, unanimously passed, and read as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians establishes one student vote at the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians General Assembly.

##### Resolution #2

Dr. Anderson read Resolution #2 submitted by Derek Anderson, MD, Speaker and Daniel Jens, MD, Vice-Speaker. He

stated that at the 2010 General Assembly meeting there were resolutions that passed, which required a bylaws change. He stated that the LAFP Bylaws have been amended to reflect the resolutions that passed at last year's General Assembly. Dr. Anderson said that adoption of the amended bylaws would require a 2/3 majority vote. Dr. Anderson then opened the floor for discussion. The following motion was made by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**  
**THAT THE LAFP BYLAWS BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:**

Page 4, Chapter IV, Section 1 – standardization of Family Practice to Family Medicine  
Page 4, Chapter IV, Section 2 – Executive Vice President approves all membership applications

**CHAPTER IV**  
**Membership**

**SECTION 1: Qualifications.**

The qualifications and conditions of membership and the classes of membership shall lie identical with the American Academy of Family Physicians except wherein the language is more suitable to local situations and shall change effective immediately, if changed by the American Academy. The Bylaws of the American Academy of Family Physicians now provide for the following classes of membership and their election:: (1) active members,(2) resident members, (3) inactive members, (4) honorary members, (5) life members, (6) student members, (7) supporting members, and (8) international members. To hold membership in the Academy, the individual must be of high moral and professional character. Additional membership qualifications required of each class of members as well as their rights and obligations and the method of their election shall be as hereinafter set forth. .

The privilege of the floor of the annual meeting and the right to vote and hold office of each class of members shall be the same as provided that class of members in the Bylaws of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Physicians eligible for membership in the Louisiana State Medical Society shall be eligible for membership in this organization provided, however, that they meet the qualifications and conditions set forth in the Bylaws of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Any physician eligible for supporting membership may be nominated and endorsed to the AAFP for that purpose by the Executive Committee of the LAFP. There are two classes of supporting members, 1) those engaged in Family ~~Practice~~ **Medicine**, the teaching of Family ~~Practice~~ **Medicine** or Medical Administration for the previous six years, but who do not qualify for active membership because they have not completed the necessary residency training, and 2) physicians in specialties other than Family ~~Practice~~ **Medicine**. A physician in a specialty other than Family ~~Practice~~ **Medicine** wishing to be nominated and endorsed for membership to the AAFP must be an active member of the faculty for a department of Family Medicine or Family Medicine Residency Program and this must be documented by a letter from the Chairman or Director of that program which specifies the time and nature of their activity for the preceding year.

Members of the Uniformed Services Chapter may hold Uniformed Services associate membership in the Louisiana Chapter without the right to vote or hold office.

**SECTION 2: Method of Selection**

Application for membership shall be made in writing on a form prescribed by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Election to membership shall be by approval of the ~~District Director in which the applicant resides~~ **Executive Vice President**, followed by publication of the applicant's name in the LAFP Newsletter.

Page 5, Chapter V, Section 2 – no admission fee being charged for the processing of new member applications

**CHAPTER V**

## Dues and Admission Fee

**SECTION 2.** ~~An admission fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be paid by all new active members, said fee to be forwarded to the Executive Vice President of the American Academy of Family Physicians together with the first year's dues to said corporation. The admission fee and first annual state and national dues shall accompany the candidate's membership application; provided, however, that the total sum shall be refunded in the event his/her application is not approved.~~

Page 9, Chapter VIII, Section 4 – Director and Alternate Director positions were left out

## CHAPTER VIII Election of Officers and Directors

**SECTION 4.** At the time of the annual meeting, the nominating committee shall present nominations to the General Assembly for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Speaker, Vice-Speaker and one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate to the Congress of Delegates of the American Academy of Family Physicians **and any vacant Director and Alternate Director position**. Additional nominations for these offices may be made from the floor of the Assembly.

Page 17, Chapter XII, Section 1 – adding of the Resident and Student Leadership Committee

Page 18, Chapter XII, Section 4 – adding that the Committee on Operations look at revising any clean-up of the bylaws every two years

Page 18, Chapter XII, Section 5 – removing number six since the Resident and Student Leadership Committee will be evaluating and advising the Board of Directors on resident and student affairs; also re-numbering the duties because of the deletion of number six

Page 18, Chapter XII, Section 7 – needs to be re-numbered due to the sections be out of sequence and removing the word “District”

Page 19, Chapter XII, Section 7 – this will be the functions of the Resident and Student Leadership Committee that will need to be added to the Bylaws

## CHAPTER XII Committees

The committees of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians shall be standing committees. All members of any LAFP committee must be a member of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians.

### **SECTION 1. Regular Standing Committees Listing**

The following standing committees shall be established by the President with the advice and concurrence of the Board of Directors:

- (1) Committee on Education;
- (2) Committee on Operations;
- (3) Committee on Legislative & Membership Issues;
- (4) Nominating Committee
- (5) Resident and Student Leadership Committee**

The composition of these bodies shall be determined by the Board of Directors and their functions shall be as specifically set forth in other sections of these Bylaws and as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 2. Organization**

The President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, may appoint such additional committees or similar organizational entities to assist the Board of Directors as he deems appropriate. The composition and functions of such additional committees or organizational entities shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 3. Committee on Education**

The functions of this committee shall be:

- (1) To plan and conduct the scientific program at the Annual Scientific Assembly.
- (2) To encourage and assist members in conducting research appropriate to the field of Family Medicine.
- (3) To conduct, develop, assist and evaluate educational programs developed for the education and training of Family Physicians at the graduate and undergraduate level, and developed to provide continuing medical education for the benefit of the members of this Academy and of the profession at large.

### **SECTION 4. Committee on Operations**

The functions of this committee shall be:

- (1) To supervise the financial transactions of the Academy including, but not limited to:
  - (a) submitting an annual budget for the approval of the Board of Directors,
  - (b) supervising the keeping of the Academy's accounts,
  - (c) supervising the operational costs and approving all expenditures incurred in maintaining the LAFP Headquarters Office Building including all property.
- (2) To ~~periodically~~ **biennially** make a study of the Bylaws and make recommendations for changes, deletions, or modifications in order to maintain the integrity and consistency of the Bylaws.
- (3) To evaluate Academy projects and recommend to the Board of Directors any initiative which would aid in the Long Range Planning of the Academy.
- (4) The Treasurer of the Academy shall serve as Chair of the Committee on Operations.

### **SECTION 5. Committee on Legislative & Membership Issues**

The functions of this committee shall be:

- (1) To promote membership interest in the Academy.
- (2) To initiate, coordinate, and subsidize membership services made available through the Academy.
- (3) To evaluate and advise the Board of Directors on issues of concern to minority physicians.
- (4) To evaluate and advise the Board of Directors on issues of concern to women in medicine.
- (5) To evaluate and advise the Board of Directors on issues of concern to new physicians in practice.
- ~~(6) To evaluate and advise the Board of Directors on issues relating to resident and student affairs.~~
- ~~(7)~~ (6) To evaluate and advise the Board of Directors on other issues as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
- ~~(8)~~ (7) To formulate and advise the Board of Directors on plans and programs which expand, maintain and improve health care services and standards.
- ~~(9)~~ (8) To investigate and recommend such action to the Board of Directors to insure that the Louisiana Chapter of the AAFP shall have an active voice on all issues concerning legislative and governmental affairs.
- ~~(10)~~ (9) To recommend to the Board of Directors such campaigns of public enlightenment or education as it may deem appropriate.
- ~~(11)~~ (10) To evaluate such issues of ethics as may come before the Academy and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors on such ethical issues as the Board shall deem appropriate.
- ~~(12)~~ (11) To evaluate and advise the Board of Directors on the special health care needs of minority population groups.

### **SECTION 7.6. Committee on Nominations**

The President shall, at least ninety days before the General Assembly meeting, form the Nominating Committee, which will be comprised for the following members: the Legislative and Membership Committee Chair, who will serve as the Nominating Committee Chair, the President, President-Elect, and two other Board of Directors members selected by the President.

The functions of this committee shall be:

- 1) meet at least ninety days prior to the date of the annual General Assembly.
- 2) insure that there is at least one candidate for election to each officer position; and each vacant District Director and Alternate District Director slot; and each vacant AAFP Delegate and AAFP Alternate Delegate slot.
- 3) investigate the qualifications of prospective candidates and receive assurance from each selectee that he/she is willing and eager to serve the Academy and attend all Board Meetings and other meetings that the position requires.
- 4) present the selections of the Nominating Committee, with the exception of the Office of Treasurer, at a time during the General Assembly determined by the Speaker. These nominations, as presented by the Committee Chair, shall indicate that the selections are not endorsements and other nominations from the Assembly floor are in order.
- 5) present a nomination for the Office of Treasurer to the Board of Directors meeting held during the Assembly.

#### **SECTION 7. Resident and Student Leadership Committee**

*The functions of this committee shall be:*

- (1) To provide a forum for resident and student members of the LAFP to meet and discuss problems and solutions regarding Family Medicine policy, primary care physician recruitment, clinical skills assessment and improvement, and leadership development.*
- (2) To support, encourage, and validate the choice of Family Medicine as a specialty.*
- (3) To coordinate efforts in recruitment and programming between residents and students in the state*
- (4) To evaluate and advise the Board of Directors on issues unique to medical students and family medicine residents*
- (5) To facilitate the LAFP Mentorship Program amongst students, residents, and practicing physicians*
- (6) To facilitate planning of the annual Resident & Student Leadership Conference,*
- (7) To assist in planning resident and student activities at Annual Assembly, and*
- (8) To promote LAFP information and events to residency programs and FMIGs*

#### **SECTION 8. Meetings**

Each Committee shall meet at least twice a year and submit an annual report to the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly.

#### **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

With there being no further discussion, Resolution #2 was voted on, unanimously passed, and read as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that LAFP Bylaws be changed as written.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional announcements.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Due to there being no special elections during the General Assembly, the following officers were elected for the 2011-2012 year:

President: David Euans, MD, Metairie, LA

President-Elect: Mark Dawson, MD, Rayne, LA

Vice President: Bryan Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA  
Secretary Brian Elkins, MD, Alexandria, LA  
Treasurer Herbert Muncie, MD, Mandeville, LA  
Speaker Derek Anderson, MD, Baton Rouge, LA  
Vice-Speaker/GA Daniel Jens, MD, Mandeville, 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

**Board of Directors**

District 1 Director Sarat Raman, MD, New Orleans, LA  
District 1 Alternate Coleman Pratt, MD, New Orleans, LA  
District 2 Director Daniel Jens, MD, Mandeville, LA  
District 2 Alternate Position Vacant  
District 3A Director Melvin Bourgeois, MD, Morgan City, LA  
District 3A Alternate Jack Heidenreich, MD, Raceland, LA  
District 3B Director Zeb Stearns, MD, Eunice, LA  
District 3B Alternate Position Vacant  
District 4 Director Ricky Jones, MD, Shreveport, LA  
District 4 Alternate Gregory Bell, MD, Coushatta, LA  
District 5 Director M. Tahir Qayyum, MD, Bastrop, LA  
District 5 Alternate William M. Ellerbe, MD, Columbia, LA  
District 6A Director James Taylor, MD, Livingston, LA  
District 6A Alternate Phillip Ehlers, MD, Baton Rouge, LA  
District 6B Director Richard Friend, MD, Bogalusa, LA  
District 6B Alternate Position Vacant  
District 7 Director Jason Fuqua, MD, Westwego, LA  
District 7 Alternate Charles Humphries, MD, Lake Charles, LA  
District 8 Director Jonathan Hunter, MD, Alexandria, LA  
District 8 Alternate Kiranmaye Balapala, MD, Alexandria, LA  
District Director at Large Admir Seferovic, MD, Innis, LA

District Director at Large Alternate Esther Holloway, MD, Coushatta, LA

**Foundation Board of Directors**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| President                | Alan LeBato, MD      |
| President-Elect          | David Euans, MD      |
| Secretary                | Wayne Gravois, MD    |
| Treasurer                | Herbert Muncie, MD   |
| Immediate Past President | James Campbell, MD   |
| Lay Member #1            | Lee Ann Albert       |
| Lay Member #2            | Kenny Laborde        |
| Lay Member #3            | Weber Parent         |
| Lay Member #4            | Laura Landry         |
| LAFP Member #1           | E. Edward Martin, MD |
| LAFP Member #2           | Albert Rees, MD      |
| LAFP Member #3           | Jonathan Hunter, MD  |
| LAFP Member #4           | Position Vacant      |

**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 3:42 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Derek Anderson, MD  
Speaker  
General Assembly