AAFP Delegate Report

Delegates
Marguerite “Cissy” Picou, MD
Russell Roberts, MD

Alternate Delegates
Bryan Picou, MD
James Campbell, MD

(1) Louisiana’s delegates and alternates to the 2015 American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates, Marguerite Picou, MD, Bryan Picou, MD, James Campbell, MD and Russell Roberts, MD attended the Congress sessions held September 28-30 at the Hyatt Regency Denver in Denver, CO.

(2) During the COD’s reference committee hearings on Sept. 28, AAFP members will have a chance to share their views about various resolutions to be considered and help shape new AAFP policies. Delegates voted on those resolutions in subsequent business sessions. Then, on Sept. 30, the delegates elected AAFP officers and members of the Board of Directors.

(3) Delegates to the 2015 Congress of Delegates had other topics they tackled, which included immunization exemptions and student loan repayment. After lengthy reference committee testimony and continued debate during the Sept. 29 business session, delegates overruled the reference committee's referral recommendation and adopted a resolution that directed the Academy to advocate for graduated loan repayment programs. Delegates also adopted a measure that looked to the Academy to support legislation that would eliminate nonmedical immunization exemptions for those participating in federally funded educational programs, including Head Start. In addition, delegates adopted a number of substitute resolutions on various clinical and public health issues, directing the AAFP to support implementation of programs for first-responders and nonmedical personnel to administer naloxone; advocate for a federally funded adult immunization program that would include administration of vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices that are given in the primary care office; and support the inclusion of U.S. territories and Puerto Rico in all aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including funding.

(4) Dr. Campbell served on the Credentials Committee. Dr. Roberts served on the Bylaws Workgroup.

(5) New officers elected by the Congress include:
- President-Elect – John Meigs Jr., M.D. (Brent, AL)
- Speaker – Javette Orgain, M.D., M.P.H. (Chicago
- Vice Speaker – Alan Schwartzstein, M.D. (Oregon, WI)

(6) AAFP Board of Directors:
- Jack Chou, MD, FAAFP (Pomona, CA)
- Robert A. Lee, MD (Iowa City, IA)
- Michael L. Munger, MD (Kansas City, MO)
(7) **New Physician board member:**
   - Marie-Elizabeth Ramas, M.D. (Mount Shasta, CA)

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   - Marie-Elizabeth Ramas, M.D. (Mount Shasta, CA)

(10) **Resident board member:**
   - Richard Bruno, M.D., M.P.H. (Baltimore, MD)

(11) **Student board member:**
   - Tiffany Ho, M.P.H. (Baltimore, MD)

(12) The 2016 AAFP Congress of Delegates will be held in September 19-21, 2016 in Orlando, FL

Respectfully Submitted,
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Russell Roberts, MD
James Campbell, MD
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