CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Derek Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

INVOCATION
Dr. Anderson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Dr. Anderson led the pledge of allegiance.

IN MEMORIAM REPORT
Dr. Anderson reviewed the Memoriam Report, he asked for a moment of silence for a member who passed away since the last General Assembly: Milburn Calhoun, MD of New Orleans, LA.

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 – MICHAEL BERTAUT
Dr. Anderson introduced Michael Bertaut, Healthcare Economist and Exchange Coordinator for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. He went on to say that Mr. Bertaut is a Certified Health Consultant and Professional of the Academy of Healthcare Management. He also stated that Mr. Bertaut is a financial forecaster, responsible for the models which predict membership activity for the over 1.4 million Louisianians who are members of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. Mr. Bertaut is a thirty-year cancer survivor. He is married to a very patient Marla (RN) and they have three
children. Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that Mr. Bertaut is currently employed as Healthcare Economist and Exchange Coordinator for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – MICHAEL BERTAUT
Mr. Bertaut began by apologizing for the absence of Mike Reitz and thanked the Assembly for allowing him to fill in for Mr. Reitz. Mr. Bertaut informed the Assembly that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA) and physicians are partners, BCBSLA’s path to success has to go through the physicians’ office. Mr. Bertaut went on to explain his own relationship with a primary care physician that he encountered during college at Louisiana State University. Mr. Bertaut had a injury that would have cost him his leg, if it were not for his primary care physician.

Mr. Bertaut began to discuss the healthcare insurance trends over the years and explained that BCBSLA has learned lessons from their past. He explained that in the older days, there were more options for healthcare when it came to cost. He stated that patient centered medical home and primary care are the “death of fee for service.” He continued by stating that BCBSLA has to return money back in to the system. Dr. James Taylor proposed the question, “Do you see a trend of BCBSLA of becoming public utilities?” Mr. Bertaut stated that it is looking more and more that way. He continued by stating that any executive that is paid more that half a million dollars, anything over the half a million dollars cannot be considered a business expense. Dr. Brian Elkins proposed the question, “What are your thoughts on the health insurance exchange?” Mr. Bertaut stated the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) speaks of innovation change, but they will have to be the first to start the process. He continued by stating that a one size fits all type model will not work. Mr. Bertaut thanked the Assembly for their time and stated that he would be around if anyone had any further questions.

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. He provided the Assembly with updates from legal matters involving the constitutionally of the cap. The case of 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. He then stated that on March 13, 2012, the Third Circuit Court ruling was reversed and he believed this would be the end of the case. Dr. Grimstad informed the Assembly that the outcome of the Oliver v. Magnolia Clinic would have an effect on the Arrington v. Taylor decision. He stated that for now, the cap is constitutional and any changes would have to be made legislatively.

Dr. Grimstad stated that the 2012 Legislative session ended and discussed a few pieces of legislation relative to the cap. He stated that during the 2012 Louisiana legislative session, four bills were killed that were relative to the cap. He continued by stating that Act 600 and Act 759 recreates the Medical Disclosure Act. Act 538 which provides relative to medical malpractice and acts or omissions arising from do no resuscitate and similar orders went in to effect of June 5, 2012. Act 620, which clarifies duties of healthcare providers as it relates to communicable diseases, went in to effect on June 7, 2012. Act 756, which provides with respect to healthcare records, went in to effect August 1, 2012. Act 772, which provides for the use of the title of “Doctor” or the abbreviation “Dr.” by certain healthcare providers, went in to effect on August 1, 2012. Dr. Grimstad continued by stating that HB 951, which provides relative to advanced practice registered nurses, was deferred in committee by a vote of 12 to 4. Dr. Grimstad stated that LAMMICO believes the collaborative agreements between physicians and nurses needs to be updated and present. Lastly, Dr. Grimstad referenced HB 612, which provides relative to medical review panel, that was opposed and deferred.

Dr. Grimstad stated that LAMMICO remains a financially strong company that will advocate on behalf of the physicians. He thanked the Assembly for their time and stated that he could be contacted if anyone had questions.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN MEIGS, MD, FAAFP
Dr. Anderson introduced Dr. John Meigs, Speaker of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He continued by stating that Dr. John Meigs is a family physician in Centreville, Ala., is speaker of the Congress of Delegates, the governing body of the American Academy of Family Physicians. At the state level, Meigs is an active member of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians. He served on its board of directors since 1991, including terms as president and chair. He also has served on the Alabama AFP’s Executive Committee and chaired both the Public Relations Committee and Education Committee. Meigs also was vice president of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that as an active member of his community, Dr. Meigs serves as a deacon at Brent Baptist Church, a member of the Brent Civitan Club and president of the Bibb County Junior Miss Board of Directors. In 2004, he was named Bibb County Citizen of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Centreville. Dr. Meigs earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and his medical degree from the University of South Alabama, Mobile. He completed his family medicine residency at the University of Alabama Birmingham Selma Family Practice Residency Program in Selma, Ala., where he also served as chief resident. Dr. Anderson finished his introduction by stating that Dr. Meigs 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 – JOHN MEIGS, MD, FAAFP
Dr. Meigs provided an update about the AAFP and the past year. Dr. Meigs 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. Meigs 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. Meigs began to discuss advocacy and the importance. He stated that there is still more work to be done on Subsustainable Growth Rate (SGR), which will be here to stay. 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. Meigs stated that the AAFP has continued to implement and support programs that better the health of the public. The AAFP has been very proud of the Tar Wars program and will continue to advance the health of the public.

Dr. Meigs 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 had not revised the AAFP bylaws since the 1960s and that it was time for a revision. The AAFP put together a Bylaws Revision Taskforce, which would not only revise the bylaws but help to update and modernize the AAFP. They will also make communications more user friendly. The first draft of the bylaws has been written and the AAFP Congress of Delegates will vote on the bylaws revision later in the year. Dr. Meigs finished by stating that the AAFP will continue to establish better communications between our organizations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business for discussion on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS
APPROVAL OF 2011 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 5, 2011 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.
THE MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS
Dr. Anderson stated that there was one resolution submitted to the General Assembly for consideration.

Resolution #1
Dr. Anderson read Resolution #1 submitted by Derek Anderson, MD, Speaker and Daniel Jens, MD, Vice-Speaker. He stated that at the 2011 General Assembly meeting there was a resolution passed adding a student voting member during General Assembly, which required a bylaws change. He stated that the LAFP Bylaws have been amended to reflect the resolution 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 7, Chapter VI, Section 5 – add student for voting privileges during General Assembly

CHAPTER VI
Annual and Special Meetings
SECTION 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors there shall be an annual meeting of the Louisiana Chapter, American Academy of Family Physicians which shall include a meeting of the General Assembly together with such meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and other committees as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. The date and place of the annual meeting shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The control and administration of the Academy shall be vested in a General Assembly composed of members of the Academy in good standing as determined by the Bylaws of the American Academy of Family Physicians and who are present at the Annual General Assembly of the Louisiana Chapter of the AAFP and who are verified by the Secretary as voting members in good standing. The General Assembly may, at any time by a majority vote, refer and submit to the members of the Academy defined questions affecting the policy or recommendations of the Academy which, in the opinion of the General Assembly, are of immediate, practical consequence to the members of the Academy and to the public. The result of the referendum when duly ascertained by such vote shall control the acts of the Academy and its officers, agents and employees.

SECTION 3. Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or the President. Special meetings shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of any ten (10) or more members at a place and time determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Notice of annual or special meetings shall be given by the Secretary to all members at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of such meetings, either by letter mailed to the member's address as it appears on the Secretary's records or by publications in the official publication, if any, of the organization.

SECTION 5. Twenty-five (25) voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting, and unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the articles of incorporation or by law, all matters shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present and voting. There shall also be one student and one resident member elected by the student and resident members. The resident and student member shall have full voting privileges in the Assembly.

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules of procedure for the transaction of business at the annual or special meetings of this organization as it deems desirable unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 7. The Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Chapter of the AAFP shall be the Secretary of the General Assembly.

SECTION 8. Except by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the General Assembly present and voting, no resolution may be submitted to the General Assembly unless said resolution has been submitted in writing to the Executive Vice President of the Academy or the Speaker of the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

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.

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 and FamMedPAC to do so as soon as possible. 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 stated that he and Dr. Bryan Picou would double their donation amount to $1,200.00 each, if the membership matched their donations. Dr. Anderson urged the members to donate.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Brian Elkins, MD
Dr. Brian Elkins stated that a written report was submitted in the General Assembly packet for review and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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 2012 was a successful year for the LAFP in the legislative session. He informed the Assembly that during the 2012 legislative session the piece of legislation removing the collaborative agreement between the nurse practitioners and a physician was defeated. He continued by saying that the nurse practitioners will continue to push for this piece of legislation in the upcoming years and that the LAFP has to be ready for them. He thanked the members for their support during the 2012 session and urged them to continue during the 2013 legislative session. 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. Dr. Taylor stated that the LAFP has already begun to work on the 2013 legislative session in collaboration with the other medical groups and we will need that participation of the LAFP members.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Herbert Muncie, MD
Dr. Anderson stated that the financial reports were included in the General Assembly packet. He then asked Mrs. Ragan LeBlanc to address with Assembly regarding the financials. Mrs. LeBlanc stated that the Academy looked to be financially sound. She continued by stating that the annual audit report should be completed within the next few weeks and the results could be found on the LAFP website.

FUTURE OF FAMILY MEDICINE TASK FORCE
Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that the Future of Family Medicine Task Force was created to collect and review Match data for Louisiana. Dr. Richard Streiffer and Dr. Edward Martin were the two chairs of the task force, but Dr. Streiffer has now moved to Alabama. The task force has not yet reached subset, so the data collection and review was then passed on to the LAFP staff. Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that the 2012 Match Data Tables were located on the tables for their review. He stated that the data collected seemed to show that Louisiana does not have a problem with graduating physicians. He continued by stating that the problem appeared to be that the graduating students are not choosing family medicine and they are not matching to residency programs within the state.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that the LAFP Nominating Committee met 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. James Taylor read the nominations and stated that Alternate District Director positions were still vacant in districts 3B, 6A and 8. He encouraged members of the Assembly to fill these positions. Dr. Carol Smothers-Swift nominated to fill the Alternate District Director position in district 6A. Dr. Carol Smothers-Swift 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 2012-2013 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 a written report from the department was submitted and included in the packet.

**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 – Alan LeBato, MD**

Dr. Alan LeBato stated that his written report was included in the General Assembly packet and he did not have anything else to add to the report.

**2012 FAMILY MEDICINE AWARD WINNERS**

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that the recipient of the 2012 Michael O. Fleming, MD Family Medicine Award was Clint Nickolas Lincoln. He stated that the 2012 Gerald R. Gehringer, MD Family Medicine Award went to Sara Doguet and the recipient of the 2012 Tulane Family Medicine Award was Larissa Thomas. He congratulated each of the recipients.

**TAR WARS REPORT**

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that a written Tar Wars report was included in the packet. He encouraged any member that would like to become involved in Tar Wars to speak to Dr. Wayne Gravois, Tar Wars State Coordinator.

**ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**

There was no additional new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that Louisiana Healthcare Connections was hosting a cocktail hour in the breezeway for members. He also stated that the LAFP Foundation Auction would be held on the Finz Pool Deck at 7:00 pm.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Due to there being no special elections during the General Assembly, the following officers were elected for the 2012-2013 year:
President: Mark Dawson, MD, Rayne, LA
President-Elect: Michael Harper, MD, Shreveport, LA
Vice President: James Taylor, MD, Zachary, LA
Secretary: Brian Elkins, MD, Alexandria, LA
Treasurer: Bryan Picou, MD, Natchitoches, 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: Mary Coleman, MD, New Orleans, LA
District 2 Director: Daniel Jens, MD, Mandeville, LA
District 2 Alternate: Luis Arencibia, MD, Mandeville, LA
District 3A Director: Melvin Bourgeois, MD, Morgan City, LA
District 3A Alternate: Jack Heidenreich, MD, Raceland, LA
District 3B Director: Indira Gautam, MD, Lafayette, 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: Phillip Ehlers, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
District 6A Alternate: Carol Smothers-Swift, MD, New Roads, LA
District 6B Director: Richard Friend, MD, Bogalusa, LA
District 6B Alternate: Christopher Foret, MD, Franklinton, LA
District 7 Director: Jason Fuqua, MD, Sulphur, LA
District 7 Alternate: Charles Humphries, MD, Lake Charles, LA
District 8 Director: Jonathan Hunter, MD, Alexandria, LA
District 8 Alternate  Position Vacant
District Director at Large  Admir Seferovic, MD, Innis, LA
District Director at Large Alternate  Esther Holloway, MD, Coushatta, LA

Resident Representative  Matthew Delfino, MD, Kenner, LA
Resident Alternate  Mary Ellis, MD, Metairie, LA
Student Representative  Ronald Slipman, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Student Alternate  Ashley Ingolia, LSUHSC-NO, New Orleans, LA

Foundation Board of Directors
President  David Euans, MD
President-Elect  Mark Dawson, MD
Secretary  Wayne Gravois, MD
Treasurer  Bryan Picou, MD
Immediate Past President  Alan LeBato, MD
Lay Member #1  Lee Ann Albert
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  Albert Rees, MD
LAFP Member #4  Jonathan Hunter, MD

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 3:08 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Anderson, MD
Speaker
General Assembly