
General Assembly – July 4, 2014 – Destin, FL

DRAFT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

SanDestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin, FL

July 4, 2014- 1:00 pm

PRESENT:

Derek Anderson, MD
David Barnes, MD
Walter Birdsall, MD
Melvin Bourgeois, MD
Richard Bridges, MD
Robert Brower, MD, FAAFP
Kenneth Brown, MD, FAAFP
Lacey Cavanaugh, MD
Mark Dawson, MD, FAAFP
Neal Duhon, MD, FAAFP
Brian Elkins, MD, FAAFP

Thomas Fontenot, MD, FAAFP
Wayne Gravois, MD
Michael Harper, MD, FAAFP
Jack Heidenreich, MD
Daniel Jens, MD, FAAFP
Claude Meeks, MD
Tobe Momah, MBBS, FAAFP
Ellen Mullen, MD
Bryan Picou, MD, FAAFP
Marguerite Picou, MD, FAAFP
Camille Pitre, MD

Marcus Pittman, MD, FAAFP
Paul Rachal, MD
Georgette Somjen, MD
Zebediah Stearns, MD

Special Guests

Reid Blackwelder, MD, FAAFP
David Carmouche, MD

LAFP Staff:

Ragan LeBlanc, Executive Vice President
Meghan Daniel, Membership and Advocacy Coordinator
Joe Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist
Sandy Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist
Bilee Yelverton- LAFP Lobbyist

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Dan 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: Tuney Arceneaux, MD, James Ball MD, Paul Comeaux, MD, Joseph George, MD, Roy LaSalle, MD, Jose Pineda, MD, Lillian Robinson, MD, CJ Schexnaildre, MD, Albert Sonnier, MD, Richard Stuart, MD.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Jens then recognized the LAFP Board members by asking them to stand. He stated that the Academy could not exist without their support. He did the same for those who have served on an LAFP Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – DAVID CARMOUCHE, MD

Dr. David Carmouche is Executive Vice President of external operations and Chief Medical Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. He is board-certified in internal medicine and a specialist in clinical hypertension as well as a diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Lipidology. He was the state's first board-certified clinical lipidologist.

ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – DAVID CARMOUCHE, MD

Dr. Carmouche stated that he would discuss the past year in healthcare from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. He said that beginning in January 2014, the healthcare exchanges were open. He explained that no one could be denied insurance coverage through healthcare.gov due to previous or current health conditions. He discussed the penalties that would be issued for not having health insurance after the first year and the exemptions that would be allowed. Dr. Carmouche then gave an overview of insurance costs based on pay level. He then compared BCBS plans to HealthCare.gov. He explained that in Louisiana- 101,000 picked a plan on Healthcare.gov, but only 80,000 paid their first premium. He stated that the reduction of uninsured in Louisiana was 9%. Dr. Carmouche stated that he felt the healthcare exchange was unsuccessful in its first year. He discussed that the age of those who took advantage was substantially older than the general Louisiana population. He talked about health insurance rates rising and younger populations not being able to afford these rates. Dr. Carmouche stated that this is the time for primary care doctors. He informed the members that Blue Cross and Blue Shield Louisiana was taking the lead in providing information regarding primary care services. He stated that they must share information with providers and consumers to enable them to participate in their healthcare decisions. Dr. Carmouche went on to say that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana was making plans to bring data and transparency to the marketplace. He urged the Assembly to visit the Quality Blue booth in the exhibit hall during the conference. He discussed the program and the benefits of participating. He then took questions from those attending.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – REID BLACKWELDER, MD, FAAFP

Reid B. Blackwelder, MD, FAAFP, a family physician in Kingsport, Tenn., is president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Previously, he served three years as a director on the AAFP Board and one year as president-elect. Blackwelder was elected president-elect in October 2012 by the Congress of Delegates, the AAFP's governing body. The AAFP represents 115,900 physicians and medical students nationwide.

A member of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians since 1992, Blackwelder served in several positions, including president. He has been a member of the board of directors for more than 10 years and has served in multiple capacities on numerous Tennessee AFP committees. He represented the chapter at the AAFP Congress of Delegates beginning in 2002, until his election to the AAFP Board of Directors in 2009.

ADDRESS OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – REID BLACKWELDER, MD, FAAFP

Dr. Blackwelder stated that Dr. Carmouche's presentation portrayed a good overview of what is happening nationally. He explained that Louisiana had a good opportunity to make changes and set a good example for the nation. Dr. Blackwelder explained the good and bad parts of the focus on primary care. He stated that the good thing about it is that everyone is excited about primary care, and the bad is that everyone has a different definition of it. He shared with the Assembly what the AAFP is doing for primary care and the issues they are facing. He discussed the Medicaid/Medicare parity, SGR, primary care bonus, and the 2% cut to Medicare per year. Dr. Blackwelder also discussed the Match Data across the nation and the discrepancy between those who are going into primary care. He stated that we need to define primary care specifically so there won't be any confusion. He urged the Assembly to discuss scope of practice and other issues affecting primary care with legislators. He stated that it is important to point out access to care will not be affected by expanding scope of practice. He encouraged the Assembly to make the change from being called "doctor" to "physician". He stated that the right to be called "doctor" has been earned by many people, but they are only ones that have earned "physicians". Dr. Blackwelder invited the Assembly to attend the AAFP

Assembly and Congress of Delegates in the Fall, where they will be rolling out the much anticipated program, Family Medicine 2.0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2013 GA MINUTES

Dr. Jens 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 2, 2013 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BYLAWS REVISION/APPENDIX A

Dr. Jens stated that there were a few changes to the Bylaws Appendix A this year. He explained to the Assembly that the only changes made were regarding Membership classification when a physician is working locum tenens or in a position that does not require a medical license in their jurisdiction. He stated that the changes were stated in the handbook. The following motion was adopted in unanimous consent of the Assembly:

MOTION (APPROVED)

THAT THE BYLAW REVISIONS/ APPENDIX A BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Jens stated that there were no new resolutions submitted to the General Assembly for consideration.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST PRESIDENTS

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Brian Elkins, MD

Dr. Elkins stated that the primary product of the Education Committee was the Annual Assembly. He asked that if anyone wanted to be on the Education Committee to contact him or the LAFP office.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Bryan Picou, MD

Dr. Anderson stated that the financial reports were included in the General Assembly packet. He asked if the Treasure had any report to provide on the financials. Dr. Picou stated that the financials for the LAFP appear to be sound. He listed the accounts holding as follows:

Operating Account: \$106, 139.38
Reserve Account: \$212, 873.68
Credit Card Account: \$21, 742.53
National Campaign Fund: \$1,661.00
TOTAL: \$342, 416.59

Dr. Picou stated that for transparency, he needed to discuss an incident that had occurred in the LAFP office. He explained to the Assembly that after the 2013 Audit, it was realized that some funds were missing. He explained to the Board that the missing funds had been retrieved and the employee responsible for them had been terminated. He assured the members that their money was safe with the LAFP and that preventive measures have been taken so this

would not happen again.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- James Taylor, MD

Dr. Anderson reported the nominations for the LAFP Foundation and the LAFP Academy Board of Directors. He referred to the nomination slates that were included in the handbook. He stated that there were a few positions open for District Board Members. He stated that if anyone had an interest in these open positions, that nominations would need to be made from the floor.

LEGISLATIVE & MEMBERSHIP ISSUES COMMITTEE – Joe Mapes, Lobbyist

Since Dr. James Taylor was not present to give this report, Dr. Anderson handed the floor over to LAFP Lobbyist, Mr. Joe Mapes. Mr. Mapes went on to discuss the legislative business of the LAFP. He updated the Assembly on the 2014 Legislative Session stating that even though it was a stressful session, it was a success. Mr. Mapes stated the success of the 6 legislative breakfasts and dinners. He explained the importance of getting to know legislators on a personal level. He also discussed the success of the Legislative and Advocacy Training as well as White Coat Day and the Legislative Health Fair. He explained that a total of 8 bills attempting to expand the scope for nurse practitioners, pharmacist and optometrist were presented before the legislature. All but one of these bills was successfully defeated thanks to the hard work and collaborative efforts to alert and educate the medical community on what kind of precedent would be established if these bills were to be passed. He echoed Dr. Blackwelder's presentation, stating the importance of communicating and educating legislators on issues important to primary care. Mr. Mapes thanked the Assembly, Board members, and staff for their hard work this legislative session.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF LAFP AND LAFP FOUNDATION OFFICERS

Dr. Anderson stated that nominations could be made from the floor for any vacant positions. At this time, Dr. Marguerite Picou nominated Dr. Camille Pitre to fill the District 3A Alternate position. Dr. Pitre accepted this nomination. Dr. Anderson read the nominations with the addition of Dr. Pitre filling the District 3A Alternate position. With no further discussion, the following motion was made by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

MOTION (APPROVED)

THAT THE SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2014-2015 LAFP AND LAFP FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE ACCEPTED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

MATCH DATA

Dr. Anderson reported the Match Data from this year and stated that they were located in the handbook. He thanked Mrs. Ragan LeBlanc for all of her hard work in preparing this data.

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Mark Dawson, MD

Dr. Dawson stated that a written report was included in the General Assembly handbook and that he did not have anything additional to report.

2014 FAMILY MEDICINE AWARD WINNERS

Dr. Dawson informed the Assembly that the recipient of the 2014 Michael O. Fleming, MD Family Medicine Award was Paulette Doiron. He stated that the 2014 Gerald R. Gehringer, MD Family Medicine Award went to Becky Batiste and the

recipient of the 2014 Tulane Family Medicine Award was Ronald Slipman. He congratulated each of the recipients.

TAR WARS REPORT

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that a written Tar Wars report was included in the handbook.

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 thanked everyone who had already contributed. Dr. Anderson asked the Assembly to please donate to the LaFamPac. He stated the importance of donating and offered an incentive to the Assembly for doing so. Dr. Anderson and Drs. Bryan and Marguerite Picou would donate up to \$5,000 if the requirements were met.

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 at the Bourbon Vieux at 7:00 pm.

ELECTION RESULTS

Due to there being no special elections during the General Assembly, the following officers were elected for the 2013-2014 year:

President: Melvin Bourgeois, MD, Morgan City, LA

President-Elect: Brian Elkins, MD, Alexandria, LA

Vice President: James Taylor, MD, Zachary, LA

Secretary: Christopher Foret, MD, Franklinton, 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: Mary Coleman, MD, New Orleans, LA

District 1 Alternate: William Woessner, 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, Eunice, LA
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:	Tobe Momah, MD, West Monroe, LA
District 6A Director:	Phillip Ehlers, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
District 6A Alternate:	Carol Smothers-Swift, MD, New Roads, LA
District 6B Director:	Kevin Plaisance, MD, Covington, LA
District 6B Alternate:	Richard Bridges, MD, Amite, LA
District 7 Director:	Jason Fuqua, MD, Sulphur, LA
District 7 Alternate:	Jody George, MD, Lake Charles, LA
District 8 Director:	Jonathan Hunter, MD, Alexandria, LA
District 8 Alternate:	Matthew Erickson, MD, Jena, LA
District Director at Large:	Admir Seferovic, MD, Innis, LA
District Director at Large Alt	Esther Holloway, MD, Coushatta, LA
Resident Representative	Keisha Harvey, MD, Bogalusa, LA
Resident Alternate	Francis Tran, MD, Alexandria, LA
Student Representative	Kelly Reed, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Student Alternate	Amanda Olivier, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Foundation Board of Directors

President	Michael Harper, MD, FAAFP
President-Elect	Melvin Bourgeois, MD
Secretary	Brian Elkins, MD
Treasurer	Bryan Picou, MD
Immediate Past President	Russell Roberts, 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 3:05 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derek Anderson, MD
Speaker
General Assembly

Dan Jens, MD
Vice-Speaker
General Assembly

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