



DRAFT - GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The Roosevelt Hotel
New Orleans, LA
August 4, 2017- 1:00 pm

PRESENT:

Derek Anderson, MD, FAAFP
Donnie Batie, MD, FAAFP
D. Gregory Bell, MD, FAAFP
John Bernard, MD, FAAFP
Walter Birdsall, MD FAAFP
Deanna Blanchard, MD
Richard Bridges, MD
Donald Brignac, MD
Kenneth Brown, MD, FAAFP
James Campbell, MD
Lisa Casey, MD
Lacey Cavanaugh, MD
Mary Coleman, MD
Dwight Curtis, MD, FAAFP
Thomas Davis, MD, FAAFP
Mark Dawson, MD, FAAFP
Amy Deris, MD
Brian Elkins, MD, FAAFP
Thomas Fontenot, MD
Christopher Foret, MD
Eric Gravois, MD

Nichole Guillory, MD, MPH
Michael Haas, MD, FAAFP
David Hardey, MD, FAAFP
Chris Hayes, MD
Jack Heidenreich, MD
Jonathan Hunter, MD, FAAFP
Edward Jeffries, MD, FAAFP
Daniel Jens, MD, FAAFP
Edmond Kalifey, MD, FAAFP
Rhonda Kendrick, MD, FAAFP
Robert Kenny, MD, FAAFP
Alan LeBato, MD, FAAFP
William Long, MD
Robert Marshall, MD
Jose Mata, MD, FAAFP
Carl McLemore, MD, FAAFP
Claude Meeks, MD
Ronald Menard, MD, FAAFP
Michael Montgomery, MD,
FAAFP
Danette Null, MD, FAAFP

Brandon Page, MD
Dianna Phan, MD
Bryan Picou, Jr., MD
Camille Pitre, MD
M. Tahir Qayyum, MD, FAAFP
Paul Rachal, MD
Kathleen Rosson, MD
James Smith, MD, FAAFP
Allen Spires, MD
Linda Stewart, MD, FAAFP
Carol Swift, MD
James Taylor, MD
John Walker, MD, FAAFP
David Ware, MD
Hugh Washburn, MD, FAAFP
Pamela Wiseman, MD
Rachel Wissner, MD

Special Guests

Vindell Washington, MD
John Meigs, MD, FAAFP

LAFP Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Derek Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Dr. Anderson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Anderson 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: James Lee Christopher, MD, Jerry Dwayne Helms, MD, Thomas L McNeely, MD, Lana Aldridge Metoyer, MD and George L Risinger, MD

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Anderson then recognized the LAFP Board members that served the past year by asking them to stand.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – VINDELL WASHINGTON, MD

Dr. Casey gave an overview of Dr. Washington's background stating he is currently the Chief Medical Officer and serves as the clinical thought leader and spokesperson for the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA) and is responsible for developing and executing a strategy that both improves the quality of health care delivered to the company's members and improves cost and efficiency. As CMO, he is directly responsible for managing an integrated clinical operation that includes utilization management, case management, population health management, quality management, and pharmacy management. He is also responsible for maintaining national accreditation for the organization. Dr. Casey proudly introduced Dr. Vindell Washington.

ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – VINDELL WASHINGTON, MD

Dr. Washington thanked the LAFP for allowing him to present for the meeting and stated to the membership that he was proud of the ongoing partnership between BCBS and LAFP to enhance primary care access. He went on to discuss healthcare cost and the quality of the care in the United State compared to the rest of the nation. He reported that in Louisiana, more than half the state's adult population has at least one chronic condition –diabetes, high blood pressure, etc. and that this accounts for more than two-thirds of all healthcare costs. He informed the membership that there were several factors that are driving up cost with drug costs increasing rapidly. He stated that in 2015, for first time, Blue Cross spent more on drugs than medical services for customers. He went on to discuss the support that BCBS was currently offering primary care physicians which included: increased value-based reimbursement through the Blue Distinction Total Care for all Blue customers; and the expansion of existing Quality Blue programs; promoting PCP visits and the continuing lower office co-pays for Quality Blue Primary Care; increased ER co-pays for all customers; and smarter Pharmacy Benefits by expanding closed formulary to combat waste. Lastly, he informed those present, new programs that BCBS would be offering that included: price transparency with Smart Shopper and can be found at www.bcbsla.com/SmartShopper; Government Programs that included the Blue Advantage (Medicare Advantage) and Healthy Blue (Medicaid partnership with Amerigroup Louisiana); Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) where Louisiana was selected for the second round; Quality Blue Primary Care 2.0, a claims-based program with process-based measures that allows more PCPs to join; and BlueCare that offers 24/7 online doctor visits. He then took questions.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN MEIGS, JR., MD, AAFP PRESIDENT

Dr. Casey then went on to introduce the next speaker, Dr. John Meigs, MD from Centreville, Alabama and President of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She stated that Dr. Meigs was in private practice in Centreville, Alabama, his hometown, from 1982 to 2013. In 2013, he merged with another practice to become a part of Bibb Medical Associates, which is housed in a clinic at Bibb Medical Center, a 25-bed rural hospital in Centreville. He also serves as chief of staff at Bibb Medical Center. Dr. Casey proudly introduced Dr. John Meigs.

ADDRESS OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN MEIGS, MD, FAAFP

Dr. Meigs 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 Actions Taken From the 2015 and 2016 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 and 2016 General Assembly that was outstanding. The report was as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians 2015 and 2016 General Assembly All items are complete. Action Grid – As of July 2017</p>		
Resolutions	Executive Committee Approved Action:	Action Taken
<p>2015 - Resolution 1: Background Checks and Education For Patients Regarding Gun Safety</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 letter was sent to all LA legislators.</p>	<p>Completed – January, 2017</p>
<p>2015 - Resolution 5: Late Term Abortions</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>Resolution submitted to the AAFP Congress of Delegates meeting and debated during the 2016 meeting. The resolution failed to be adopted.</p>	<p>Completed – September, 2016</p>
<p>2016 – Resolution 1: Division of the Legislative and Membership Issues Committee</p> <p>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</p>	<p>The membership subcommittee was formed and met in October, 2016.</p> <p>Bylaws language submitted for approval at the 2017 General Assembly meeting.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Membership Committee be approved by the General Assembly at its July, 2016 meeting.</p>		
<p>2016 – Resolution 2: Dues Increase for Active, Inactive and Supporting Membership RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) Board of Directors urges the membership to approve for the annual dues for active members of the LAFP will increase \$10 dollars beginning January 2017 resulting in the total annual dues for chapter dues to be \$320 dollars be approved by the General Assembly at its July, 2016 meeting.</p>	<p>Dues increase was sent to the AAFP to reflect in the 2017 invoices.</p>	<p>Completed – August, 2016</p>

He reported that all actions had been completed except with regards to Resolution 1: Division of the Legislative and Membership Issues Committee and that this item would be taken care of further down in the agenda with the review of the Bylaws Taskforce Report. He stated that if the Assembly approves the bylaws, all pending resolutions would be complete.

APPROVAL OF 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY 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 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Anderson announced there were no resolutions submitted before or after the resolution deadline and closed the submission period.

BYLAWS REVISION TASKFORCE REPORT

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that the Bylaws Revision Taskforce Report had been submitted for approval due to changes being necessary in the LAFP Bylaws. He explained that the first change was due to changes approved at the 2016 AAFP Congress of Delegates regarding the membership categories that requires that state chapter make the same changes in their bylaws so that the language is consistent. He went on to explain that the second area of changes addressed in the bylaws report was due to the General Assembly approving a resolution to separate the Legislative and Membership Issues Committee into two separate committees. Lastly, he stated that the other changes noted in the report was wordsmithing and clean-up that we do when we have to make significant changes within the Bylaws. Dr. Anderson stated that the report and the amended bylaws was before the assembly for discussion. The following motion was adopted by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

MOTION (APPROVED)

THAT THE BYLAWS REVISION TASKFORCE REPORT BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND ALL PROPOSED CHANGES NOTED IN THE REPORT BE MADE IN THE LAFP BYLAWS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST PRESIDENTS

Dr. Anderson asked that 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 stand and challenged those to get involved in the LAFP over the next year.

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

President's Report – James Taylor, Jr., MD

Dr. Taylor informed the Assembly that the Board discussed at its last meeting damages that the LAFP headquarters sustained during the flood and looking at relocation of the office. He stated that an ad hoc committee would be appointed by the incoming President, Dr. Jonathan Hunter and that if anyone had any interest in serving on the committee to see an LAFP officer. Dr. Taylor informed the Assembly that a report would be given on the progress at the next meeting of the Assembly.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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LEGISLATIVE & MEMBERSHIP ISSUES COMMITTEE – RICHARD BRIDGES, MD

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report was submitted and included in the handbook. Dr. Bridges updated the Assembly on the successes that the LAFP had during the 2017 Legislative Session. He informed the Assembly that for the first time, the LAFP filed three resolutions and was successful in getting all three pieces of legislation passed. Dr. Bridges explained to the Assembly that two of the resolutions was filed regarding the removal of the fifth vital sign and one resolution added adult immunizations to the current LINKS System so that physicians would have access to all immunizations that their patients receive. Lastly, Dr. Bridges requested that every member provide the LAFP with their cell phone number so that they are able to receive text alerts regarding legislative issues and when members need to make contact with their legislator.

MEMBERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE – ALAN LEBATO, MD

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

Ragan LeBlanc provided the Operations Committee report in Dr. Picou's absence. She noted that the financials including the 2016 Profit Loss Statement, 2017 Profit Loss Statement and current account holdings were included in the meeting packet. Ms. LeBlanc noted that there is \$389,602.86 in income with \$194,886.90 in outstanding expenses to date for 2017. She stated that as of 7/01/2017 we have the following balances in our operating and investment accounts:

- **LAFP Academy**
As of 7/01/2016 the Academy had \$346,022.65 cash on hand. Therefore, the Academy is currently in sound financial shape.
- **LAFP Foundation**
The Foundation had \$101,564.31 on hand as of 7/01/2017.
- **LaFamPac**
LaFamPac had \$7,157.97 on hand as of 7/01/2017.

She reported that the LAFP has a total of \$454,744.93 on hand to support operations through the remainder of the year. She also reported to the Assembly that the 2016 audit would be taking place later in the fall. Ms. LeBlanc went on to

discuss that Annual Assembly and Membership were the two major revenue sources for the Academy and that dues renewals were down around \$20,000 but that the staff was working diligently to stay on track and getting members to reinstate that were dropped from LAFP membership. Ms. LeBlanc thanked all the board members who made contacts to members in their areas and helping with dues renewals for 2017. She also reported that she had some concerns with the numbers on exhibit income before the Annual Assembly but that registrations had far exceeded the goal with almost 250 attendees being registered for this year's conference. She informed the Assembly that she thought that the financials otherwise looked good and that there were no major concerns at that time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- RICHARD BRIDGES, MD

Dr. Bridges reported the recommendations for nominations on the LAFP Foundation and the LAFP Academy Board of Directors. He referred to the nomination slates included in the handbook. Dr. Anderson congratulated the committee for submitting a full slate of nomination on both boards.

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. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF THE LAFP FOUNDATION 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. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

The following motion was adopted by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

MOTION (APPROVED)

THAT THE NOMINATIONS SLATE SUBMITTED BY THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE LAFP FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE LAFP BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTION RESULTS

Due to there being no special elections during the General Assembly, the following officers were elected for the 2017-2018 year. Dr. John Meigs, AAFP President will swear the officers in during the Awards and Installation ceremony on Saturday, August 5, 2017.

LAFP Board of Directors

President:	Jonathan Hunter, MD, Alexandria, LA
President-Elect:	Christopher Foret, MD, Franklinton, LA
Vice President:	M. Tahir Qayyum, MD, Bastrop, LA
Secretary:	Mary Coleman, MD, New Orleans, LA
Treasurer:	Bryan Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA
Immediate Past-President:	James Taylor, MD, Zachary, LA
Speaker:	Derek Anderson, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
Vice-Speaker/GA:	Lisa Casey, MD, New Orleans, 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
Resident Representative:	James Robinson, MD, Lake Charles, LA
Resident Alternate:	Drew Parks, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
Student Representative:	Taylor Shepherd, Shreveport, LA
Student Alternate:	Keanan McGonigle, New Orleans, LA
District1 Director	Brandon Page, MD, New Orleans, LA
District 1 Alternate	Ronnie Slipman, MD, New Orleans, LA

District 2 Director	Luis Arencibia, MD, Mandeville, LA
District 2 Alternate	Ralph Cortes-Moran, MD, Metairie, 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	James Smith, MD, Bastrop, LA
District 5 Alternate	Euil Luther, MD, Monroe, 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

Foundation Board of Directors

President	James Taylor, Jr., MD
President-Elect	Jonathan Hunter, MD
Secretary	Wayne Gravois, MD
Treasurer	Bryan Picou, MD
Immediate Past President	Brian Elkins, MD
Lay Member #1	Ramsey Leblanc
Lay Member #2	Barry Dunn
Lay Member #3	Kim Gassie
Lay Member #4	Greg Abel
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	M. Tahir Qayyum, MD

DISTRICT DIRECTOR/ALTERNATE REPORTS

No verbal or written reports were provided.

MATCH DATA

Dr. Anderson reported the Match Data for Family Medicine Residency Programs for 2016-2017 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 537 graduate in 2017, which puts Louisiana in the top ten. He stated of the graduates, 183 stayed in state for residency. He stated that 37 medical students chose family medicine. Dr. Anderson reported that the number of students choosing family medicine was great for 2017 nationally and has continued to rise over the past few years. Lastly, he informed the Assembly that all 68 slots were filled in the match for the LA Family Medicine Residency Programs.

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. Dr. Elkins provided an overview of what the Foundation is responsible for and informed the Assembly that raffle tickets were still available for purchase.

2017 FAMILY MEDICINE AWARD WINNERS

Dr. Elkins stated the Family Medicine winners for 2017 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 Cara Miccoli (Cara) Permenter, the LSU-New Orleans Gerald R. Gehringer Family Medicine Award was presented to Catherine Bordelon and the Tulane Family Medicine Excellence Award was presented to Thomas Raines-Morris. The Resident Award of Excellence was presented to James Moore, MD. He congratulated the winners.

LAFAMPAC BOARD – MARGUERITE “CISSY” PICOU, MD

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

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Casey asked is there was any additional new business to discuss. Dr. Rachal asked for an update on the resolution that was voted on last assembly regarding late term abortions. Dr. Anderson provided the Assembly with an update. He stated that the resolution was discussed during the AAFP Congress of Delegates and was recommended by the reference committee to not be adopted. He informed the Assembly that Dr. Gravois and others are working on another resolution with some of the other states and will bring it back to the Assembly for a vote.

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 2:53 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derek Anderson, MD
Speaker
General Assembly

Lisa Casey, MD
Vice-Speaker
General Assembly