



John Meigs, Jr., MD, FAAFP, a family physician in Centreville, Alabama, is board chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Previously, he served one year terms as president and president-elect, four years as speaker and three years as vice speaker of the AAFP's governing body, the Congress of Delegates. The AAFP represents 131,400 physicians and medical students nationwide.

As board chair of the AAFP, Meigs advocates on behalf of family physicians and patients nationwide to inspire positive change in the U.S. health care system.

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.

A member of the AAFP since 1979, Meigs has served on numerous commissions and committees, including the Scientific Assembly Resolutions Committee and the Committee on Rural Health. He also is a past member and chair of the AAFP Commission on Health of the Public. Prior to his terms as speaker and vice speaker of the Congress of Delegates, he had served as Alabama's delegate or alternate delegate to the Congress since 1996.

Meigs is an active member of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians. He served on its board of directors, including terms as president-elect, president and board chair. He also has served on the Alabama AAFP's Executive Committee and chaired both the Public Relations Committee and Education Committee. Meigs was vice president of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, the charitable arm of the organization, from 2003 to 2008.

A former speaker of the House of Delegates and College of Counselors for the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, Meigs currently serves as a member of its Board of Censors. In addition, he is a member of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and the chair of the State Committee on Public Health. He also serves on the Alabama Family Practice Rural Health Board and the Alabama Board of Medical Scholarships.

Meigs is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and a clinical professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham. In 2003, he was awarded the University of Alabama School of Medicine Argus Award for Best Attending Physician in Family Medicine. Meigs also serves as adjunct clinical faculty for the Cahaba Family Medicine Residency Program in his home town of Centreville. In 2014, he was inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame, and in 2017 was honored with the University of South Alabama's Distinguished Alumni Award.

An active member of his community, Meigs serves on the Board of Directors of Distinguished Young Women of Bibb County, a scholarship program for high school senior girls. He was president of that organization from 1995 to 2015. In 2004, he was named Bibb County Citizen of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Centreville.

Meigs earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry 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, Alabama, where he also served as chief resident.

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