

## LAFP President – M. Tahir Qayyum, MD, FAAFP

1. This was an active year for the LAFP and it has been my honor to serve as President. The organization is blessed with a remarkable and talented group of leadership, staff, and members.
2. 2020 will be remembered as a year of pain, misery and a financial, emotional and physical disaster caused by COVID-19. Among the 130,000 American lives lost to this monstrous virus were patients, neighbors and friends. Unfortunately, our efforts were mostly diverted towards fighting against this invisible enemy, but we still tried our best to continue our mission of serving our membership as best as we possibly could. The LAFP established on its website a COVID-19 section with resources and also dedicated the Weekly Family Medicine Update for a time period with information and updates strictly related to coronavirus.
3. The Board of Directors met on the following dates:
  - We started our year with the board of directors meeting in New Orleans, on July 31, 2019 which was also my 60th birthday.
  - March 10, 2020 by teleconference
  - June 30, 2020 by teleconference
4. The Executive Committee met on the following dates:
  - March 10, 2020 by teleconference
  - March 16, 2020 by teleconference
5. This year the LAFP staff hosted regional grand rounds and membership social events which were very successful and provided a good outreach to both current and prospective members. I attended the events in New Orleans. The dates of those socials were as follows:
  - **Baton Rouge and Lafayette Area:** September 19, 2019, February 20, 2020
  - **Lake Charles Area:** October 24, 2019, February 27, 2020
  - **New Orleans Area:** October 16, 2019, March 11, 2020
  - **Shreveport Area:** November 14, 2019

The LAFP also hosted a tailgate party on October 26, 2019 during the LSU vs. Auburn football game. The tailgate was sponsored by The Carpenter Health Network.

6. On March 4, 2020 the Legislative Committee conducted a teleconference to review bills going into the 2020 regular legislative session.
7. The LAFP attended the 2019 **Southeastern Family Medicine Forum** (SEFMF) August 15-17, 2019 at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel in Asheville, NC. Dr. James Campbell, LAFP Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates and Dr. Wayne Gravois, LAFP Alternate Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates, joined Ragan LeBlanc, Executive Vice President, at the forum to network with colleagues from the Southeastern U.S. The Southeast Family Practice Forum consists of twelve state chapters that include: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North & South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia Chapters of the American Academy of Family Physicians. SEFMF brings executive staff and volunteer physician leaders of 12 state chapters of the American Academy of Family Physicians together annually to share best practices related to health care and legislative topics and to learn about issues occurring in southeastern states. The Forum also offers attendees the opportunity to exchange ideas that enhance the specialty of Family Medicine.
8. The LAFP was scheduled to attend the 2020 Annual Chapter Leadership Forum and National Conference of Constituency Leaders Representatives April 23-25, 2020 in Kansas City, MO but was cancelled due to COVID-19.

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ACLF is the AAFP's leadership development program for chapter-elected leaders, aspiring leaders, and chapter staff. Chapter staff to attend was Ragan LeBlanc, EVP, Lee Ann Albert, Membership and Outreach Coordinator and Kenneth Brown, MD, LAFP President-elect.

NCCL Delegates were:

- Jason Schrock, MD – New Physician representative
- Richard Bridges, MD - International Medical Graduates representative (IMG)
- Lisa Casey, MD – Women representative
- Vincent Shaw, MD – Minorities representative
- Cesar Roque, MD – GLBT representative

9. The LAFP attended the 2019 American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates. Louisiana's delegates and alternates James Taylor, MD, Wayne Gravois, MD, James Campbell, MD and Bryan Picou, MD attended the Congress sessions September 23-25, 2019 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown in Philadelphia, PA. I along with Ragan LeBlanc, EVP also attended the conference. The 2020 AAFP Congress of Delegates will be held on October 12-14, 2020 virtually.
10. The LAFP has a representative that has a board seat on the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. I would like to thank Dr. James Taylor, Jr., MD for his service to this board this past year. Ragan LeBlanc, EVP has attended the scheduled meetings over the past year.
11. Dr. Bridges represented the LAFP at the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) Board of Directors Meeting on October 14, 2019 to request that the rules be changed for residents who are international medical graduates (IMG's) and allowing these residents to apply for their license after their first year of residency that would allow for residents to moonlight. The LSBME approved and drafted rules that are still in discussion between the stakeholders before the rules are officially published.
12. The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) and the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) received a grant from the American Medical Association (AMA) for the development of the Physician Coalition of Louisiana. This coalition was developed to give all physician groups a unified voice when discussing policy, regulation, and legislation.
13. Dr. James Campbell served as the chair of the AAFP Commission of Education.
14. Ragan LeBlanc, EVP has served on the Louisiana Health Works Commission over the past year after the LAFP was appointed to the commission in 2019 through a bill during the session for the LAFP to serve as a member. The purpose of the commission is to serve as a collaborative working group to integrate and coordinate resources relative to health care workforce development within various state departments and key organizations
15. The LAFP joined the Step Therapy Coalition that was formed with key patient and provider organizations to discuss possible updates and clarifications to Louisiana's existing step therapy laws for consideration by the Legislature. Ragan LeBlanc, EVP attended the meetings. HB 263 by Rep. Mike Huval was signed by Governor John Bel Edwards into law, as Act 181 of the 2020 regular session. The revised statute will go into effect August 1 and will apply to health coverage plans issued or delivered on or after January 1, 2021.
16. The Louisiana State Medical Society House of Delegates meeting was attended by Ragan LeBlanc, EVP on January 24-25, 2020 at the Baton Rouge Marriot in Baton Rouge, LA.
17. On Thursday, March 5, 2020, the LAFP in partnership with four of Family Medicine Residency Programs – Alexandria, the Family Medicine Residency Program – Lake Charles, the Family Medicine Residency Program –

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Monroe, and the Family Medicine Residency Program – Shreveport hosted the Northwest Regional Procedural Workshop event for the medical students at LSUHSC-Shreveport. Our Partner in Family Medicine, the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, and sponsor of the workshop were on hand to network with our residents regarding various practice opportunities.

18. The LAFP filed legislation during the 2020 legislative session authored by Senator Ronnie Johns regarding the truth in advertising and the disclosure of credentials and the physician who is in collaboration or supervision at the clinic and/or hospital. The LAFP did not run the bill due to COVID-19.
19. The LAFP continued to work with the medical schools and attended the following events:
  - **LSU-Shreveport FMIG Meeting** – August 14, 2019, February 5, 2020
  - **LSU-New Orleans FMIG Meeting** – September 16, 2019
  - The LAFP attended the **LSUHSC Shreveport Residency Fair** on September 11, 2019 to promote family medicine and the benefits of membership in the LAFP. Residents from 8 of our Louisiana programs were in attendance to answer the students' questions and discuss their experiences transitioning from medical school to residency.
  - **Ochsner Queensland FMIG** – The LAFP along with Dr. Richard Bridges attended the meeting on September 5, 2019 and talked to the third- and fourth-year medical students about legislative advocacy and how important it is for family physicians to be involved. The LAFP also met with the FMIG leaders on October 23, 2019.
  - The LAFP participated in the Family Medicine Department at Tulane **Annual Match Panel**.
  - **Tulane FMIG** – Lee Ann Albert attended the meeting on October 10, 2019 where a large group of first year medical students enjoyed lunch while Rebekah Byrne, MD, MPH provided an informative discussion about all aspects of family medicine.
19. The LAFP continues to meet and work with the Family Medicine Residency Programs throughout the state. The LAFP made presentations at the following programs:
  - EIGH Residency Visit – September 3, 2019
  - Alexandria White Coat Ceremony – August 22, 2019
  - Lake Charles Residency Visit – August 13, 2019
  - Shreveport Residency Visit – August 14, 2019
20. The LAFP conducted a membership survey in the fall of 2019. The results from the survey showed that 80 percent of the responders were not involved in LAFP leadership. With regards to what was the most important value to the membership, the top three things were representation at the state government level, information about the state legislature and what happens and advocacy at the state legislature. The survey indicated that the LAFP is doing a good job with what we're doing and that the LAFP needs to keep pushing with regards to legislative issues and keeping our members aware and fighting for our members.
21. The LAFP hosted a virtual **Chief Resident Workshop** on June 13, 2020 where chief residents from around Louisiana attended. This workshop was designed to equip new chief residents with the leadership tools needed to have a successful academic year and establishes an LAFP Chief Resident Network so that participants can open a peer dialogue to optimize discussion and serve as a touchstone the whole year through.
22. My personal and most cherished accomplishment among the other things was to reach out and establish first ever working relationship with the Louisiana Medical Association to ensure broader coalition and promote diversity among physicians. My discussions with the president of the LMA were very fruitful which I intend to continue in future.

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23. In closing I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as the president of LAFP 2019-2020. It was absolutely an honor and a privilege to serve you. May God bless us all and may God bless United State Of America.

**Respectfully submitted,  
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LAFP President**