RESOLUTION #21-03

ENTITLED: AAFP Reference Committee Membership Review

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WHEREAS, in recent years there has been a real or perceived concern that the membership of some AAFP Congress of Delegates (COD) Reference Committees has not been reflective of the rich diversity of opinions held by the COD and AAFP members, and

WHEREAS, there has been concern that because of this possible lack of diversity of opinion, the work of some of the Reference Committees has brought to the floor of the COD Reference Committee reports that were not fully reflective of the actual debate of the Reference Committee deliberations, and

WHEREAS, this has sometimes resulted in long, and sometimes unnecessary, re-debate of some resolutions before the full COD, perhaps in an effort to circumvent what was believed to be an inadequate Reference Committee report, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop an explicit policy wherein there is a process to review Reference Committee membership prior to each year's Congress of Delegates in order to assure that each reference committee has a balanced and diverse membership.