

**INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT**

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I want to first thank you all for this opportunity to step up and be your President again this year. I love that I can help and can do so much to help promote the issues affecting family physicians in Indiana and across the nation.

Over the last year, I have been able to represent you at Ten State, a gathering of other family physicians from the Midwest and Eastern Regions, to discuss family medicine issues affecting us all. I have attended the AAFP Annual Leadership Forum learning more about my leadership style and how to make the BOD of the IAFP more efficient. I have been lucky enough to help endorse my friend and colleague Windel Stracener MD for his unsuccessful run at the AAFP for BOD last year and will gladly support his run again this Fall in San Antonio for AAFP BOD. Please consider coming to help support him too by attending FMX.

Family Medicine continues to be moving in a wave of change in healthcare. Change is difficult, but we must be diligent to move ahead and advance our purpose. We are finally seeing more students interested in Family Medicine as they graduate. We now have 2 medical schools in Indiana that the IAFP needs to support. Now, we need to work on making sure that these graduating students have training positions in Indiana and that they stay in Indiana to practice. We need to work with the state lawmakers to make sure that funding is put in place for more primary care, and specifically family medicine, residency spots. We need to focus our member services to help those new physicians with establishing their practices and finding the value in membership to the IAFP. We need to make sure that the IAFP is nimble in its ability to move when the time requires us to move quickly. As more physicians are becoming employed, we need to make sure our offerings of clinical and management education are relevant to them AND to their employers. We need to help our physicians grow in their own leadership abilities in order to lead our state in healthcare.

We need to continue to work at being recognized as the expert in Indiana for primary care. We need to continue to look at our strategic plan on a regular basis and update it accordingly as the Family Medicine Movement (or Family Medicine Revolution) changes so rapidly. We need to reach out to other like-minded organizations in Indiana and create new associations that will help promote primary care and family medicine. We must always work hard to improve the health of our patients and the state of Indiana. We must set aside time every 18-24 months to review and update the written strategic plan. We must have a report of its status and changes at every BOD meeting to keep it fresh in our minds as we set our goals for each and every meeting.

We have many opportunities coming our direction as the rushing wave of medicine changes again. We need to move it toward the continued progress of family medicine and primary care. We need to be the leader in Indiana for our physicians and our patients.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to be your President again.

Submitted,

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President-Elect