

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**
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7 I have had the privilege of being your president for this last year. I appreciate the vote of confidence
8 offered by your executive committee to ask me to drop into this position for the second time. I love
9 former AAFP President Reid Blackwelder's comment that I am a "recycled" President. I like to think
10 its President 2.0.
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12 During this last year, I have had the fortune to be able to represent you at various events. I attended
13 Organization Day at the state house and was able to see the work of your legislators in action. I
14 represented Family Medicine at the Indiana State Medical Association House of Delegates. I was
15 able to express the insight of Family Medicine in their deliberations. I attended the yearly meeting of
16 the Medical Society Presidents sponsored by the ISMA. Again, I was able to mingle with other
17 presidents and work toward common goals for the ISMA and health care in Indiana. I was present
18 when the Indiana Delegation was able to help Windel Stracener MD get appointed to the AAFP
19 Board of Directors (GO WINDEL). I really feel privileged to help showcase the great talent we have
20 in Indiana in leadership and spirit. I was able to attend our first CME in Puerto Rico. It was an honor
21 to be able to represent the IAFP when the PR Academy of Family Physicians offered us a beautiful
22 plaque that represented the friendship we have made with PR. They were expressing their thanks
23 with the help we were able to give them after the hurricanes last year. I am so honored to have the
24 IAFP and the IAFP Foundation take the initiative to host the funding site for generators for Puerto
25 Rico. I represented the IAFP at Connecticut's Ten State. It was a great time seeing what we can do
26 with mingling regionally and working together for common goals. The most recent event was to
27 attend ACLF. ACLF is the AAFP meeting of leaders and special constituencies. This meeting always
28 makes me feel refreshed and invigorated when returning to work. As always, leadership is a
29 continuous process and I am always learning ways to better my leadership skills. I look forward to
30 continuing strong leadership for Indiana in 2018 with William Tortoriello MD taking over the President
31 position for the IAFP. (GO BILL).
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33 Looking at things over these last few years, we have grown as an academy not only in numbers but
34 in strength of leadership, staff and common goals. We are now doing so much of our work
35 electronically to allow more to participate and to cost less for everyone. We now meet quarterly but
36 doing it electronically allows everyone to attend, not miss work and not have excessive travel time.
37 We meet in person around the time of the annual meeting and this allows us to start the year on a
38 great start.
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40 In a past Presidents report, I made a recommendation to encourage all members of the Board to
41 attend the Ten State meeting and ACLF so that we can continue to meet at various times during the
42 year besides the planned Board of Director meetings. Since so much of our time is spent
43 electronically, I wonder if we need to continue to meet in these other settings. **I recommend that the**
44 **IAFP look at these out of state meeting opportunities (i.e. Ten State and ACLF/NCCL) and**
45 **determine if they are sill fulfilling our needs to get to know each other as board members and**
46 **to do the work of the IAFP board.** I want to take time at the next BOD meeting or strategic
47 planning meeting and look at the benefits of funding the travel for these out of state meetings versus
48 other options to allow us to function better as a BOD.
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50 We have lost a dear IAFP friend this year with the loss of Deeda Ferree, Retired Asst EVP. I want us
51 to devote our future leadership skills building to honor her. **I recommend that the IAFP Foundation**

1 **set up a designated fund in honor of Deeda Ferree with the resources being used to create a**
2 **leadership skills course for our students, residents, and physicians in Indiana.** She would be
3 very proud of the skills we can learn in order to continue to care for the needs of Indiana.
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5 Looking back at our work in 2008, we had a mandate to pay for two officers to attend the Regional
6 Meeting of the IAFP. Since we have worked to eliminate the need for these meetings, we need to
7 remove this mandate, allowing it to officially sunset. **Recommendation that the IAFP no longer**
8 **has a need to support officers to attend the Regional Meetings and we withdrawal this**
9 **designation from our budget.**

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11 We have done a great job with simplification and innovation with regard to the leadership and BOD of
12 the IAFP. Now I believe it is time to look at our commission and committee structure to see how we
13 can work to simplify these tasks. **I recommend that the IAFP BOD directs a specific task force to**
14 **review the current structure and tasks of the commissions and committees of the IAFP and**
15 **report back to the Board at next years meeting any innovations or changes that might be**
16 **desired with appropriate bylaw changes brought forth to the Congress of Delegates.**

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18 Our current policy on Sunsetting resolutions states that “the IAFP policies will sunset after 10 years
19 upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors”. We need to continue to follow this
20 recommendation and remove unnecessary and redundant resolutions from our policies by always
21 looking back and clarifying how we want our voices to be heard.
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23 I again appreciate the opportunity to lead this great organizations. Stop me if you have any
24 questions or concerns and I will try to help you.
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27 President