Transactions of the 2019 Congress of Delegates
Second Session

Saturday, July 20, 2019

French Lick, IN

Members in attendance: Richard Feldman, MD; W. David Pepple, MD; Bernard Richard, MD; Debbie Allen, MD; Phil Scott, DO; Jason Marker, MD; Worthe Holt, MD; Kristen Swanson, Petr Sliva, Rebecca Mason, MD; Ken Elek, MD; Cynthia Heckman-Davis, MD; Debra McClain, MD; Bill Mohr, MD; Rose Paul, MD; John Lynch, MD; Brooke Pletcher, MD; Samir Ginde, MD; Sherif Andrews, MD; Matt Overley, MD; Ronald Duncan, MD; Robert Clutter, MD; Carol Magee, MD; Juan Carlos Venis, MD; Juan Chang, MD; John Saalwaechter, MD; Brian Morris, MD; Amanda Morris, MD; Elizabeth Wright, MD; Roger Gandionco, MD; April Gandionco, MD; Aris Abeleda, MD; Mary Mahern, MD; Beth Yegerlehner, MD; David Burkhart, MD; Nick Dahl, DO; Lisa Phifer, MD; David Schultz, MD; Karen Evans, MD; Ash Hanna, MD; Tom Kintanar, MD; Teresa Smith, MD; Mark Souder, MD; Daryl Hershberger, MD; Manny Manalo, MD; Nick Rico, MD; Larry Allen, MD; Lynn Losby, MD; Doug Morrell, MD; Daniel Walters, MD; Bruce Burton, MD; Will Cooke, MD; James Wilcox, MD; Risheet Patel, MD; Teresa Lovins, MD; William Tortoriello, MD; Nicole Boersma, MD

Staff in attendance: Kevin Speer, JD; Missy Lewis, CAE, CMP; Chris Barry; Emily Schaab

I. Call to Order - Risheet Patel, MD Speaker

Risheet Patel, MD called the Congress of Delegates to order

II. Roll Call - Kevin Speer, JD Executive Vice President

Kevin Speer, JD called the roll:

A. Past Presidents: Richard Feldman, MD; W. David Pepple, MD; Bernard Richard, MD; Debbie Allen, MD; Phil Scott, DO; Jason Marker, MD; Worthe Holt, MD

B. Students: Kristen Swanson, Petr Sliva

C. Residents: Rebecca Mason, MD

D. North West: Ken Elek, MD; Cynthia Heckman-Davis, MD; Debra McClain, MD

E. West Central: Bill Mohr, MD; Rose Paul, MD; John Lynch, MD; Brooke Pletcher, MD

F. Central: Samir Ginde, MD; Sherif Andrews, MD; Matt Overley, MD; Ronald Duncan, MD; Robert Clutter, MD; Carol Magee, MD; Juan Carlos Venis, MD; Juan Chang, MD; John Saalwaechter, MD; Brian Morris, MD; Amanda Morris, MD

G. West: Elizabeth Wright, MD; Roger Gandionco, MD; April Gandionco, MD; Aris Abeleda, MD; Mary Mahern, MD; Beth Yegerlehner, MD; David Burkhart, MD

H. South West: Nick Dahl, DO; Lisa Phifer, MD; David Schultz, MD

I. North East: Karen Evans, MD; Ash Hanna, MD; Tom Kintanar, MD; Teresa Smith, MD; Mark Souder, MD; Daryl Hershberger, MD; Manny Manalo, MD; Nick Rico, MD; Larry Allen, MD

J. East: Lynn Losby, MD; Doug Morrell, MD

K. South East: Daniel Walters, MD; Bruce Burton, MD; Will Cooke, MD; James Wilcox, MD

III. Election of Officers & Directors

Dr. Patel referenced the slate of officers found in the Report of the Nominating Committee.

Dr. Patel requested any additional nominations. Seeing none, a motion was made to close nominations. A motion was made to adopt the Report of the Nominating
Committee as presented. The motion was seconded and adopted.

IV. Report of the Reference Committee

Dr. Patel called for the report of the Reference Committee and explained the consent calendar process.

A. Juan Carlos Venis, MD read the Reference Committee report.
   1. It was requested that the following items be extracted from the consent calendar: Items 1, 3, and 8.
      a. Item 1: Religious Exemptions
      b. Item 3: Primary Care Medicaid Doctors and Unannounced Changes.
      c. Item 8: First recommendation of the President

B. The speaker called for a motion to approve the reference committee report, extracting Items 1, 3, and 8. The motion was made, seconded and adopted.

C. Dr. Venis read Item 3: Substitute Resolution 19-01: Religious Exemptions
   1. A motion was made to revise into two resolved clauses. The motion was seconded and adopted.
   2. Testimony was heard regarding the first resolved clause. The testimony was given in support of the resolution, citing current legislation and the public statement released by the AAFP.
   3. The statement from the AAFP that inspired the resolution was read to the Congress.
   4. A motion was made for a substitution for the first resolution to be submitted. The motion was seconded and testimony was heard both in support and opposition.
   5. A motion was made to change the language from advocate to support. The motion was seconded and adopted.
   6. A motion was made to change the language to “support the continued protection of the member’s free exercise of their religious, ethical and moral beliefs as it relates to their medical practice.” The motion was seconded and adopted.
   7. A motion was made to amend the substitute resolution. The motion went to a paper vote. The amendment of the first resolved clause was seconded and adopted.

The substitute resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) executive leadership will work with the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) executive leadership to support the continued protection of the member’s free exercise of their religious, ethical, and moral beliefs as it relates to their medical practice.

8. Testimony was heard regarding the second resolved clause.
9. A motion was made to amend the second resolved clause to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the IAFP Leadership send a letter to the AAFP Leadership informing them that the public statements of May 28th, 2019 were discriminatory against Physicians who hold deep religious conviction and request that they be recanted publicly.

10. Testimony was heard against the resolved proposal on the grounds that
physicians should have the obligation to provide information and referral to patients if the physician feels uncomfortable performing a procedure due to their religious beliefs.

11. A motion was made that the resolution be referred to the Board for further study. The motion was seconded and adopted.

D. Dr. Venis read Item 3: Primary Care Medicaid Doctors and Unannounced Changes.

1. A motion was made to change the language from “stop” to “end.” The motion was seconded and adopted.
2. A motion was made to add the second resolved from the original resolution back into the substitute resolution. The motion was seconded and adopted.
3. A motion was made to pass the amended substitute resolution. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The amended substitute resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) advocate to Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to end the unnecessary reassignment of patients during brief insurance lapses or common FSSA administrative errors, and be it further resolved:

RESOLVED, that the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) forward this resolution to the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) for likewise implementation.

E. Dr. Venis read Item 8: The second recommendation of the President.

1. A motion was made to amend the recommendation. The motion was seconded.

RESOLVED, that the IAFP adopt a policy supporting the removal of advertising and marketing of e-cigarettes consistent with other tobacco products, and further be it resolved:

RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted to the AAFP for implementation at the federal level.

a. Testimony was heard in favor of the proposed amendment.

b. A motion was made to amend the language from e-cigarettes to ENDS. The motion was seconded and adopted.

c. The substitute recommendation was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, that the IAFP adopt a policy supporting the removal of advertising and marketing of e-cigarettes consistent with other tobacco products, and further be it resolved:

RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted to the AAFP for implementation at the federal level.

V. New Business

The speaker called for any new business. There was none.

VI. Communications
The speaker called for announcements. There were none.

VII. Adjournment of the 2019 Congress of Delegates

The speaker adjourned the Congress.