

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS**
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7 The Commission on Membership and Communication met via e-mail discussion group on an ongoing
8 basis throughout the year. No scheduled meetings took place.
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10 **Membership**

11 Enrollment as a member of the IAFP occurs with enrollment in the AAFP, and so much of our
12 membership information is provided by the national organization. As of June 30, our state chapter
13 membership was decreased by 120 Active members compared with 2019.
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15 The IAFP staff monitors membership closely. There were # members who had not reported adequate
16 CME credits for their 2019-2020 re-election cycle (compared to # in 2019), and 206 who had not paid
17 2021 dues (compared to 138 who were dropped in 2020). Those members were dropped from
18 membership by the AAFP on May 4. As of June 30, 50 had been reinstated.
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20 Membership numbers by category for the last three years (as of June 30):

	2019	2020	2021
Active Members	1828	1947	1708
Resident Members	317	298	435
Student Members	201	178	146
Life Members	234	250	265
Total Membership	2595	2692	2569

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28 **CME Reminder**

29 Last year, the AAFP extended the deadline for completing required CME hours for the 2019-2020 cycle
30 to December 31st, 2021. That deadline is coming up soon! In addition, Indiana controlled substance
31 registration requires applicants to have completed 2 hours of CME on opioid prescribing and abuse in
32 the two years preceding CSR renewal.
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34 **A Year of (Virtual) Connections**

35 In last year's membership report I noted that the National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL)
36 and the Annual Chapter Leader Forum (ACLF) had been canceled in 2020, and replaced by a virtual
37 Member Constituencies Forum. We hoped to be meeting in person for 2021, but the decision was
38 made to transition to a virtual format for both NCCL and ACLF.
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40 Traditionally, the NCCL presents an opportunity for members of historically underrepresented
41 constituencies of the AAFP (recognized as women, minorities, new physicians, international medical
42 graduates, and GLBT physicians) to develop leadership skills, influence policy, and engage with other
43 physicians in those constituencies. The virtual format of this conference allowed continued participation
44 by family physicians across the nation (and even some abroad), and the business of the conference --
45 including reference committees, resolution writing, and the NCCL Congress of Delegates -- enjoyed
46 active and passionate involvement.
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48 We hope that next year we will be able to send a full delegation to an in-person NCCL. If you are
49 interested in being a delegate or just attending, please reach out to myself or to Missy Deeter. In the
50 interim, we encourage members to engage with the AAFP Membership Interest Groups, or MIGs,
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1 which provide a forum for discussion and connection with other members who share their interests.
2 These can be found on the AAFP website under your “Member Benefits” section.
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4 **Getting Involved**

5 The IAFP is always looking for passionate family physicians who would like to be more involved in
6 advocating for our specialty and our patients. If you would like to serve on a commission, write a
7 resolution for next year’s Congress of Delegates, meet with our legislators, or just find out more about
8 the opportunities available at a state or national level, please reach out to your Academy staff. We’d
9 love to help you find your place.
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11 **Awards**

12 Calls for nominations for annual awards were included in the IAFP Today email blast and also made
13 available on the IAFP website (<http://www.in-afp.org/about-us/awards/>). For 2021, we are happy to
14 recognize:

15 **Family Physician of the Year:** Barry Mathison, MD

16 **Lester D. Bibler Award:** Randy Stevens, MD

17 **Distinguished Public Service Award:** Daniela Lobo, MD

18 **Jackie Schilling Certificate of Commendation:** Jennifer Taylor, DHEd, MPH

19 **Outstanding Resident:** Skyler Gick, DO
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21 This commission continues to affirm the value of recognizing professional achievement among IAFP
22 members as a way to honor and reinforce the value of Family Physicians in our state. We are proud of
23 all our members and would continue to encourage our membership to recognize the accomplishments
24 of their colleagues and partners by nominating them for an award.
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26 Respectfully submitted,
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