

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IAFP PRESIDENT**
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8 Welcome back to French Lick. I hope this past year has been a positive one, both
9 professionally and personally. As Covid-19 continues to be less and less of an obstacle to
10 daily life, I am happy to see many of my colleagues getting back to taking vacations. This is a
11 deserved break, given the hard work that has been endured over the last two and half years. I
12 am happy to see that we have returned to our conference two years in a row. I expect this
13 conference to be productive in regards to fulfilling our mind, body, and spirit.
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15 As a recap of the year, I enjoy witnessing the strength and dedication of our board members.
16 Teresa Lovins MD is running for another term as AAFP board member, allowing Indiana to
17 continue it's streak of representation at the national level. Richard Feldman MD continues to
18 represent our academy at the state legislature. As our in-person meetings resumed
19 throughout the year, many of us were able to attend 10-state Conference in Milwaukee,
20 Wisconsin, as well as NCCL (National Conference of Constituency Leaders) and ALF (Annual
21 Leadership Forum) in Kansas City. My interactions with other state leaders were eye-opening
22 as we discussed patient care, issues regarding our respective state legislatures, and
23 successes in making Family Medicine better. As I hear the challenges faced by other states, I
24 am proud to report that Indiana seems to be in a strong position for Family Medicine, its
25 doctors, and it's patients.
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28 Our IAFP staff continue their dedication to our organization. Chris, Emily, and Missy
29 successfully put on Research Day. This wonderful event was held at the Ritz Charles in
30 Carmel, Indiana. There, I was able to meet and talk to many residents. The students
31 presented oral and poster presentations, which amazed me. All in all, they demonstrated a
32 wide variety of topics from all corners of family medicine. As we look to the future of Family
33 medicine, I am reassured that we have a strong generation of doctors in training.
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35 2022 will surely be remembered as the year Roe V Wade was overturned, sparking national
36 outcry. It is expected that the Indiana State Legislature will meet next week, to discuss
37 changes to the laws regarding abortion rights. This has been a topic of discussion at the board
38 level over the last many months. As emotions are running high, it is our duty to continue to
39 follow our policies related to this topic. As an organization, we should continue to ensure our
40 policies represent the views of our membership. We need to ensure that we support our
41 patients and our fellow doctors the best we can.
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44 This past year was an honor to represent the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians. Thank
45 you for allowing me to serve as your president. I am proud to pass on the cromach and
46 presidential medal to your next president, Elizabeth Wright MD.
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48 Respectfully submitted,
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50 Samir Ginde MD
51 President of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians

