

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

10 Enrollment as a member of the IAFP occurs with enrollment in the AAFP, and so much of our
11 membership information is provided by the national organization. As of June 30, 2022, our state
12 chapter membership was increased by 12 Active members compared with 2021.
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14 The IAFP staff monitors membership closely. There were 17 members who had not reported adequate
15 CME credits for their 2017-2021 re-election cycle (no one was dropped for CME in 2020 due to the
16 COVID-19 pandemic), and 239 who had not paid 2022 dues (compared to 206 who were dropped in
17 2021). Those members were dropped from membership by the AAFP on March 3, a full 2 months
18 earlier than in years past, which was a significant contributor to the higher number. As of June 30, 90
19 had been reinstated.
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21 Membership numbers by category for the last three years (as of June 30):
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	2020*	2021	2022
Active Members	1947	1708	1720
Resident Members	298	435	414
Student Members	178	146	156
Life Members	250	265	266
Total Membership	2692	2569	2570

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30 ** The "drop date" in 2020 was extended to July 15, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These
31 numbers represent a time prior to members being dropped for nonpayment of dues.
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34 **CME Reminder**

35 Indiana controlled substance registration requires applicants to have completed 2 hours of CME on
36 opioid prescribing and abuse in the two years preceding CSR renewal. This deadline was extended in
37 2021 to November 30, but this year the deadline reverts to October 31st.
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39 **Leadership Development in the IAFP**

40 The IAFP was once again able to send an in-person delegation to the National Conference of
41 Constituency Leaders (NCCL) and the Annual Chapter Leader Forum (ACLF). Although I was unable
42 to attend this forum in person, your Academy was well represented!
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44 Traditionally, the NCCL presents an opportunity for members of historically underrepresented
45 constituencies of the AAFP (recognized as women, minorities, new physicians, international medical
46 graduates, and GLBT physicians) to develop leadership skills, influence policy, and engage with other
47 physicians in those constituencies. This conference allows participation by family physicians across the
48 nation and includes reference committees, resolution writing, and the NCCL Congress of Delegates, as
49 well as ample educational and social activities. It is always a venue for active and passionate
50 involvement.
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1 We enjoy being able to send a full delegation to NCCL. If you are interested in being a delegate or just
2 attending, please reach out to myself or to Missy Lewis Deeter. In the interim, we encourage members
3 to engage with the AAFP Membership Interest Groups, or MIGs, which provide a forum for
4 discussion and connection with other members who share their interests. These can be found on the
5 AAFP website under your “Member Benefits” section.
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7 **Getting Involved**

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

15 Calls for nominations for annual awards were included in the IAFP Today email blast and also made
16 available on the IAFP website (<http://www.in-afp.org/about-us/awards/>). For 2022, we are happy to
17 recognize:
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19 Outstanding Resident Award: Michael Keller, MD
20 Lester D. Bibler Award: H. Clifton Knight, MD, FAAFP
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22 This commission continues to affirm the value of recognizing professional achievement among IAFP
23 members as a way to honor and reinforce the value of Family Physicians in our state. We are proud of
24 all our members and would continue to encourage our membership to recognize the accomplishments
25 of their colleagues and partners by nominating them for an award.
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27 Respectfully submitted,
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