

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT**
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7 It has been my privilege to serve as your president-elect over the last year, and I am just as honored
8 and excited to begin serving as your president in the upcoming year. Thank you to the members of the
9 Academy for this opportunity to serve in this capacity.
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11 Over the last year, I have been part of the Indiana delegation to the Ten State conference in Minnesota
12 and the Annual Chapter Leader Forum/National Conference of Constituency Leaders conference in
13 Kansas City. I have enjoyed meeting leaders from the Midwest and around the country, and I have left
14 each meeting invigorated and inspired about the future of our organization.
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16 In Minneapolis, your executive board joined other leadership teams from the Midwest to discuss
17 pressing issues for our specialty. We had several discussions on burnout, health equity, community
18 partnerships, the opiate crisis, state experiences in the post-Roe era, and the future of family medicine
19 in the age of artificial intelligence. We also received updates from the AAFP on their strategic efforts to
20 advance family medicine and promote the health of the public.
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22 At ACLF/NCCL, a large delegation represented Indiana on both arms of the conference. The
23 leadership team received in-depth education on how to effectively manage our chapter. We had
24 seminars on board governance, leadership, membership retention, effective communications, and
25 AAFP advocacy efforts. Our NCCL delegation brainstormed, wrote and presented resolutions. The
26 entire delegation grew in their leadership abilities and impact during this time in Kansas City. One
27 additional update of interest was from the committee established by the AAFP Congress of Delegates
28 on the nomination process for AAFP elected leadership positions.
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30 It's been an honor to serve alongside our Indiana chapter staff, board members, current president, Dr.
31 Elizabeth Wright and AAFP Board Member, Dr. Teresa Lovins. I look up to their examples and have
32 benefited greatly from their mentorship this last year. As a team, we have collaborated successfully to
33 lead our organization while centering on the needs of our membership. I am certain that with our
34 leadership's efforts and the continued engagement of our devoted members, we can continue to forge
35 ahead in meeting the needs of Hoosiers as Indiana's family physicians.
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37 Throughout the past year, I have brainstormed ways we can continue to respond to the needs of
38 Indiana family physicians, grow our membership, and advance public health and family medicine in
39 Indiana. It is my hope that, as president, I can be a listener and available to each member of our
40 Academy who has feedback, questions, and ideas for the IAFP as we carry out our mission. I want to
41 promote engagement not just during our Annual Convention, but throughout the year. We are Indiana's
42 family doctors, and no one knows the joys and challenges of providing strong community-focused
43 primary care better than we do. As chapter president, I will make sure the IAFP continues to support
44 members as they carry out this sacred calling.
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46 Respectfully submitted,
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