

**Transactions of the 2017 Congress of Delegates
Second Session**

Saturday, July 22, 2017

French Lick, IN

Members in Attendance: *Abigail Amy Annan, MD, Debra McClain, MD, Brian Johnson, MD, Lenora Hirschler, MD, Gerald Morris, MD, Rose Paul, MD, Bob Clutter, MD, Jason Marker, MD, John Haste, MD, Fred Ridge, MD, William Wells, MD, David Schultz, MD, Bill Tortoriello, MD, Michael Kelley, MD, Kyle Davidson, MS4, Aimee Herd, MS2, Michael Keller, MS3, Jason White, MD, Christopher Watson, MD, Windel Stracener, MD, Douglas Morrell, MD, Julie Degler, MD, Carol Magee, MD, Teresa Lovins, MD, Dan Walters, MD, Will Cooke, MD, Candy Embry, MD, George Estill, MD, Shane Avery, MD, Ash Hanna, MD, Teresa Smith, MD, Mark Souder, MD, Daryl Hershberger, MD, Samir Ginde, MD, Elizabeth Wright, MD, Fred Haggerty, MD, Kenneth Kigorwe, Beth Yegerlehner, MD, Michael Busha, MD, Amanda Smith, MD, Charlie Richert, MD, Bernie Emkes, MD, Richard Feldman, MD, Juan Chung, MD, Robert Irick, MD, Suzanne Montgomery, MD, Neva Lynch Jackson, MD, Andrew Archual, MD, Anna Welch, MD, Lisamarie Austen, MD*

I.

Call to Order - Risheet Patel, MD *Speaker*

II. The speaker called the Congress of Delegates to order.

Roll Call - Kevin Speer, JD *Executive Vice President*

Mr. Speer called the roll:

- A. Central: Michael Busha, MD, Amanda Smith, MD, Charlie Richert, MD, Bernie Emkes, MD, Richard Feldman, MD, Juan Chung, MD, Robert Irick, MD, Suzanne Montgomery, MD, Neva Lynch Jackson, MD, Andrew Archual, MD
- B. East: Windel Stracener, MD, Douglas Morrell, MD, Julie Degler, MD, Carol Magee, MD
- C. North East: Ash Hanna, MD, Teresa Smith, MD, Mark Souder, MD, Daryl Hershberger, MD
- D. North West: Abigail Amy Annan, MD, Debra McClain, MD, Brian Johnson, MD, Lenora Hirschler, MD, Gerald Morris, MD, Rose Paul, MD
- E. South East: Teresa Lovins, MD, Dan Walters, MD, Will Cooke, MD, Candy Embry, MD, George Estill, MD, Shane Avery, MD
- F. South West: William Wells, MD, David Schultz, MD, Bill Tortoriello, MD, Michael Kelley, MD
- G. West Central: Anna Welch, MD, Lisamarie Austen, MD
- H. West: Samir Ginde, MD, Elizabeth Wright, MD, Fred Haggerty, MD, Kenneth Kigorwe, Beth Yegerlehner, MD
- I. Resident: Jason White, MD, Christopher Watson, MD
- III. J. Students: Kyle Davidson, MS4, Aimee Herd, MS2, Michael Keller, MS3
- K. Past Presidents: Bob Clutter, MD, Jason Marker, MD, John Haste, MD, Fred Ridge, MD

Election of Officers & Directors

The speaker read the proposed slate for the 2017 election of IAFFP officers:

- A. President Elect: William Tortoriello, MD
- B. Director: Cynthia Meneghini, MD
- C. Director: Richard Feldman, MD
- D. AAFP Delegate: Jason Marker, MD
- E. AAFP Alternate Delegate: David Schultz, MD

The speaker requested any additional nominations. Seeing none, a motion was made to close nominations. The motion was seconded and adopted. A motion was made to elect the proposed slate of officers by acclamation. The motion was seconded and then passed unanimously.

IV.

Report of the Reference Committee

1 The speaker called for the report of the reference committee and explained the consent calendar
2 process. Members who disagree with the reference committee's decisions can come to the
3 microphone and request a particular item be extracted.

4 A. Dr. Samir Ginde presented the reference committee report.

5 a. It was requested that the following items be extracted from the consent calendar:
6 Items 1 and 5

7 i. Item 1: Substitute 17-01: "Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
8 and Small Practices"

9 ii. Item 5: Substitute COL Recommendation 1: "Medical Marijuana"

10 B. The speaker called for a motion to approve reference committee report, without Items 1
11 and 5. There was a motion. Seconded and Adopted.

12 C. Dr. Samir Ginde read Item 1: Substitute 17-01: "Merit-Based Incentive Payment System
13 (MIPS) and Small Practices"

14 a. Testimony was heard during the reference committee meeting both in support and
15 opposition for this resolution. Proponents argued that current CMS policy regarding
16 MIPS is overly burdensome to small practices, particularly in rural areas.
17 Opponents stated that CMS has already made exemptions for small practices in
18 response to criticism.

19 b. **A motion to amend was made to strike the following phrase from the**
20 **substitute resolution: "...low volume threshold regulations". The motion was**
21 **seconded and adopted.**

22 c. Testimony was briefly heard on this resolution.

23 d. **A motion was made to accept the amended substitute resolution. Seconded**
24 **and adopted.**

25 D. Dr. Samir Ginde read Item 5: Substitute COL Recommendation 1: "Medical Marijuana"

26 a. Testimony was heard during the reference committee meeting regarding this issue.
27 Proponents of the resolution mentioned that there are evidence-based medical
28 uses for marijuana. It was also mentioned that the current cultural and political
29 climate is becoming more favorable towards marijuana and the IAFP risks locking
30 itself out of upcoming debates by having a policy of strict prohibition. Additionally,
31 proponents of the resolution referenced the burden of increased incarceration of
32 youth due to marijuana use. Opponents of the resolution expressed doubt
33 regarding the medical uses of marijuana and concerns about its harmful effects. The
34 Committee believed that the second part of the recommendation regarding the
35 support of decriminalization of possession and personal use of marijuana is just a
36 reaffirmation of existing policy and was thus not included in the amended
37 resolution.

38 b. **A motion was made to amend the substitute recommendation to read as**
39 **follows: RESOLVED, The IAFP advocates for the reclassification of marijuana**
40 **from a Drug Enforcement Agency classification Schedule I to Schedule II to**
41 **facilitate further research in marijuana and its components and to allow for**
42 **high-quality, evidence-based therapeutic uses, and be it further RESOLVED,**
43 **that the IAFP neither endorses nor opposes the legalization of medical**
44 **marijuana, until such time additional FDA approved cannabinoid medications**
45 **are developed, and be it further, RESOLVED, if medical marijuana is legalized**
46 **in Indiana, that the IAFP seek the creation of a state governmental**
47 **commission composed of physicians and other healthcare professionals to**
48 **determine only high-quality, evidence-based allowed therapeutic uses and be**
49 **it further resolved that the IAFP, in accordance with existing AAFP policy,**
50 **supports the decriminalization of recreational marijuana.**

51 c. **A motion was made to divide the question between all four resolved clauses.**
52 **The motion was seconded and adopted.**

- 1 d. A motion was made to adopt resolved clause 1. Seconded and adopted.
2 e. A motion was made to adopt resolved clause 2. Seconded and adopted.
3 f. A motion was made to adopt resolved clause 3. Seconded and adopted.
4 g. A motion to amend resolved cause 4 to read: "The IAFFP supports the AAFP
5 position regarding marijuana.
6 i. A second order amendment was made to insert the word recreational
7 before marijuana. A motion was made to accept the second order
8 amendment. Seconded and adopted.
9 ii. A motion was made to accept the amendment to the resolved clause 4.
10 V. Seconded and adopted.
11 h. A motion was made to adopt resolved clause 4. Seconded and not adopted.
12 VI. New Business
13 The speaker called for any new business. There was none.
14 VII. Communications
15 The speaker called for announcements. There were none.
Adjournment of the 2017 Congress of Delegates
A motion was made to adjourn the Congress. Seconded and adopted..