

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
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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. There was complete turnover in the
13 chapter relations department at AAFP this winter, and the information that had previously been
14 reported to us has changed significantly, so the comparisons normally provided are currently
15 unavailable. As of June 30, our state chapter membership was decreased by 37 Active members
16 compared with 2022.
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18 Membership numbers by category for the last three years (as of June 30):
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	2021	2022	2023
Active Members	1708	1720	1683
Resident Members	435	414	405
Student Members	146	156	147
Life Members	265	266	269
Total Membership	2569	2570	2518

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28 **CME Reminder**

29 As of January 1, 2019, controlled substance registration in Indiana requires 2 hours of continuing
30 education in opiate abuse and prescribing, obtained within the 2 years previous to your registration.
31 This is not a new requirement, so this serves as a reminder that your Academy does provide relevant
32 training which fills the requirements.
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34 **New this year:** The DEA has enacted a one-time 8-hour training requirement on treatment and
35 management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. This went into effect on June
36 27, 2023, and it must be fulfilled prior to your next controlled substance registration submission. Your
37 Academy has been working to help provide relevant training.

- 38 ● This training requirement can be cumulative over multiple education sessions; you do not have
39 to do 8 hours at once.
- 40 ● If you have previously completed DATA-Waived training, this counts toward your requirement.
- 41 ● If you have previously undergone relevant training from the AMA, AOA, or any organization
42 accredited by the ACCME, this can be counted toward your requirement.

43 You will be asked to self certify when you renew your DEA registration.
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45 **Leadership Opportunities**

46 This year, the National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL) and the Annual Chapter Leader
47 Forum (ACLF) were once again taking place in person in Kansas City. Traditionally, the NCCL presents
48 an opportunity for members of historically underrepresented constituencies of the AAFP (recognized
49 as women, minorities, new physicians, international medical graduates, and GLBT physicians) to
50 develop leadership skills, influence policy, and engage with other physicians in those constituencies.

1 The business of the conference -- including reference committees, resolution writing, and the NCCL
2 Congress of Delegates -- enjoyed active and passionate involvement.

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4 We hope that next year we will be able to send a full delegation to NCCL. Members who meet criteria
5 for the conference but do not plan to be a delegate are also welcome to attend as general registrants.
6 While only delegates can vote, the Indiana chapter enjoys making connections and engaging in
7 discussion on the topics at hand with all of our members who are attending. If you are interested in
8 being a delegate or just attending, please reach out to myself or to Missy Lewis Deeter.

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10 I also encourage members to engage with the AAFP Membership Interest Groups, or MIGs, which
11 provide a forum for discussion and connection with other members who share their interests. These
12 can be found on the AAFP website under your "Member Benefits" section.

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14 **Getting Involved**

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

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21 **Awards**

22 Calls for nominations for annual awards were included in the IAFP Today email blast and also made
23 available on the IAFP website (<http://www.in-afp.org/about-us/awards/>). For 2023, we are happy to
24 recognize:

26 Outstanding Resident	Kevin Harris, DO
27 Family Physician of the Year	Carol Dellinger, MD
28 Jackie Schilling Certificate of	Jennifer Taylor, DHEd, MPH, MCHES
29 Commendation	

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32 This commission continues to affirm the value of recognizing professional achievement among IAFP
33 members as a way to honor and reinforce the value of Family Physicians in our state. We are proud of
34 all our members and would continue to encourage our membership to recognize the accomplishments
35 of their colleagues and partners by nominating them for an award.

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37 Respectfully submitted,
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