

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT**
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7 It was an honor to be voted into office as President Elect at our Academy's Annual Congress of
8 Delegates in July 2017. While there were not a lack of challenges and tasks facing Family Physicians
9 in our state and all over the country, the most important charge is to keep patients as our focus. We
10 must remember that improving patient care is the core of what we do as Family Physicians. Our
11 Annual Meeting was productive for both Academy business which addressed problems of patient care
12 and also provided an excellent selection of Continuing Medical Education (CME) to improve our skills.
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14 In the Fall of 2017, our officers and board members attended the American Academy of Family
15 Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) in San Antonio. We successfully promoted our own
16 Windel Stracener's election to the AAFP Board of Directors. We had many opportunities to meet fellow
17 Family Physicians from other chapters around the country and exchange ideas.
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19 During our CME trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico in February 2018, the officers and members of the
20 Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) met with members of the Puerto Rico Academy of
21 Family Physicians (PRAFP), who presented us with a plaque of appreciation for the IAFP's successful
22 efforts to raise funds to purchase generators for 50 physicians' offices in Puerto Rico. We truly
23 appreciated the hospitality of our colleagues in San Juan. The Academy also presented 15 hours of
24 high quality CME.
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26 Our Meet the Legislators evening in Indianapolis this year was attended by both academy members
27 and legislators. Members had the opportunity to exchange ideas and express views with our Indiana
28 legislators.
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30 I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the AAFP Annual Chapter Leaders Forum in KC this
31 year. The presentations and discussions were timely and practical. There were great educational
32 opportunities for leadership training, as well as a chance to connect with other chapter leaders and
33 work toward common Family Medicine goals.
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35 Our IAFP Board of Directors meetings during the course of the year addressed issues that affect us all
36 as Family Physicians. Plans were developed to address issues that are of concern to the Family
37 Physicians in our state as directed by the resolutions from our Congress of Delegates annual meeting.
38 This brings us to the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held at the Alexander Hotel in Indianapolis where
39 there will be high quality CME, meetings of the Congress of Delegates, election and installation of
40 officers and fun family events.
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42 I would like to add a recommendation to the Congress of Delegates (COD). We were recently notified
43 that the general public is able to access our personal address and phone number information that was
44 used on our Indiana license applications. And since there has been a case where that information has
45 been posted on a public website, and, since it is currently legal to do so, therefore **I recommend that**
46 **the IAFP pursue legislation to maintain the privacy of physician's personal information on**
47 **Indiana license applications.**
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49 Lastly, I am looking forward to serving the Academy as your President in the coming year. We have
50 many challenges ahead and we can deal with them best if we face them together. We must to continue
51 to promote Family Medicine to the public, businesses, and legislators as a specialty that provides care

1 to entire families, care that emphasizes prevention, compassion and trust. And in addition we must
2 promote our Academy and its physicians as leaders in the delivery of primary care.
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5 President-Elect