

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
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7 We were welcomed to San Antonio, Texas by warm weather and a great atmosphere celebrating our
8 70th Birthday. The Business meetings started on Monday but prior to that we had the Meet the
9 Candidates. Our own Windel Stracener, MD was presented to the Chapter Presidents and Delegates
10 and Alt Delegates during this session with great reception. Many came up to encourage him and
11 question him on various topics related to medicine and AAFP responses. I believe he represented you
12 well during this time.

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14 The Business of the COD includes many dignitaries with reports from various like-minded
15 organizations and our Family Medicine Family. We heard from the AMA President Elect, David Barbe,
16 MD, who is a family physician. We heard from the WONCA President, family physician and Professor
17 Amanda Howe, coming from Norwich, UK. She showed us how much family medicine crosses the
18 boundaries of countries but is always the same at heart. Dr David White from the College of Family
19 Physicians of Canada addressed us. Dr David Puffer from the ABFM also addressed the Congress
20 with updates and greetings.

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22 At our first session, we were able to officially nominate Windel for the position on the Board of Directors
23 of the AAFP.

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25 The true business of the Congress comes in the form of Reference Committees and their reports.
26 Many various topics were presented by the chapters and in the Reference Committees they were
27 discussed. The Reference Committees then brought back the recommendations and the Congress we
28 voted on them as policy, policy changes or voted them down.

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30 The IAFP does similar actions at our All Member Congress, so the process was easy to understand
31 and follow at the AAFP Congress. If you have never been to either, they are a work in Parliamentary
32 Procedure that functions well.

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34 We presented several resolutions for consideration.

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36 Resolution 203:

37 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) add an option for chapters to
38 include PAC contributions to the AAFP dues invoice. ADOPTED

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40 Resolution 308:

41 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for ongoing changes to
42 Meritbased Incentive Payment System (MIPS) regulations that decrease its administrative burden for
43 small practices, and be it further

44 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for changes in the
45 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) exemption formula that increase the number of exempt
46 small practices without penalizing those small practices wishing to participate or penalizing those
47 practices that may choose to participate at a later date, and be it further

48 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for processes within the
49 Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) that would provide small
50 incremental pay increases for small practices that participate in any quality improvement activities
51 outside of the formal Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) structure. ADOPTED

1 SUBSTITUTE Resolution 308:
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3 Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) that would provide incremental pay
4 increases for small practices that participate in any quality improvement activities outside of the formal
5 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) structure.

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7 There were also many awards given out during the Congress. The Thomas W Johnson Award for
8 Career Contributions to Family Medicine went to Dr John Saultz of Oregon. The Humanitarian Award
9 went to Dr Kyle Sheets of Lubbock, Texas. The John G Walsh Award for Lifetime Contributions to
10 Family Medicine went to Dr John Frey of Madison, Wisconsin. The Robert Graham Physician
11 Executive Award went to Dr Norma Chenven of Austin, Texas.

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13 The Final action of the Congress was to install the officers for 2017-2018. President Elect John Cullen
14 from Valdez, Alaska; Speaker Dr Alan Schwartzstein of Oregon, Wisconsin; Vice Speaker Dr Russell
15 Kohl of Stillwell, Kansas; Director Windel Stracener of Richmond, Indiana; Director Sterling Ransone of
16 Deltaville, Virginia; Director Erica Swegler of Austin, TX. They were all installed along with the
17 Resident Director Dr Alexa Mieses of Durham, North Carolina, Student Director Mr John Heafner of St
18 Louis, Missouri and New Physician Director Dr Frankie Simmons of Concord, North Carolina.

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20 The full minutes from the 2017 Congress of Delegates have been posted on the website at
21 <http://www.aafp.org/about/governance/congress-delegates/2017.mem.html>.

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23 I want to personally thank the members of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians who were able to
24 be in San Antonio and support Windel in his successful run for AAFP Board of Directors. I know that
25 Windel shares my sentiment that you are special physicians in a great state. We are grateful for you to
26 allow us to represent you at the AAFP. I also want to personally thank Missy Lewis, Chris Barry and
27 Kevin Speer and the intern Kim Speer in their help with Windel's election. You are the driving force
28 behind every great physician in Indiana. Thanks.

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30 Respectfully Submitted,

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33 Senior Delegate