

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS**
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4 **French Lick, IN**

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7 Please refer to the Transactions of the COD for complete information regarding the discussion,
8 decisions, and events from the 2016 COD.
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10 As this is my first year in the role of Speaker of the Congress of Delegates, I hope for a smooth and
11 productive meeting. We will build on the strong tradition of leadership from this body and its members.
12 We have made some changes to the format and timings of Congress this year to try and increase
13 participation and engagement. That being said, we hope to have lively discussion surrounding our
14 resolutions while keeping the sessions of Congress streamlined and efficient. We hope you find the
15 changes welcome, but we are always open to feedback on making our process smoother.
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17 As a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, I have also represented the
18 Indiana Academy in a number of events and meetings. We had the pleasure to attend the Ten State
19 Conference in Chicago this February. We also attended the Annual Chapter Leadership Forum in
20 Kansas City this past April. Throughout the year, several of us have been working with Dr. Windel
21 Stracener on his campaign for the AAFP Board of Directors. While he fell just short last year, we are
22 hoping for a different outcome this year as we continue to showcase strong leaders from the state of
23 Indiana.
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25 We hope the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians is a great value and resource to you in your
26 professional lives. Please let me know any comments, questions, or suggestions you may have.
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