

1 **INDIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**  
2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AAFP DELEGATION**

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4 **French Lick, IN**

**July 14, 2023**

5 **Jason Marker, MD, MPA, FAAFP**  
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7 Your IAFP Delegation attended the AAFP Congress of Delegates held in Washington D.C. in  
8 September 2022. Due to an illness, Alternate Delegate Dr. Bernard Richard was replaced with Dr.  
9 Nykki Boersma, who served alongside Alternate Delegate David Schultz. Drs. Marker and Patel served  
10 as your voting Delegates.  
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12 This was the first COD held in person since 2019 and it was so great to see our colleagues from  
13 around the country in person. The COD kicked off with a Town Hall meeting where we heard from the  
14 three AAFP Presidents and the CEO. Congress sessions kicked off on Monday morning with the usual  
15 greetings, but we quickly kicked the meeting into high gear by attending to the work of the Congresses  
16 held in 2020 and 2021. The activities of those two virtual Congresses required ratification by this year's  
17 live Congress – and the vote of ratification passed.  
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19 We then proceeded on to the work of the 2022 Congress with lively debate about a whole host of  
20 topics that spanned the spectrum from medical to social and legal to political. Reference committee  
21 debate was vigorous but cordial, even on several contentious topics around reproductive rights. In the  
22 end, the congress voted to continue to support a broad definition of reproductive rights while bolstering  
23 support to avoid physician and patient criminalization in future legislative efforts and supporting a  
24 physician's rights of conscience.  
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26 The resolution from the IAFP Congress of Delegates regarding tax law and small, independent  
27 practices had excellent Reference Committee debate with unanimous support and was referred to the  
28 AAFP Board of Directors for further action. We supported this referral as the issue is complex and may  
29 have a significant fiscal note to move forward.  
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31 Our Indiana candidate for AAFP Board of Directors, Teresa Lovins, was successful in her bid for a full  
32 3-year seat. Naturally, the large delegation from Indiana that traveled to D.C. to support her at the Meet  
33 The Candidates night and Hospitality Night would like to take all the credit. However, it was probably  
34 the fact that she's an amazing candidate who knows her stuff and was able to express that well that  
35 affected her victory! Regardless of the reason...she won and your Indiana support team couldn't have  
36 been happier to support her. Indiana is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for number of person-years that we have had a  
37 representative on the AAFP Board of Directors. Congratulations, Teresa!!  
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39 The 2023 AAFP Congress of Delegates will be held in Chicago, IL next year from Wednesday, October  
40 25 through Friday, October 27. If you would like to join the delegation in Chicago for any or all of the  
41 proceedings, please let us know...with a location so close it would be a great opportunity to introduce  
42 more of the IAFP membership to the work of the AAFP Congress.  
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44 If you have additional questions about the events of the 2022 AAFP Congress of Delegates, please  
45 seek out a member of our delegation. Here is a link to the AAFP website with much more detail as well:  
46 <https://www.aafp.org/about/congress-delegates/2022.html>.  
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48 Respectfully submitted by the 2022 IAFP Delegation to the AAFP Congress of Delegates,  
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50 Jason Marker, MD, FAAFP *Delegate*  
51 Risheet Patel, MD *Delegate*

- 1 Bernard Richard, MD *Alternate Delegate*
- 2 David Schultz, MD, FAAFP *Alternate Delegate*
- 3 Nykki Boersma, MD, FAAFP *2023 Alternate Delegate filling the 2022 seat of Bernard Richard due to*
- 4 *illness*