

New York State Academy of Family Physicians

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Dear Member,

Official Notice of NYSAFP Congress of Delegates

June 15-16, 2019 (Saturday and Sunday)

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The 71st annual Congress of Delegates of the NYSAFP will meet June 15-16, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the Congress, to participate in discussions of current issues and to debate Academy policy. Delegates to the Congress include delegates elected by county chapters and family medicine residency program chapters, members of the board of directors, past presidents, delegates selected by resident and student members, and delegates selected from counties that do not have a component chapter. County chapters are entitled to two delegates and alternates. Counties with more than 100 members have an additional delegate and alternate for each additional 100 members. In counties where there is no component chapter, any member(s) interested in becoming a delegate must provide written notice to the Speaker of the Congress. If more than one member in a county where there is no component chapter want to be delegates, the Speaker will conduct an election not less than 30 days prior to the Congress and will limit participation in that election to members in good standing of that county. Although all members may participate in the Congress, only delegates may vote.

The Congress is an annual meeting of the membership of the NYSAFP. This is the forum wherein active members voice their opinions on Academy positions and operations and present suggestions for Academy programs and positions.

Resolutions

Resolutions are the means by which members of the NYSAFP convey ideas or concerns to the Congress of Delegates. Resolutions which are adopted by the Congress of Delegates become policy of the NYSAFP.

Resolutions which have been submitted in advance and reports of commissions and officers are presented at the Congress. Reference committees meet and hear testimony regarding resolutions and reports. The reference committees make recommendations regarding resolutions and reports. Any member may submit a resolution.

Resolutions should be submitted to the NYSAFP no later than 60 days (by April 15, 2019) prior to the Congress to be published in the Delegates Handbook. Resolutions may also be submitted at the Congress, but the Congress may decline to consider resolutions, which were not presented 60 days prior to the opening of the Congress.

Guidelines for writing resolutions include:

1. Staff assigns numbers to resolutions
2. The author of the resolution is responsible for identifying the subject of the resolution
3. The resolution must include name of the member, commission or organization presenting the resolution and a phone number
4. Each item of background and justification for the resolution should be included and should begin with the word "Whereas"
5. After the various "Whereas" paragraphs, the "resolves" paragraphs should clearly establish the purpose of the resolution such as a change in Academy policy, amendment of the bylaws, or referral to another organization (such as resolving that the NYSAFP delegation to the AAFP COD ask the AAFP to adopt a resolution).
6. Please remember that only the "*resolved*" clauses appear as policy (not the "*whereas*" clauses), so each "*resolved*" clause must stand on its own.

Please look at the [Resolution Writing Template](#) in order to guide you in proper formatting of a resolution. **MUCH VALUABLE TIME REVIEWING RESOLUTIONS IS SPENT CORRECTING SIMPLE FORMATTING ISSUES AS OPPOSED TO DISCUSSING CONTENT. THIS CAN BE AVOIDED BY REVIEWING THE TEMPLATE AND THE TIPS INCLUDED IN THE TEMPLATE.**

Often times, resolutions presented at the NYSAFP COD reflect **EXISTING POLICY** of the NYSAFP or the AAFP. Resolutions need not be submitted to support existing policy. **Before submitting a resolution, please use these links to investigate if your resolution is already reflected in existing NYSAFP or AAFP policy.**

[Current NYSAFP Policies](#)

[Current AAFP Policies](#)

Here is an example of a resolution that was recently presented and adopted at the NYSAFP Congress of Delegates:

SUBJECT: Increase CME Continuing Medical Education Credit Requirement to a Maximum of 50 percent

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Margarita De Federicis

AUTHOR: NYSAFP Education Commission

WHEREAS Family Medicine community preceptors make a significant impact on the success of medical student and residency training programs and

WHEREAS there is a shortage of medical student preceptors in Family Medicine and

WHEREAS the need to increase medical school enrollment to meet the growing physician shortage in the United States will place more demands on physicians who teach and increase the need for preceptors. () and

WHEREAS requirements for increased productivity and reduced reimbursement by third party payers have placed additional burdens on these preceptors, affecting the number of preceptors willing to teach and

WHEREAS a well conducted study indicated that family physicians more often reported that helping recruit for their specialty was an important factor in their decision to teach, and family physicians placed more importance on receiving continuing medical education credit for teaching compared with other specialties and

WHEREAS it is imperative to develop new incentives to maintain and increase the number of Family Medicine community preceptors and

WHEREAS the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) currently allows teaching medical students and physicians to count for Division II Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit, which may be a maximum of 50% of the 150 hours of CME credit required for each three year cycle, or 75 hours for each cycle and

WHEREAS the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) currently has a lesser CME allowance for teaching, allowing members to claim a maximum of only 60 hours of CME credit for teaching health professions learners out of the 150 hours of CME required for each three year election cycle, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP) delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates submit a resolution directing the AAFP to Increase the allowable Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit provided for teaching to a maximum of 50 percent of the CME hours required over a 3-year cycle [up to 75 hours of the presently required 150 hours].

Elections

The Congress also conducts elections. Elections will be held for the following offices at the Congress: president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, director (3 positions), delegate to the AAFP Congress, and alternate delegate to the AAFP Congress, speaker and vice speaker. The three director positions are for 3-year terms. The AAFP delegate and alternate positions are for 2-year terms. The New Physician position is a 2-year term. All other offices are for 1-year terms. There will be a Dinner and Installation Ceremony (Black Tie Optional).

If you are interested in becoming a delegate and you live in a county that does not have an organized county chapter, contact Executive Vice President, Vito Grasso for information regarding how you can become a delegate. You may reach Vito at vito@nysafp.org or 518.489.8945 x1.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions. We look forward to a productive Congress of Delegates in June.