



General Assembly – August 7, 2015 – New Orleans, LA

DRAFT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA
August 7, 2015- 1:00 pm

PRESENT:

Derek Anderson, MD, FAAFP
Khaled Aqeel, MD
Luke Baudoin, MD
Walter Birdsall, MD FAAFP
Melvin Bourgeois, MD
Kenneth Brown, MD, FAAFP
James Campbell, MD
Lacey Cavanaugh, MD
Mark Dawson, MD, FAAFP
Brian Elkins, MD, FAAFP
Jason Fuqua, MD
Jody George, MD,
Wayne Gravois, MD

Michael Harper, MD, FAAFP
Brian Harrell, MD
Chris Hayes, MD
Jack Heidenreich, MD
Jonathan Hunter, MD, FAAFP
Daniel Jens, MD, FAAFP
Edmond Kalifey, MD FAAFP
Albert Kerr, MD
Alan LeBato, MD, FAAFP
Randall Lillich, MD
William Long, MD
Euil Luther, MD
Jose Mata, MD, FAAFP

Christian Mayorga, MD
Camille Pitre, MD
Danielle Rushing, MD
Kerry Sterling, MD
Devan Szczepanski, MD
James Taylor, MD
Margo Thomas, MD
Hugh Washburn, MD, FAAFP
Michael Williams, MD, FAAFP

Special Guests

Paul Murphree, DO
Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAAFP

LAFP Staff:

Ragan LeBlanc, Executive Vice President
Lee Ann Albert, Membership and Education Director
Joe Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist
Sandy Mapes-LAFP Lobbyist
Bilee Yelverton- LAFP Lobbyist

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Daniel Jens called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Dr. Jens gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Jens led the pledge of allegiance.

IN MEMORIAM REPORT

Dr. Jens reviewed the Memoriam Report, he asked for a moment of silence for a member who passed away since the last General Assembly: David William Euans, MD, John Blaine Hill MD, William A. Marmande, MD, Fred A. Marks, MD.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Jens then recognized the LAFP Board members by asking them to stand. He stated that the Academy could not exist without their support. He did the same for those who have served on an LAFP Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – PAUL MURPHREE, MD

Dr. Anderson gave an overview of Dr. Murphree's background stating he is currently is interim Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director of Quality and Informatics at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA). He oversees population's health managements, utilization review, case and disease management, medical policy, wellness provider performance plan accreditation and innovative care models. Dr. Anderson proudly introduced Dr. Paul Murphree.

ADDRESS OF GUEST SPEAKER – PAUL MURPHREE, MD

Dr. Murphree's topic focused on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or better known as "Obama Care." He provided information and updates from Blue Cross on the ACA relative to the population being served, co-ops, and the role of the commercial insurer with regards to hospitals, physicians, and health plans. He then took questions from the audience.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – ROBERT L. WERGIN, MD, FAAFP

Dr. Anderson then introduced Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAAFP, President of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

ADDRESS OF THE GUEST SPEAKER – ROBERT L. WERGIN, MD, FAAFP

Dr. Wergin thanked the members for the opportunity to be at the General Assembly. He gave an overview regarding the work of the AAFP that included its advocacy efforts, physician workforce and resources that were available to the membership. He urged the Assembly to discuss scope of practice and other issues affecting primary care with legislators. In closing, he said, "There is never a better time to be a family physician than right now." He then took questions from the audience.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Follow-up taken from 2014 General Assembly

Dr. Anderson stated at the follow up actions from the 2014 General Assembly was the bylaws revision that was approved during the 2014 meeting. He stated that the bylaws revision had been completed and that the Board of Directors had approved the draft.

APPROVAL OF 2014 GA MINUTES

Dr. Anderson requested that all members in attendance review the minutes from 2014. The following motion was adopted by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

MOTION (APPROVED)

THAT THE JULY 4, 2014 MEETING MINUTES BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT A – POLICY STATEMENTS

Dr. Anderson stated as a point of information, Report A from the Board of Directors regarding the LAFP Policy Statements were in the handbook. He also informed those in attendance that the Board of Directors reviewed the policies that were set to sunset and approved and made revisions as noted. Dr. Anderson encouraged those in attendance to review the LAFP policies and that they could be found in the handbook or on the LAFP website.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT B – STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Anderson then went on to discuss Report B from the Board of Directors regarding the LAFP Strategic Plan. He informed the Assembly that the board had approved a three year plan that would focus on the following objectives:

I. *Advocacy*

Preserve and strengthen the leadership of family medicine

II. *Practice Support*

Provide support to members in fulfilling their practice and career goals

III. *Education*

Provide high quality education for family physicians in all practice styles

IV. *Membership & Communications*

Ensure relationship with members is relevant, valued and communicated

V. *Operations*

Maintain a strong, sustainable Academy accountable for supporting the membership

He informed those in attendance that the plan would be reviewed for progress annually and used by the president-elect to set the work plan for the upcoming year. Dr. Anderson encouraged those in attendance to review the LAFP policies and that they could be found in the handbook or on the LAFP website.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND LATE RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Anderson announced that there were no late resolutions and closed the submission period for any late resolutions. Without further comment he proceeded with the resolutions that had been submitted for the Assembly's consideration:

Resolution No. 1 – Background Checks and Education for Patients Regarding Gun Safety was moved by Dr. Jens then presented a brief overview of the intent. Resolution No. 1 was reported by substitute and became Substitute Resolution No. 1. Dr. Anderson after receiving approval from the Assembly opened the floor for consideration.

Substitute Resolution No. 1

Dr. Jens made the following motion by the Assembly:

Discussion was conducted on the first resolved and was amended as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians **inform our state and federal legislators of the AAFP policy on prevention of gun violence and encourage them to promote legislation consistent with this policy.**

The following motion was made and approved by the Assembly:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS INFORM STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATORS OF THE AAFP POLICY ON PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE AND ENCOURAGE THE PROMOTION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was conducted on the second resolved and was amended as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians encourage its members to discuss firearm safety with their patients, including issues that may include trigger locks, **and** education about handling guns ~~and how to control anger.~~

The following motion was made by the Assembly:

MOTION (FAILED TO BE ADOPTED)

THAT THE 2ND RESOLVE TO ENCOURAGE THE LAFP MEMBERS TO DISCUSS FIREARM SAFETY WITH THEIR PATIENTS, INCLUDING TRIGGER LOCKS AND EDUCATION ON HANDLING OF GUNS BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Resolution No.2 – Condolence Resolution. Dr. Anderson stated this is a condolence resolution for Dr. David Euan. Dr. Anderson after receiving approval from the Assembly, opened the floor for consideration. Dr. Anderson read the two Resolves.

RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians join the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians in recognizing Dr. David Euan’s invaluable contributions to Family Medicine, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dr. David Euan’s family as an expression of condolence.

The following motion was made by the Assembly:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS JOIN THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS IN RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID EUAN’S INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FAMILY MEDICINE AND THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO DR. DAVID EUAN’S FAMILY AS AN EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN.

Resolution No. 3 – Establish a Resident Award of Excellence. Mr. Frank DePaula, Alternate Student Delegate to the General Assembly moved the Resolution and offered an amendment. Dr. Anderson after receiving approval from the Assembly opened the floor for consideration.

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians Foundation establish a Resident Award of Excellence and recognize resident leadership, scholarly activity and family medicine research.

The following motion was made by the Assembly:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT THE LAFP FOUNDATION ESTABLISH A RESIDENT AWARD OF EXCELLENE AND RECOGNIZE RESIDENT LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARY ACTIVITY AND FAMILY MEDICINE RESEARCH BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Resolution No. 4 – Dues Increase for Active, Inactive and Supporting Membership. Dr. Anderson indicated there was no need for this resolution because the Bylaws state in part that the Assembly votes on the dues increases with the recommendation from the Board of Directors. However, he will handle it this year as a resolution and stated the General Assembly can vote to approve or not approve the Board of Directors recommendation of a dues increase. Dr. Anderson opened the floor for consideration.

RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) Board of Directors urges the membership to approve for the annual dues for active members of the LAFP will increase \$25 dollars beginning January 2016 resulting in the total annual dues for chapter dues to be \$300 dollars be approved by the General Assembly at its August, 2015 meeting.

The following motion was made:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS (LAFP) BOARD OF DIRECTORS URGES THE MEMBERSHIP TO APPROVE FOR THE ANNUAL DUES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE LAFP WILL

INCREASE \$25 DOLLARS BEGINNING JANUARY 2016 RESULTING IN THE TOTAL ANNUAL DUES FOR CHAPTER DUES TO BE \$300 DOLLARS, BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN.

The motion carried.

Resolution No. 5 - Late Term Abortions. Dr. Gravois read the resolves and discussed his intent of the resolution. He then moved that the resolution be adopted. Dr. Anderson after receiving approval from the Assembly opened the floor for consideration.

RESOLVED, that the LAFP is against performing abortions 20 weeks and after, and further be it

RESOLVED, that the LAFP submit a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates to set such policy to also not support or endorse late term abortions in the United States.

The Assembly discussed the resolution and after lengthy debate, Dr. Cavanaugh made the following motion:

**MOTION (ADOPTED)
THAT THE TWO RESOLVES IN RESOLUTION NO. 5 BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.**

Discussion was conducted on the first resolved and was amended as follows:

RESOLVED, that the LAFP is against performing elective abortions ~~20 weeks and after~~, and further be it

The following motion was made:

**MOTION (FAILED TO BE ADOPTED)
THAT THE LAFP IS AGAINST PERFORMING ELECTIVE ABORTIONS, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

The first resolved reverted back to its original format. Discussion was conducted on the first resolved:

RESOLVED, that the LAFP is against performing elective abortions 20 weeks and after, and further be it

**MOTION (ADOPTED)
THAT THE LAFP IS AGAINST PERFORMING ELECTIVE ABORTIONS, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion was conducted on the second resolved and was amended as follows:

RESOLVED, that the LAFP submit a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates to set such policy to also not support or endorse elective late term abortions in the United States.

**MOTION (ADOPTED)
THAT THE LAFP SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO THE AAFP CONGRESS OF DELEGATES TO SET SUCH POLICY TO ALSO NOT SUPPORT OR ENDORSE ELECTIVE LATE TERM ABORTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Resolution No. 6 - Recognizing the Importance of Vaccinations and Immunizations in Louisiana. This resolution was submitted by the LAFP Board of Directors. Resolution No. 6 was reported by substitute and became Substitute Resolution No. 6. Dr. Anderson read the two resolves.

RESOLVED, the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) endorses the concept that all children and adults, regardless of economic and insurance status, should have access to all immunizations recommended by the AAFP; and further be it

RESOLVED, LAFP strongly recommends that patients receive all immunizations recommended by the AAFP in their medical home and when recommended vaccines are provided outside of the medical home, all pertinent vaccine related information should be provided to the patient's medical home.

Dr. Anderson after receiving approval from the Assembly opened the floor for consideration. Discussion was conducted and the following motion was made:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS (LAFP) ENDORSE THE CONCET THAT ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS, REGARDLESS OF ECONOMIC AND INSURANCE STATUS, SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO ALL IMMUNIZATGIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE AAFP AND THE LAFP STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT PATIENTS RECEIVE ALL IMMUNIZATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE AAFP IN THEIR MEDICAL HOME AND WHEN RECOMMENDED VACCINES RELATED INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL HOME, BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN.

The motion carried.

Resolution No. 7 - Medical and Recreational Use of Marijuana. Dr. Anderson read the two resolves. Dr. Anderson after receiving approval from the GA, opened the floor for consideration.

Dr. Gravois made the following motion:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT THE TWO RESOLVES, IN RESOLUTION NO. 7 BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

The motion carried.

Discussion was conducted on the first resolved.

RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians strongly oppose the recreational use of all medications and drugs of abuse, and be it further

The following motion was made:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS STRONGLY OPPOSE THE RECREATIONAL USE OF ALL MEDICATIONS AND DRUGS OF ABUSE, BE ADOPED AS WRITTEN.

The motion carried.

Discussion was conducted on the second resolved.

RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians support the medical use of marijuana for those patients who do not respond to standard existing therapeutic measures.

The following motion was made:

MOTION (FAILED TO BE ADOPTED)

THAT THE LOUISIANA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS SUPPORT THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHO DO NOT RESPOND TO STANDARD EXISTING THERAPEUTIC MEASURES, BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN.

The motion was failed to be adopted.

Resolution No. 8- Nurse Practitioners. This resolution was submitted by the LAFP Board of Directors. Dr. Taylor discussed the resolution with the Assembly and offered amendments to the first resolved. Dr. Taylor moved to approve the resolution as amended. Dr. Anderson after receiving approval from the GA opened the floor for consideration.

Discussion was conducted on the resolution as amended as follows:

RESOLVED, that advanced nurse practitioners should ~~continue their collaborative agreements with physicians and not be granted full license authority for the reasons given above;~~ and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the interest to maintain the highest quality of care and to maintain the highest quality of medical standards to Louisiana patients, the LAFP adopt the policy that states “a nurse practitioner should only function in an integrated practice arrangement under the direction and responsible supervision of a practicing, licensed physician. In no instance may duties be delegated to a nurse practitioner for which the supervising physician does not have the appropriate training, experience and demonstrated competence.”

The following motion was made:

MOTION (ADOPTED)

THAT ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONERS SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED FULL LICENSE AND THAT IN THE INTEREST TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF CARE AND TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF MEDICAL STANDARDS TO LOUISIANA PATIENTS, THE LAFP ADOPT THE POLICY THAT STATES “A NURSE PRACTITIONER SHOULD ONLY FUNCTION IN AN INTEGRATED PRACTICE ARRANGEMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION AND RESPONSIBLE SUPERVISION OF A PRACTICING, LICENSED PHYSICIAN. IN NO INSTANCE MAY DUTIES BE DELEGATED TO A NURSE PRACTITIONER FOR WHICH THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN DOES NOT HAVE THE APPROPRIATE TRAINING, EXPERIENCE AND DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE”, BE ADOPTED AS WRITTEN.

The motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST PRESIDENTS

Dr. Anderson asked all past presidents of the LAFP to stand for recognition.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Anderson asked for members who served on a committee to stand for recognition.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT – RAGAN LEBLANC

Mrs. Leblanc stated that her report was included in the handbook and didn't have anything additional to add.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

There were no verbal officer reports given during the General Assembly meeting. All reports were included in the handbook.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Dr. Anderson, in Dr. Bryan Picou's absence, stated that the 2014 year-end financial statement showed the LAFP is sound. A copy of the audit report is included in the handbook.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE- James A. Taylor, Jr. MD

Dr. Taylor reported the nominations for the LAFP Foundation and the LAFP Academy Board of Directors. He referred to the nomination slates included in the handbook. Dr. Anderson called for any member from the floor interested in making a nomination for any position to make it known at this time. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

LEGISLATIVE & MEMBERSHIP ISSUES COMMITTEE – James A. Taylor, Jr., MD

Dr. Anderson asked if Dr. Taylor had anything to add to the Legislative and Membership Issues Committee report included in the packet. Dr. Taylor stated that he did not have anything additional to add.

MATCH DATA

Dr. Anderson reported the Match Data for Family Medicine Residency Programs for 2014-2015 and announced that the reports were located in the handbook. He stated all 69 slots were filled for Family Medicine Residency Programs.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR/ALTERNATE REPORTS

No verbal or written reports were provided.

FAMILY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Dr. Anderson stated that written reports were submitted and included in the handbook.

FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Dr. Anderson stated that the written Residency Program reports submitted were included in the handbook. He announced at the end of August, he is stepping down as Residency Program Director at the Baton Rouge General and Dr. Brian Harrell had been hired to fill the position.

LAFP FOUNDATION

Dr. Anderson stated that a written report was submitted and is included in the handbook.

2015 FAMILY MEDICINE AWARD WINNERS

Dr. Anderson stated the Family Medicine winners for 2015 is included in the handbook and listed on the LAFP website. He congratulated the winners.

LAFAMPAC BOARD – Marguerite “Cissy” Picou, MD

Dr. Anderson, in the absence of Dr. Marguerite “Cissy” Picou, stated the PAC did very well in its drive to increase PAC contributions last year. He stated, in order for he and the Picou's to continue to make the match, fifty new donations are needed by Sunday, August 9. He expressed the importance of donating to LaFamPac.

ELECTION RESULTS

Due to there being no special elections during the General Assembly, the following officers were elected for the 2015-2016 year.

President:	Brian Elkins, MD, Alexandria, LA
President-Elect:	James Taylor, MD, Zachary, LA
Vice President:	M. Tahir Qayyum, MD, Bastrop, LA

Secretary: Christopher Foret, MD, Franklinton, LA
Treasurer: Bryan Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA
Immediate Past President: Melvin G. Bourgeois, MD, Morgan City, LA
Speaker: Derek Anderson, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
Vice-Speaker/GA: Daniel Jens, MD, Mandeville, LA
AAFP Delegate: Russell Roberts, MD, Shreveport, LA
AAFP Delegate: Marguerite Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA
AAFP Alternate Delegate: James Campbell, MD, Kenner, LA
AAFP Alternate Delegate: Bryan Picou, MD, Natchitoches, LA

Board of Directors

District 1 Director: Mary Coleman, MD, New Orleans, LA
District 1 Alternate: William Woessner, MD, New Orleans, LA
District 2 Director: Daniel Jens, MD, Mandeville, LA
District 2 Alternate: Luis Arencibia, MD, Mandeville, LA
District 3A Director: Jack Heidenreich, MD, Raceland, LA
District 3A Alternate: Camille Pitre, MD, Larose, LA
District 3B Director: Indira Gautam, MD, Lafayette, LA
District 3B Alternate: Zeb Stearns, MD, Eunice, LA
District 4 Director: Ricky Jones, MD, Shreveport, LA
District 4 Alternate: Gregory Bell, MD, Coushatta, LA
District 5 Director: Tobe Momah, MD, West Monroe, LA
District 5 Alternate: James Smith, Bastrop, LA
District 6A Director: Phillip Ehlers, MD, Baton Rouge, LA
District 6A Alternate: Carol Smothers-Swift, MD, New Roads, LA
District 6B Director: Richard Bridges, MD, Amite, LA
District 6B Alternate: Keisha Harvey, MD, Bogalusa, LA
District 7 Director: Jason Fuqua, MD, Sulphur, LA
District 7 Alternate: Andrew Davies, MD, Lake Charles, LA
District 8 Director: Jonathan Hunter, MD, Alexandria, LA
District 8 Alternate: Matthew Erickson, MD, Jena, LA
District Director at Large: Jody George, MD, Lake Charles, LA
District Director at Large Alt: Esther Holloway, MD, Coushatta, LA

Resident Representative	Becky Batiste, MD, Lacombe, LA
Resident Alternate	Clay Runfalo, MD, Prairieville, LA
Student Representative	Koby Lanclos, LSUHSC, Shreveport, LA
Student Alternate	Cara Permenter, LSUHSC, Shreveport, LA

Foundation Board of Directors

President	Michael Melvin Bourgeois, MD
President-Elect	Brian Elkins, MD
Secretary	Wayne Gravois, MD
Treasurer	Bryan Picou, MD
Immediate Past President	Melvin G. Bourgeois, MD
Lay Member #1	Justin Angelle
Lay Member #2	Kenny Laborde
Lay Member #3	Kim Gassie
Lay Member #4	Nadine Robin
Lay Member #5	Barry Dunn
LAFP Member #1	E. Edward Martin, MD
LAFP Member #2	Russell Roberts, MD
LAFP Member #3	Albert Rees, MD
LAFP Member #4	Jonathan Hunter, MD

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

There was no additional new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Anderson informed the Assembly that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana was hosting the annual LAFP Foundation Auction and President's Party at The National World War II Museum at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

This concluding the General Assembly business, the following motion was made by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

MOTION (APPROVED)

THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 3:06 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Derek Anderson, MD
Speaker
General Assembly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Jens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Jens, MD
Vice-Speaker
General Assembly