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Sterling N. Ransone, Jr., MD, FAAFP, a family physician in Deltaville, Virginia, is board chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The AAFP represents 129,600 physicians and medical students nationwide. As chair of the board of the AAFP, Ransone advocates on behalf of family physicians and patients across the country to inspire positive changes in the U.S. health care system.

Ransone is a third-generation family physician and has practiced rural medicine for more than 25 years. He currently serves as the physician practice director at Riverside Fishing Bay Family Practice in Deltaville.

In addition to his office practice, Ransone is an associate clinical professor of family medicine and population health at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He previously held the role of chief resident of family medicine

at Riverside Family Medicine Center in Newport News, Virginia. He volunteers as the football and soccer team physician at Mathews High School in Mathews County, Virginia.

A member of the AAFP since 1995, Ransone was a Virginia delegate to the AAFP's Congress of Delegates for 10 years. Prior to becoming an officer of the AAFP, he served on multiple AAFP committees and commissions, including the Commission on Governmental Advocacy and the Reference Committee on Advocacy, for which he held the position of chair for two years. He also served as a member of the Commission on Membership and Member Services and as liaison to the Commissions on Continuing Professional Development, and Health of the Public and Science, and Quality and Practice.

At the state level, Ransone has served the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians in various leadership roles including chapter president, vice president and board chair. He also established FamDocPAC, the Virginia Academy's political action committee and served as its first leader.

Ransone is a former president of the Medical Society of Virginia, chair of MSVPAC, and president of the Mid-Tidewater Medical Society. He is a winner of both the MSV Advocacy Hero Award and the Holland Award for political service. He is currently a delegate to the American Medical Association's House of Delegates and has served on several committees and panels. He has also spoken nationally on various clinical and advocacy topics.

Ransone earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in biology from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. He completed his internship and residency at the Riverside Family Practice Center in Newport News.

He is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and has the AAFP Degree of Fellow, an earned degree awarded to family physicians for distinguished service and continuing medical education.