

## LAFP President – Lisa Casey, MD

1. This was an active year for the LAFP, and it has been my honor to serve as President. The organization is blessed with a remarkable and talented group of leadership, staff, and members.
2. The Board of Directors and Executive Committee met on the following dates:
  - July 23, 2025
  - January 28, 2026, by teleconference
  - March 8, 2026, by teleconference
3. This year the LAFP, in partnership with our residency programs, hosted grand rounds and district socials throughout the state. The dates of the events were as follows:
  - **August 13, 2025** - “Hyperthyroidism and Prevention of Thyrocardiotoxic Embolic Syndrome” presented by Mary Payton Grimmett, DO, PGY2 and Jay Haynes, MD, MSc, FAAFP - St. Tammany Family Medicine Residency
  - **August 28, 2025** - “Red Flags and Red Cells: Severe Anemia with a Surprise Culprit” presented by Madelyn Lavergne, MD, PGY-3 - Lafayette Family Medicine Residency Program
  - **October 23, 2025** - “A Curious Case of Failing Nerves and Silent Bleeds” presented by Earl J. Soileau, MD, Clinical Instructor and Zachary Lazaridis, DO, PGY-1 - Lake Charles Family Medicine Residency Program
  - **November 19, 2025** - “Dialing Back the Risk: Updates in CKD (chronic kidney disease) Evaluation & Delaying Progression” presented by Harkirat Kaur, MD, PGY1 – Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency Program
  - **November 20, 2025** - “Encountering Patients with Complex Needs” presented by Dorian Joye O'Sullivan MD/MPH, PGY1 and Coleman Pratt MD, Program Director - DePaul Family Medicine Residency Program
  - **March 25, 2026** – “A Pain in the Leg: When We Get It Wrong” presented by Caila Knighton, MD - East Jefferson Family Medicine Residency Program
  - **March 26, 2026** - “Beyond the Headache: A Case of Ocular Migraine” presented by Natalie Touchet, MD - Lafayette Family Medicine Residency Program
  - **April 16, 2026** - “Emergency BOGO” presented by Bradley Loewer, MD & Stacy Mitchell, DO - Lake Charles Family Medicine Residency Program
4. The monthly webinar series continued throughout 2025 and 2026 and will continue in 2027. The monthly webinars offer our membership 1.0 hour of Prescribed credit each month. The webinars are held on the last Thursday of each month.
5. On March 8, 2026, the Legislative Committee conducted a teleconference to review bills going into the 2026 regular legislative session.
6. The LAFP attended the 2026 Annual Chapter Leadership Forum (ACLF) and National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL) Conference in Kansas City, MO on April 22 – 25, 2026. The delegates for NCCL were Richard Bridges MD, FAAFP– International Medical Graduate Physician Representative, Edith Mbagwu, MD – BIPOC Physician Representative, Danielle Pawlichuk, MD – New Physician Representative and Julie Scott, MD – Woman Physician Representative. NCCL is the AAFP’s leadership development event that empowers underrepresented constituencies, including Women physicians; Minority physicians; New physicians; International medical graduate physicians; and LGBTQ+ physicians to catalyze positive change in family medicine and create a lasting impact for current and future generations of family physicians. Representing the LAFP at ACLF were Lisa Casey, MD, LAFP President, Ragan LeBlanc, Executive Vice President, Lee Ann Albert, Membership and Outreach Coordinator and Lisa Lapeyrouse, Marketing and Events Coordinator. The Annual Chapter Leader Forum (ACLF)

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is a time to focus on new ways to address the issues that affect chapters, by engaging in important dialogue. ACLF draws physician leaders and chapter staff from around the country each year, and features sessions around priority issues in leadership development, policy advocacy, engaging chapter members, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Louisiana members attending included:

In 2027, the leadership conference will be held Thursday-Saturday, April 21-24, 2027, in Kansas City. Save the date and plan to attend next year!

7. The LAFP attended the 2025 American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates. Louisiana's delegates and alternate delegates to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) were James Taylor, MD; Brian Harrell, MD, FAAFP, Vincent Shaw, MD, FAAFP and Richard Bridges, MD, FAAFP. Lisa Casey, MD. Ragan LeBlanc, EVP also attended the conference. The 2026 AAFP Congress of Delegates will be held in Nashville, TN on October 19-21, 2026.
8. The LAFP has a representative that has a board seat on the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. I would like to thank Dr. James Taylor, Jr., MD for his service to this board this past year. Ragan LeBlanc, EVP has attended the scheduled meetings over the past year.
9. The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) and the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) formed the Physician Coalition of Louisiana in 2019. A legislative reception was hosted by the coalition on Monday, March 30th at the Pentagon Barracks in Baton Rouge for physician leaders and legislators. The Physician Coalition of Louisiana invited our members to the Louisiana State Capitol for a Day of Advocacy on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.
10. Ragan LeBlanc, EVP has served on the Louisiana Health Works Commission over the past year after the LAFP was appointed to the commission in 2019 through a bill during the session for the LAFP to serve as a member. The purpose of the commission is to serve as a collaborative working group to integrate and coordinate resources relative to health care workforce development within various state departments and key organizations.
11. The LAFP served on the *Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force* that was introduced and passed during the 2022 legislative session. This task force is to be a subcommittee of the statewide *Health Equity Consortium*, and convened by LDH that consists of the following members:
  - Congressional District 1 – Jefferson – Luis Arencibia, MD, FAAFP
  - Congressional District 2 – New Orleans – Emilio Russo, MD, FAAFP
  - Congressional District 3 – Lafayette – Roxanne Boyd, MD
  - Congressional District 4 – Benton – Peter Seidenberg, MD, FAAFP
  - Congressional District 5 – Start – Marty Luther, MD, FAAFP
  - Congressional District 6 – Baton Rouge – Vincent Shaw, MD, FAAFP
  - LAFP President or designee – Ragan LeBlanc
12. The LAFP continued to work with the medical schools and residency programs and attended the following events:
  - **August 5, 2025** – LSU New Orleans FMIG Planning Meeting
  - **September 10, 2025** - LSU New Orleans FMIG Meeting
  - **September 25, 2025** - LSU New Orleans Journal Club Meeting
  - **October 15, 2025** - LSU New Orleans FMIG Meeting
  - **October 30, 2025** – LSU Health Shreveport FMIG Meeting
  - **November 20, 2025** - LSU New Orleans FMIG Meeting

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- **March 16, 2026** - LSU New Orleans Journal Club
- **March 24, 2026** - LSU New Orleans FMIG Meeting
- **April 14, 2026** - Ochsner UQ FMIG Meeting
- **April 20, 2026** - LSU New Orleans FMIG/Rural Family Medicine Interest Group Joint meeting
- **April 21, 2026** - LSU New Orleans FMIG Match Panel

13. In 2026, the LAFP continued the 2026 Match Preparation Series. Session 1 was hosted on August 12, 2025 – “Preparing for Residency” and Session 2 was hosted on September 24, 2025 – “Interviewing at Residency Programs.” These sessions were presented by Richard Streiffer, MD, Lisa Casey, MD, Amar Hussan, MD and Lindsay Liles, MD, FAAFP.
14. On September 11, 2025, the LAFP Foundation hosted the North Louisiana Regional Procedural Workshop at LSU Health Shreveport. On March 11, 2026, the LAFP Foundation partnered with the FMIG at LSU Health New Orleans and the Department of Family Medicine to host the fourth annual South Louisiana Regional Recruitment Fair and Procedural Workshops. It was a full day of promoting our family medicine residency programs and demonstrating procedures that family physicians perform in daily practice. Residency programs in attendance included Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency Program, Bogalusa Family Medicine Residency Program, East Jefferson General Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, FMOLHS – Monroe Family Medicine Residency Program, Kenner Family Medicine Residency Program, Lafayette Family Medicine Residency Program, Lake Charles Family Medicine Residency Program and St. Tammany Family Medicine Residency Program. Students had the opportunity to enhance their clinical skills in the following procedures hosted by our residency programs: PCO Ultrasound and Suturing Techniques.
15. In closing, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as the President of LAFP 2025-2026. It was absolutely an honor and a privilege to serve you. I look forward to continuing to serve as your President over the next year.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Lisa Casey, MD**  
**LAFP President**