

Secretary's Report – Teri O'Neal, MD

The Board of Directors has met two times over the course of the year, along with being invited on several of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee calls. The minutes of the meetings were approved and duly filed at the LAFP headquarters and are available for review upon request.

The financial report reflecting the 2025 audit will be published on the LAFP website after it is approved by the Board of Directors in the fall.

In 2025 – 2026 I attended and participated in all the LAFP Board Meetings throughout the year. As Secretary I took part in the Executive Committee conference call meetings as called.

2025-2026 Executive Committee Members:

President, Lisa Casey, MD

President-Elect, Emilio Russo, MD, FAAFP

Vice President, Richard Bridges, MD, FAAFP

Secretary Teri O'Neal, MD, FAAFP

Treasurer Bryan Picou, MD, FAAFP

Immediate Past President, Vincent Shaw, MD, FAAFP

Executive Vice President Ragan LeBlanc (staff)

LAFP continues to have unprecedented leadership at the national level including the following members:

- Commission on Membership and Member Services – Ronald Slipman, MD, FAAFP
- Commission on Federal and State Policy – Christopher Van Hise, MD
- Commission on Education - Lindsay Liles, MD
- Commission on Quality and Practice - Rade Pejic, MD

2026 Annual Chapter Leadership Forum and National Conference of Constituency Leaders Representatives:

The LAFP attended the 2026 Annual Chapter Leadership Forum and National Conference of Constituency Leaders Representatives April 22 – 25, 2026 in Kansas City. ACLF is the AAFP's leadership development program for chapter-elected leaders, aspiring leaders, and chapter staff. Chapter staff to attend was Ragan LeBlanc, EVP, Lee Ann Albert, Membership and Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Lapeyrouse, Marketing and Events Coordinator and Lisa Casey, MD, LAFP President-elect.

NCCL is the AAFP's premier policy development event for underrepresented constituencies, including women; minorities; new physicians; international medical graduates (IMG); and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) physicians or physicians who support LGBT issues.

NCCL Delegates were:

- Richard Bridges MD, FAAFP– International Medical Graduate Physician Representative
- Edith Mbagwu, MD – BIPOC Physician Representative
- Danielle Pawlichuk, MD – New Physician Representative
- Julie Scott, MD – Woman Physician Representative

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!

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General Assembly – July 24, 2026 – Destin, FL

Louisiana Family Physicians continue to be leaders around Louisiana such as:

Chris Foret, MD, FAAFP	Physician Representative, Patient's Compensation Fund
James Taylor, MD, FAAFP	LSBME Board of Directors LAFP Representative

LAFP/AAFP Awards

Kirsten Johnson	E. Edward Martin, Jr. Family Medicine Award
Catherine Thibodeaux	Gerald R. Gehringer, MD, Family Medicine Award
Jessica Tran	Tulane Family Medicine Excellence Award
London Todd	Michael O. Fleming, MD, Family Medicine Award
Brian Doss, MD	Resident Award of Excellence

- Christian Bonner, MD - LSUHS-Shreveport/Monroe-Rural Track-Winnsboro
2026 Family Medicine Leads (FM Leads) Emerging Leader Institute (ELI) Scholar
- Se Yun "Scarlett" Cheon - Tulane University School of Medicine
2025 Family Medicine Leads (FM Leads) Emerging Leader Institute (ELI) Scholar - Policy and Public Health Leadership track
- Yashwanth Ramineni Damodhar, MD- LSUHS Family Medicine Residency, Alexandria, LA
2025 Family Medicine Leads (FM Leads) Emerging Leader Institute (ELI) Scholar - Philanthropic and Mission-Driven Leadership Track
- Michael Crick
Family Medicine Leads Scholarships for the AAFP FUTURE Conference

AAFP Poster Competition Winners

- Ryunosuke Hisatomi, MD | LSU Health Shreveport Family Medicine Residency
"Diagnosing Coarctation of the Aorta in Pediatric Hypertension: Preventing Missed Signs, Promoting Early Detection" (Clinical Inquiry)
- Rojina Pokharel, MD | LSU Health Shreveport Monroe
"Comparative Effectiveness Between Metformin Plus SGLT2 Inhibitors and Metformin Plus GLP1 Receptor Agonists in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis" (Clinical Inquiry)

Communications

Our quarterly journal, ***The Louisiana Family Doctor, A Journal of the LAFP***, continues to receive very positive support from readers and advertisers. Our editorial board, comprised of Dr. Michael Williams, Dr. Vincent Shaw, Dr. Danette Null, Dr. Lindsay Liles, and Dr. Zachary Pray Education Committee Chair, have produced consistently high-quality issues.

Our weekly electronic newsletter, ***LAFP Weekly Family Medicine Update***, is our principal vehicle for communicating current and breaking news. This newsletter is sent out every Tuesday to all LAFP members. Our staff has been excellent at maintaining our social media presence with regular meaningful and promotional content with our Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter accounts. If you have not liked our Facebook or LinkedIn page or do not follow us on Twitter, I encourage you to do so.

It has been a pleasure serving our academy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teri O'Neal, MD, FAAFP
LAFP Secretary