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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF FAMILY MEDICINE (STFM) 1967-2007

- Oct. 27, 1967** First organizational meeting, New York City. Forty-five educators gathered at the New York Hilton to discuss the feasibility of developing a new organization related to the teaching of family medicine.
- Feb. 9, 1967** Second organizational meeting, Chicago.
- Nov. 1, 1968** Third organizational meeting, Houston. Bylaws were adopted; Lynn Carmichael elected founding president. The Society had 105 Charter members, an income of \$505, and \$64 in expenses.
- Feb. 1969** *Family Medicine Times* established with Silas Grant as founding editor.
- Nov. 1, 1970** STFM logo was approved and registered as the official trademark of the Society.
- April 11, 1971** STFM received tax-exempt status.
- Feb. 5, 1972** STFM was admitted to membership in AAMC Council of Academic Societies. F. Marian Bishop and Lynn P. Carmichael were first CAS representatives.
- Sept. 1972** Office centralization became a priority, and the STFM offices moved to Kansas City.
- Feb. 1974** Articles of incorporation and bylaws were adopted.
- Feb. 1975** Bylaws changed to president-elect system.
- June 23, 1975** STFM Foundation Incorporated as the charitable arm of STFM. G. Gayle Stephens was Founding President.
- Sept. 1975** Residency Assistance Program (RAP) was implemented in conjunction with other family medicine organizations.

- April 2-4, 1976** First “stand-alone” STFM annual meeting held in New Orleans with Ralph E. Berggren as Chair. This ended the practice of holding sessions in conjunction with the AMA Congress on Medical Education.
- Feb. 1977** Board structure was changed to include a resident representative, with Joseph E. Scherger as the first resident in that position.
- 1977** The “Working Party,” representing the family practice organizations, was established with STFM as a founding member.
- Jan. 1979** *Family Medicine Teacher* was established with Lynn P. Carmichael as founding editor.
- 1979** First Leland B. Blanchard Memorial Lecture was presented by C.H. William Ruhe.
- 1980** STFM/Pan-American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools Faculty Fellowship Program established with Edward J. Shahady as Project Director.
- 1980** STFM accepted membership in the World Organization of National Colleges, Academies, and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/ Family Physicians (WONCA) with F. Marian Bishop as the first STFM representative.
- 1980-81** First STFM reserve fund was established by John E. Arrandondo, Secretary-Treasurer.
- 1980-81** First printed annual report was published.
- Jan. 1981** STFM journal name was changed to *Family Medicine*.
- May 1981** Introduction of the concept of task forces and working groups by F. Marian Bishop, President.
- Jan. 1983** Joint STFM-ATPM Report: “Interrelationships Between Preventive/ Community Medicine and Family Medicine” was published with E. Harvey Estes, Jr. as Chair.
- Jan. 1, 1985** John J. Frey appointed second editor of *Family Medicine*.
- 1986** Student representative added to Board of Directors; Rachel Larussa was the first student representative.
- Sept. 1986** North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) joined STFM as cosponsor of *Family Medicine*.

- March 5, 1987** *Family Medicine* was accepted into *Index Medicus*.
- 1990** Curricular Guidelines for a Third-Year Family Medicine Clerkship were developed and distributed to the deans of all U.S. medical schools. Kent J. Sheets was Chair of the group.
- 1991** STFM conducted an extensive member needs assessment project through the Membership Committee with Lars C. Larsen as Chair.
- 1991** STFM received funding to develop preceptor education workshop materials with Kent J. Sheets as Chair.
- Nov. 1991** The “Academic Family Medicine Steering Committee” was formed.
- Jan. 1992** Barry Weiss was appointed as third editor of *Family Medicine*.
- Jan. 1992** Family medicine organizations collaboratively opened a legislative office in Washington, D.C.
- 1992** STFM celebrated its 25th anniversary.
- Feb. 1996** STFM gained presence on the Internet with the launch of its World Wide Web site, which initially contained STFM membership, conference, journal, and Foundation information.
- Jan. 2001** STFM became one of six partners in the creation of the *Annals of Family Medicine*.
- Jan. 2002** STFM partnered with the seven organizations of the “family of family medicine” to initiate the Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project to develop a strategy to transform and renew the specialty to meet the needs of people and society in a changing environment. Project recommendations were published in a special supplement of the March-April 2004 issue of the *Annals of Family Medicine*.
- April 2004** STFM Annual Spring Conference was postponed to Fall 2004 with different venue because of concerns over threat of SARS in Toronto.
- Sept. 2004** STFM became cosponsor of Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine with Medical College of Wisconsin
- April 2005** Family Medicine Digital Resources Library launched at www.fmdrl.org. This STFM service provides peer-reviewed educational materials, works-in-progress, and conference materials for individuals at all levels of family medicine education.

- Nov. 2006** Conference on Patient Education became the Conference on Practice Improvement.
- Oct. 21, 2007** Roger Sherwood, CAE retired as STFM's Executive Director after 26 years of service. Stacy Brungardt, CAE became the new Executive Director.

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