

The 2003 Board Report C to the Congress of Delegates addresses the identification of special constituencies. To view the whole 2003 Board Report C to the Congress of Delegates, go to http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/about/congress/2003/first_session.Par.0001.File.dat/2003Transaction_FirstSession.mem.pdf, pages 17 – 18.

(6) Special constituencies include Academy members from those constituencies that are perceived to be underrepresented in leadership at the national and chapter levels as they have not been able to enter the leadership through typical pathways and whose issues of concern are not being adequately heard in the Congress of Delegates. It is anticipated that, over time, special constituencies will indeed achieve increase participation in leadership positions at both the chapter and national levels. For the purpose of NCSC, Board approved constituencies currently include women physicians, minority physicians, new physicians, international medical graduates and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender physicians (GLBT – those physicians who self-identify as GLBT or who are supportive of GLBT issues)...

(7) Should other groups of members perceive the need for more participation in the AAFP through the NCSC, the pathway shall be approval by the Board, as was the case with existing constituencies...