



**AAFP Delegate to the
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Purpose & Scope of Work

As AAFP delegates to the AMA, we had the opportunity to attend the Medical Student Section (MSS) of the AMA, where we represented the AAFP within the broader medical student community. We each also had the chance to join the AAFP delegation at the House of Delegates (HOD) for the AMA. There, we elevated important resolutions coming out of the MSS and supported the AAFP's broader mission, working hand-in-hand with physicians from across the country.

We monitored resolutions in the MSS of potential interest to family medicine, reading through relevant AAFP policy to determine which resolutions aligned with the priorities of the AAFP. We communicated with AAFP staff and leadership on these resolutions in order to determine the most appropriate course of action. Adrienne served on the MSS Reference Committee, where she reviewed student-submitted resolutions and provided recommendations, including family medicine and primary care perspectives when relevant. We also built relationships with other members of the MSS, particularly students with an interest in family medicine, in order to build the AAFP delegation going forward. In particular, we were able to support AAFP staff in running a booth at the MSS specialty fair, encouraging other students to become AAFP members and to consider applying for AAFP student leadership positions.

At HOD, we were each responsible for reviewing resolutions assigned to a particular reference committee, and suggesting the most appropriate AAFP position and action on resolutions relevant to family medicine. Emma testified in a HOD reference committee on resolutions on fatigue mitigation for trainees and on a resolution regarding the ethics of collective action by physicians. A focus of our work throughout has been on building relationships with trainee sections, particularly the MSS, in order to advance resolutions of interest to both family medicine and all trainees. This emphasis on coalition building was particularly evident during collaboration with the Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) on developing new language on a RFS resolution around fatigue mitigation, adding flexibility to account for the particular needs of rural family medicine residencies and teaching health centers where it may be impractical to provide transportation. We were able to come to a solution that preserved the original intent, while not imposing barriers on rural residencies. Emma testified to the new language on the floor of the HOD and the amended language was adopted in lieu with unanimous HOD testimony in favor.



This role is an incredible opportunity to engage with organized medicine at the highest level, gain an insider's perspective on the AMA House of Delegates, and learn from AAFP leadership. Building on our previous work within the AMA, it has also allowed the both of us to develop relationships and coalitions with family physicians and primary care advocates across specialties. These connections help strengthen the presence of family medicine within organized medicine, ensure that primary care perspectives are represented in policy discussions, and highlight the broad scope of practice, leadership, and advocacy work that family physicians contribute to patient care and the health care system.