



# 2018 Agenda for the Reference Committee on Organization & Finance

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National Conference of Constituency Leaders — Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center

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# Resolution No. 4001

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1 Empowering Family Physicians to Provide Care for the Growing Latinx Population

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3 Introduced by: Claudia Mercado, MD, General Registrant  
4 Melissa See, MD, MPA, Minority  
5 Oscar Gantes, MD, General Registrant  
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7 WHEREAS, By the year 2060, one in three individuals in the United States (U.S.) will be of  
8 Hispanic origin (<https://census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2015/demo/p25-1143.pdf>), and  
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11 WHEREAS, Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world, English being the third  
12 (<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/02/chart-of-the-day-these-are-the-world-s-most-spoken-languages/>), and  
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15 WHEREAS, Latinxs make up only 5.5% of the physician workforce  
16 (<https://www.aamc.org/download/432976/data/factsandfigures2010.pdf>), and now, therefore, be it  
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18 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians provide non-Latinx physicians  
19 training in culturally competent care specific to the Latinx population, including social determinants  
20 of health as barriers to care, and be it further  
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22 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians include in the strategic plan  
23 moving forward to address the needs of non-Latinx physicians to effectively care for the Spanish-  
24 speaking and/or Latinx populations, and be it further  
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26 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians provide non-Latinx and non-  
27 Spanish-speaking physicians Medical-Spanish training in the form of CME programming, and be it  
28 further  
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30 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians provide education materials on  
31 familydoctor.org in Spanish, and be it further  
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33 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians collaborate with organizations such  
34 as the Latino Medical Student Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association to create  
35 a strategic plan to increase the number of Latinx physicians into the family medicine workforce,  
36 and be it further  
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38 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians be aware of and support the  
39 ethical treatment of undocumented patients in the community (e.g. Census, ICE Raids).



# Resolution No. 4002

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1 Term Limit Guidance for American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates

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3 Submitted by: Ivonne McLean, MD, New Physician  
4 Julie Johnston, MD, FAAFP, General Registrant  
5 Daniel Neghassi, MD, Minority

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7 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) policy on “Diversity in the  
8 Workforce” reaffirmed in the 2015 Congress of Delegates (COD) states that “the AAFP will position  
9 itself in a leadership role in creating a medical workforce reflective of the patient populations family  
10 physicians serve”, and

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12 WHEREAS, there is no universal standard for terms of COD delegates and alternates, and

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14 WHEREAS, some states that have no enforced term limits or terms that extend over many years  
15 which limits participation and leadership of chapter members, and

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17 WHEREAS, current AAFP statistics show that the gender distribution of our COD does not match  
18 that of the membership, now, therefore, be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a standard that each state  
21 must abide to term limits for delegates and alternates to improve the diversity and inclusion in the  
22 decision-making body of the organization.



# Resolution No. 4003

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1 Normalizing Gender Identity Language Through AAFP Registration

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Submitted by: Jonathan Wells, MD, LGBT  
Kristi VanDerKolk, MD, LGBT  
Ike Okwuwa, MD, IMG  
Megan Guffey, MD, MPH, FAAFP, New Physician

8 WHEREAS, Individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender have historically  
9 faced and continue to face many barriers to accessing compassionate and competent health care,  
10 an element of which is how they are addressed and communicated with in health care settings,  
11 and

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13 WHEREAS, there is a growing population, particularly among youth, who identify as gender non-  
14 conforming, and may choose to identify through communication using different pronouns that may  
15 or may not be readily assumed or known upon presentation, and

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17 WHEREAS, starting in 2016, the Uniform Data System for Health Resources & Services  
18 Administration (HRSA) requires health centers to collect data on sexual orientation and gender  
19 identity (SOGI) for all patients, and

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21 WHEREAS, we as family physicians should strive to grow more comfortable in asking questions of  
22 and interacting with individuals around their preferred pronouns and identities to better serve our  
23 patients, communities, and connections, and

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25 WHEREAS, the National Conference of Constituency Leaders will begin including preferred  
26 pronouns upon badges starting in 2019, and

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28 WHEREAS, this badge change is not planned as of yet for other American Academy of Family  
29 Physicians events, now, therefore, be it

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31 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) allow registrants for all  
32 AAFP-sponsored events and conferences to select their own preferred pronouns of address to be  
33 visible on registrant badges.



# Resolution No. 4004

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1 AAFP Board of Directors Public Member

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3 Submitted by: Jen Brull, MD FAAFP, Women

4 Rachel Franklin, MD, FAAFP, Women

5 Margaret Smith, MD, Minority

6 Joe Freund, MD FAAFP, LGBT

7 LaDona Schmidt, MD, FAAFP, IMG

8 Jewell Carr, MD, New Physician

9 Sarah Marks, MD, FAAFP, LGBT

10 Samantha Algrim, MD, New Physician

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12 WHEREAS, Commitment to patient-centered care is foundational for the American Academy of  
13 Family Physicians (AAFP), and involving consumers on the AAFP Board of Directors is both a  
14 substantive and symbolic way to 'walk the talk', and

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16 WHEREAS, all that we do – including upstream governance and program design – drives toward  
17 supporting the two-way connection between clinicians and patients, which requires addressing  
18 both sides of that relationship equation to achieve better health, through more effective and  
19 affordable care, and

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21 WHEREAS, patient engagement activities occur at different levels – direct care interactions,  
22 organizational design and governance, and policy making – on a continuum from consultation to  
23 partnership and shared leadership, and

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25 WHEREAS, a growing body of evidence suggests that engaging patients in partnership roles can  
26 lead to better health outcomes, contribute to improvement in quality and safety, and helps control  
27 costs, and

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29 WHEREAS, when consumers are effectively engaged in organizational design and governance,  
30 patients' values, experiences, and perspectives are integrated into foundational decisions and  
31 structures that drive actions of physicians and health professionals plus organizations, and

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33 WHEREAS, involving the consumer perspective at the governance level is good business (just as  
34 airlines seek fliers' feedback and restaurants seek diners' feedback to stay viable and competitive),  
35 in as much as health care organizations risk losing "their" patients to other groups of clinicians or  
36 facilities that compete for a share of the health care pie, and

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38 WHEREAS, the role of patients is becoming more active, informed, and influential, with continuing  
39 shifts toward shared decision-making, patient satisfaction scores, information on provider price and  
40 quality, and benefit design incentives (such as high-deductible health plans) that put more control  
41 into consumers' hands to drive individual and collective health care market demand, and

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43 WHEREAS, consumer rating systems are more sophisticated and widely-used than ever, and  
44 research has identified a robust correlation between what patients on Yelp and Facebook say  
45 about their care and the actual safety records of health care facilities, and  
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47 WHEREAS, the patient or consumer perspective is unique and cannot be represented by  
48 physicians or other health professionals who already understand, and are deeply involved in how  
49 the "system" works, and  
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51 WHEREAS, patients are the best "key informants" – to quote a top official at Accreditation College  
52 for Graduate Medical Education – about the actual quality of health care practices, as they are the  
53 only ones with direct knowledge and hands on experience of how well physicians and other  
54 clinicians practice the healing art of medicine, and  
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56 WHEREAS, with the increase of resources available to train and inform consumers and the health  
57 care organizations that want to successfully engage them, there are more savvy, broad-thinking  
58 and well-prepared patient leaders to fill board seats, now, therefore, be it  
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60 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) add a public member to  
61 the AAFP Board of Directors by January 1, 2020.



## Resolution No. 4005

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1 Update Online Language and Resources Regarding Sexuality and Sexual Minorities

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3 Submitted by: Kim Eubanks, MD, FAAFP, LGBT

4 Anna McMahan, MD, LGBT

5 Carrie Vey, MD, FAAFP, LGBT

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7 WHEREAS, Family medicine physicians provide important care for many marginalized patient  
8 populations including transgender patients, and

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10 WHEREAS, the language that is used to discuss sexual minority health issues should be positive  
11 and supportive, and

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13 WHEREAS, Family medicine physicians care for whole families and communities including the  
14 support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer patients as they come out to their families,  
15 now, therefore, be it

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17 RESOLVED, That [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org) retitle the article "Homosexuality: Facts for Teens" to  
18 "Sexuality: Facts for Teens" to recognize the spectrum of sexuality issues for adolescent patients  
19 and not single out homosexuality, and be it further

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21 RESOLVED, That the language used in [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org) article currently titled  
22 "Homosexuality: Facts for Teens" be re-evaluated to incorporate more inclusive and positive  
23 language, and be it further

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25 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians update and add to online  
26 resources available on [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org) to include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender  
27 family and community support resources as found on [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org), and be it further

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29 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) update and add to online  
30 resources available on AAFP's website of patient resources to make them concordant with  
31 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender patient resources on [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org).



# Resolution No. 4006

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1 Rural Physician Engagement

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3 Submitted by: Alan Michael Vargas, MD, New Physician  
4 Mara Groom, DO, New Physician  
5 Laura Hoefert, MD, New Physician  
6 Edmund Miller, DO, New Physician  
7 Robert Sedlacek, MD, FAFAP, New Physician

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9 WHEREAS, Isolation of the rural physician increases physician burnout, and

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11 WHEREAS, retaining new physician membership is paramount to the future of the American  
12 Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and

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14 WHEREAS, rural physicians are often isolated from the proceedings of groups advocating on their  
15 behalf within the AAFP, and

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17 WHEREAS, there is an increase in rural physicians in practice with a decrease in rural physician  
18 membership in the AAFP, now, therefore, be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians survey members to identify  
21 barriers to engagement for the purpose of reducing barriers and improving collaboration among  
22 rural family physicians, and be it further

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24 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a toolkit for chapters to  
25 partner with rural physician organizations within their states in order to increase rural physician  
26 membership.





## Resolution No. 4007

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1 Physicians in Government

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3 Submitted by: Kimberly Becher, MD, New Physician  
4 Kara Mayes, MD, New Physician  
5 Robert Sedlacek, MD, FAAFP, New Physician  
6 Casey Henritz, DO, New Physician  
7 Alex Mroszcyk-McDonald, MD

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9 WHEREAS, Physicians are not well-represented in the United States Congress as there are  
10 currently only 12 physicians in the House and three in the Senate, all of which are men, and

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12 WHEREAS, in the upcoming election cycle there are 46 physicians running for national level office  
13 but few family physicians, and

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15 WHEREAS, the American Medical Association's Political Action Committee (AMPAC) hosts a  
16 training session which has been successful in assisting physicians running for office, but not all  
17 American Academy of Family Physicians members are members of the American Medical  
18 Association, now, therefore, be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians offer resources/educational  
21 opportunities that would assist family physicians running for political office.