



# Chapter Delegate Fact Sheet

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National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students – Kansas City, MO

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[www.aafp.org/nc/delegate](http://www.aafp.org/nc/delegate)

## CHAPTER DELEGATE ROLE

- Traditionally AAFP chapters send one student member and one resident member to serve as chapter delegates to the resident and student congresses. These delegates attend all congress sessions, poll their state delegations about issues before the congresses, and vote in the elections.
- In the 2020 virtual National Conference, no Congress business sessions or reference committees will be held. Issue-based discussions and elections of resident and student leaders will take place so the delegate role is still crucial.

## CHAPTER DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote National Conference attendance to other students and residents.
- Participate in online discussions about issues important to students and residents in their state.
- Participate in virtual Candidates' Forum and vote for national resident and student leaders.

## CHAPTER DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

- Register for National Conference—do so by July 2 to save \$25 on registration. Visit [www.aafp.org/nc](http://www.aafp.org/nc).
  - Registered delegates who attend National Conference will receive a \$130 *Family Medicine Leads* scholarship to cover the cost of registration. No additional application is required. Scholarship checks are mailed after National Conference attendance has been verified.
- Contact your chapter staff and leaders to become more knowledgeable about the chapter's priorities, members' concerns and key activities, including advocacy efforts.
- Participate in the AAFP Resident and Student Leader (RASL) Online Community to access resource and message board to assist with preparations for Congress.
- Become familiar with current priorities, policies, positions and activities of the AAFP (find more at <https://www.aafp.org/about/the-aafp/vision.html>).
- Promote National Conference! Encourage other residents and students to attend.

## CHAPTER DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES DURING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

- Participate in online discussions about issues important to residents and students in your state
- Participate in virtual Candidates' Forum on August 1, 8:00-9:30 p.m. CDT

## CHAPTER DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

- Vote for candidates via a virtual ballot that will be sent to you
  - Ballot must be completed by August 6
- Report back to your chapter on activities of interest.
- Volunteer to help orient next year's chapter delegates.

# CHAPTER DELEGATE FAQs

## What is a Chapter Delegate?

- AAFP chapters send one student member and one resident member to serve as chapter delegates to the resident and student congresses. These delegates attend all congress sessions, poll their state delegations about issues before the congresses, and vote in the elections.

## Who Can Vote?

- Only chapter delegates (or alternate delegates if delegate is unavailable) can vote in elections for national resident and student leaders.

## What is an Alternate Delegate?

- One or more alternate delegates are identified by Chapters to serve in the event the Chapter Delegate is unable to attend National Conference and/or participate.
- If the Chapter Delegate is unable to attend the live Candidates' Forum or view the recorded event, they should notify their Alternate Delegate and AAFP staff immediately so voting information can be shared with the Alternate Delegate.

## What if a Chapter Delegate Can't Attend National Conference and/or Serve After Being Selected?

- If a delegate becomes unable attend National Conference or serve as a delegate after being selected, they must contact their chapter staff as soon as possible.
- If a delegate attends National Conference but is unable to attend Saturday's Candidate's Forum, they can still watch a recording and vote.

## What are additional opportunities to get involved at National Conference?

- Online discussion groups
- Consider becoming an elected and appointed AAFP leader. Find more information online at [www.aafp.org/getinvolved](http://www.aafp.org/getinvolved).

## What are Congresses?

- The official names are the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents (NCFMR) and the National Congress of Student Members (NCSM). These bodies were created more than 35 years ago as the official voices of residents and students in the AAFP. **Due to the transition to a virtual event, Congress business sessions and reference committees will not be held in 2020.**
- Through these forums, resident and student members elect their national officers and advocate for a wide variety of issues and causes. Many of the initiatives launched by residents and students are now AAFP policy. Many family medicine leaders got their start in the resident and student congresses.

## Delegate Resources

- Delegate Information
  - [www.aafp.org/nc/congresses](http://www.aafp.org/nc/congresses)
- Resident and Student Online Community
  - You will receive instructions after you have been selected as a delegate.
- Candidate Information (for elections)
  - Via [www.aafp.org/nc/congresses](http://www.aafp.org/nc/congresses)

## **2020 Delegate Activities** (all times CDT)

### **Schedule**

July 2—Advanced NC registration deadline

July 30-August 1—Live Discussion Networking Rooms open and Candidate information and Annual Reports available online

August 1—Candidates' Forums (live, 8:00-9:30 p.m.)

August 4—Ballots due from delegates