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## **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF FAMILY MEDICINE (STFM) 1967-2017**

- Oct. 27, 1967** The first organizational meeting was held in 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, 1968** The second organizational meeting was held in Chicago. Objectives for the organization were approved by the sixty-one members present, which included three nonphysicians.
- Summer 1968** The Bylaws Committee consisting of Eugene Farley (Chair), A. Sherwood Baker, Jerome Beloff, William Herring, Douglas Vollan, Herbert Vandervoort, and Andrew Hunter met in San Francisco to draft an initial set of bylaws for the Society.
- Nov. 1, 1968** The third organizational meeting was held in Houston. The bylaws were adopted, and Lynn Carmichael was elected founding president. The Society had 105 Charter members, income of \$505, and \$64 in expenses.
- Feb. 8, 1969** The fourth organizational meeting was held in Chicago on the date that family practice was approved as the twentieth medical specialty. A full slate of founding officers was approved.
- Summer 1969** *Family Medicine Times*, the first newsletter, was distributed in newspaper format. Silas Grant was the editor.
- Nov. 1, 1970** The 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 the Council of Academic Societies (CAS). F. Marian Bishop and Lynn Carmichael were the first CAS representatives.
- Sept. 1972** Office centralization became a priority, and the STFM offices moved to Kansas City. Prior to this time, office files were maintained in Miami where STFM founder Lynn Carmichael was located. Tom Johnson, Director of the AAFP Division of Education, agreed to serve as Administrative Officer for the Society.
- 1973** In an early effort to share educational materials on family medicine, STFM published the first edition of *Selected References in Family Medicine*. Robert E. Rakel acted as editor. The updated second edition was published in 1975 with George Thomson as editor.

- June 1973** Robert Graham, Assistant Director of the AAFP Division of Education, was asked to serve as the Administrative Officer for the Society upon the retirement of Tom Johnson.
- Feb. 1974** Articles of incorporation and new bylaws were adopted.
- June 18-20, 1974** The first Predoctoral Education Conference was held in Kansas City. At the time, it was called the First Annual Workshop on Undergraduate Education.
- Feb. 1975** Bylaws were changed to establish the president-elect system of tenure.
- June 23, 1975** The STFM Foundation was incorporated as the charitable arm of STFM. G. Gayle Stephens was the founding president.
- Sept. 1975** STFM cooperated with other family medicine organizations to establish the Residency Assistance Program (RAP) [now known as Residency Program Solutions (RPS)].
- Sept. 1, 1975** Patricia Phlak was hired as the first Executive Director, serving in that capacity until June 1978.
- April 2-4, 1976** The first independent STFM annual meeting was held in New Orleans with Ralph Berggren as Chair. This ended the practice of holding session in conjunction with the AMA Congress on Medical Education.
- Feb. 1977** The Board of Director structure was changed to include a resident representative, with Joseph Scherger as the first resident in that position.
- May 1977** The Board of Directors passed a motion stating that spring meetings would not be held in states which had not passed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The following day, members at the business meeting voted to officially rescind the action, by a ballot count of 107-50. A motion from the floor passed “that the Society...go on record supporting the [ERA].”
- April 1978** STFM established its first two awards. Lynn Carmichael received the Certificate of Excellence (now called the Excellence in Education Award). Robert Knouss, Chief of the Division of Medicine in the Bureau of Health Manpower, DHEW, received the Recognition Award for his efforts to obtain federal funding for family medicine. This award is now known as the Lynn and Joan Carmichael STFM Recognition Award.
- Dec. 1, 1978** Ann Peterson Hyde was hired as Executive Director, serving until 1980.
- Jan. 1979** A monthly journal, *Family Medicine Teacher*, began publication. Lynn Carmichael was founding editor.
- March 24-25, 1979** The first meeting of the Family Practice Working Party was held in Kansas City. Representatives for STFM were William (Terry) Kane and L. Robert Martin.
- May 1979** The first Leland B. Blanchard Memorial Lecture was presented by C.H. William Ruhe at the Annual Spring Conference in Denver. Dr. Blanchard, the second president and a charter member of the Society, died unexpectedly in June 1978 at the age of 66.

- 1980** The STFM/Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (PAFAMS) Faculty Fellowship Program was established with Edward J. Shahady as the Project Director.
- 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.
- The first Fellowship Directory was published. It listed 35 programs in 21 states and Canada.
- 1980-1981** The first STFM reserve fund was established by John E. Arradondo, Secretary-Treasurer.
- The first printed annual report was published.
- Jan. 1981** The STFM journal name was changed to *Family Medicine*.
- Feb. 1981** The first meeting of the Family in Family Medicine Conference was held in Kansas City.
- May 1981** President F. Marian Bishop introduced the concept of task forces and working groups.
- June 1981** Roger A. Sherwood was hired as STFM Executive Director.
- 1982** The STFM Foundation published *The Intellectual Basis of Family Medicine* by G. Gayle Stephens.
- Aug. 11-14, 1982** STFM cosponsored, with the International Center for Family Medicine, the first International Forum on Family Medicine Education, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Jan. 1983** The Joint STFM-ATPM Report: “Interrelationships Between Preventive/Community Medicine and Family Medicine” was published with E. Harvey Estes, Jr. and Chair.
- Aug. 14-17, 1984** STFM cosponsored, with the International Center for Family Medicine, the second International Forum on Family Medicine Education in Panama City, Panama.
- Sept. 23-28, 1984** The first Advanced Forum in Family Medicine was presented in Keystone, Colorado, under the sponsorship of the STFM Foundation. The meeting, known as Keystone I, had 95 attendees and was moderated by G. Gayle Stephens.
- Jan. 1, 1985** John Frey was appointed the second editor of *Family Medicine*.
- Nov. 9-22, 1985** “Return to Hippocrates,” a trip to Greece, Crete, and the Aegean Islands, was sponsored by STFM and had 125 attendees. It was organized and led by STFM member Nikitas Zervanos.
- 1986** A position for a student representative was added to the Board of Directors with Rachel Larussa the first to serve in that position.

- Sept. 1986** The North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) joined STFM as a cosponsor of *Family Medicine*.
- March 5, 1987** Family Medicine was accepted into *Index Medicus*.
- Aug. 19-22, 1987** The third International Forum on Family Medicine was cosponsored by STFM, the International Center for Family Medicine, and the Brazilian Association of Family Medicine in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Almost 300 people attended the meeting, which included almost 50 STFM members.
- Oct. 8-10, 1987** The Society began cosponsoring the Conference on Patient Education.
- Sept. 7-11, 1988** The second Advanced Forum on Family Medicine (Keystone II) was held. There were 81 attendees. This meeting was sponsored in part by the STFM Foundation.
- 1990** Curricular Guidelines for a Third-Year Family Medicine Clerkship were developed and distributed to the deans of all U.S. medical schools. Kent Sheets was Chair of the group.
- April 17, 1990** The organizational meeting of the Academic Family Medicine Organizations (AFMO) was held in Chicago with representatives from STFM: Alan David (chair) and Roger Sherwood.
- May 22-June 4, 1990** STFM sponsored a tour for members to Spain and Portugal in conjunction with the Fourth International Forum on Family Medicine, cosponsored with the International Center for Family Medicine in Estoril, Portugal. The tour drew 40 participants.
- 1991** STFM conducted an extensive member needs assessment project through the Membership Committee.
- STFM received funding to develop the Preceptor Education Project (PEP).
- STFM began providing management support to the Association of Departments of Family Medicine (ADFM). Priscilla Noland is named its first administrative director.
- Nov. 1991** The Academic Family Medicine Steering Committee was formed.
- Jan. 1992** Barry Weiss was appointed the third editor of *Family Medicine*.
- Family medicine organizations collaboratively opened a legislative office in Washington, DC.
- April 1992** STFM celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special exhibits and events at the Annual Spring Conference in St. Louis.
- March 1993** The Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum (IGC) Project was a competitive, seven-year demonstration project funded by HRSA for which STFM acted as contractor. It developed preclinical medical school curricula to determine the influence on students' selection of careers in primary care. The final award amount reached almost \$6.6 million. Throughout the 1990s, STFM embarked on several successful federal grant projects, including ones focused on substance abuse education, genetics in primary care, and faculty development.

- 1995** The Board of Directors voted to approve a restriction on holding STFM meetings in California due to opposition to the state's Proposition 187, which required health care professionals to serve as *de facto* immigration agents by restricting services to nonqualified immigrants. This decision was reversed in 1998 due to a lack of meeting space in the western U.S. and a disappointing lack of support from other organizations.
- Feb. 1996** STFM established a presence on the Internet with the launch of its website, which initially contained STFM membership, conference, journal, and Foundation information.
- July 1996** STFM signed an agreement to provide management services for the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG). Marcia Neu served as NAPCRG's first administrative director.
- March 1998** The Family in Family Medicine Conference changed its name to the Conference on Families and Health.
- May 2000** The Bishop Fellowship Program was unveiled by the STFM Foundation. This initiative was designed to train senior family medicine educators to assume positions of greater responsibility in academic medicine. The program ended in June 2016.
- Oct. 2000** The Family Medicine Working Party convened a historical conference, Keystone III, one outcome of which was the Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project.
- Jan. 2001** STFM became one of six partners in the creation of the *Annals of Family Medicine* journal.
- Jan. 2002** STFM partnered with the seven organizations in the family of family medicine to initiate the Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project, designed to develop a strategy to transform and renew the specialty. Project recommendations were published in a special supplement of the March-April 2004 issue of *Annals of Family Medicine*.
- Oct. 22-Nov. 5, 2002** STFM returned to Greece with 130 participants on a tour "In Search of the Roots of Medicine."
- April 2003** The Annual Spring Conference was postponed to Fall 2003 at a different venue (Atlanta) because of concerns over an outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Toronto. The conference was eventually successfully held in Toronto in spring 2004.
- Sept. 2004** STFM became a cosponsor of the Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine with the Medical College of Wisconsin.
- 2005** The STFM Group on Oral Health published its first edition of the Smiles for Life: A National Oral Health Curriculum, designed to enhance the role of primary care clinicians in the promotion of oral health for all age groups.
- April 2005** The Family Medicine Digital Resources Library (now known as the STFM Resource Library) was launched. This service provided peer-reviewed educational materials, works-in-progress, and conference materials for individuals at all levels of family medicine education.

- Nov. 2006** The Conference on Patient Education changed its name to the Conference on Practice Improvement and became managed solely by STFM.
- Jan. 2007** STFM launched its Medical Student Educators Development Institute, a year-long comprehensive faculty development program for those who educate medical students, particularly those who aspire to be clerkship directors or medical student education directors.
- April 2007** The STFM Foundation created the Group Project Fund to support efforts of STFM groups.
- Aug. 2007** The STFM Board of Directors approved the STFM Core Values: Integrity, Relationship-centered, Openness, Nurturing, Excellence, Learning. Although Diversity was intended to be implied in the core value of Openness, the word Diversity was explicitly listed as a core value in 2011.
- Oct. 31, 2007** Roger Sherwood retired as Executive Director after 26 years of service. Stacy Brungardt became the new Executive Director.
- Jan. 2008** The Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM) was launched by STFM in conjunction with ADFM, AFMRD, and NAPCRG as a new way of working together on academic family medicine issues. CAFM took the place of AFMO.
- The STFM Board approved an STFM Core Purpose: “*Advancing family medicine to improve health through a community of teachers and scholars.*” While the word “purpose” evolved in future years to become “mission,” this statement remains unchanged since it was approved in 2008.
- March 2008** The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Families and Health convened for the last time due to dropping attendance. Instead of a final meeting in 2009, a preconference workshop was held at the 2009 Annual Spring Conference.
- Aug. 2009** The family of family medicine approved the Family Medicine Clerkship Curriculum, consisting of common and important presentations that all medical students should experience during their third-year family medicine clerkship. STFM was the lead in this CAFM initiative, and the STFM Foundation was the financial sponsor.
- Nov. 2009** Outcomes from the retreat of the STFM Foundation Trustees included a revised mission: “to grow the capacity of STFM to support its mission and goals” as well as an affirmation to create greater alignment between the priorities of the Foundation and STFM.
- Jan. 2010** The STFM Board approved the decision to use the term “medical student education” in place of “predoctoral.” The Predoctoral Education Conference changed its name to the Conference on Medical Student Education as of the 2011 conference.
- March 2010** John Saultz was appointed the fourth editor of *Family Medicine*.
- July 2010** STFM partnered with iIntime (now MedU) to develop a virtual patient case program called fmCASES, for use in the family medicine clerkship curriculum. It launched with 29 completed peer-reviewed cases.

- Jan. 2011** *Family Medicine* launched a redesigned format. The following year the journal won an EXCEL Award from Association Media & Publishing for Most Improved Journal.
- Spring 2011** STFM launched the Emerging Leaders Fellowship, which offers training, tools and support for new faculty and those transitioning or new to leadership roles.
- May 2011** STFM Behavioral Science/Family Systems Educator Fellowship was launched as a yearlong fellowship for new family medicine faculty who have responsibility for coordinating the behavioral science/family systems curriculum.
- July 2011** CAFM Educational Resource Alliance (CERA) launched as a framework to focus and support medical education research. CAFM is staffed by STFM and cosponsored by the other CAFM organizations.
- Fall 2011** STFM initiated a formal program process to assess its programs and activities. The process has evolved significantly and continues to serve as an important mechanism for examining programs for relevance and their ability to meet member needs.
- Jan. 2012** Teaching Physician debuted. A comprehensive web-based resource connecting medical schools and residency programs to community preceptors, it delivered videos, tips, answers to FAQs, and links to in-depth information on precepting topics.
- April 2012** A new logo was unveiled for the Society. Prior to its introduction, members were given an opportunity to vote and provide input. According to then-President Jerry Kruse, “The logo was changed to reflect the innovation and influence of STFM.”
- Jan. 2013** The Society underwent a robust governance assessment process. Outcomes included the creation of STFM governance principles, and adjustment of terms of CFAS representatives and STFM treasurer, a move to greater transparency in its structure, and a move from contested to uncontested elections.
- April 2013** The Family Medicine Residency Curriculum Resource was established in conjunction with AFMRD, providing topic lists and recommended readings. In March 2015, the site added curriculum: peer-reviewed case-based presentations, quizzes, and facilitators’ guides for the core content of family medicine education.
- Jan. 2014** STFM held its first uncontested election. Mary Hall was the first president voted in by the membership through this single candidate system.
- Feb. 2014** Collaborating with seven other family medicine organizations, STFM began a multi-year campaign called Family Medicine for America’s Health to drive continued improvement of the U.S. health care system and demonstrate the value of true primary care. Originally termed FFM 2.0, this campaign was marketed using the tagline: “Health is Primary.”
- Nov. 2014** As part of its strategic plan discussions, the STFM Board approved retaining the Mission, Vision, and Tagline. Minor changes were made in the STFM Values. The core values were defined as diversity, integrity, relationships, openness, nurturing, and excellence.

- April 2015** The STFM Foundation launched a two-year campaign to fund a special initiative called Faculty for Tomorrow. This initiative was designed to assist in the recruitment and retention of family medicine faculty.
- Dec. 2015** STFM launched Leading Change Fellowship, a yearlong fellowship offering interprofessional team skill-building and resources to enable transformation of a family medicine teaching practice. Michael Mendoza and Jennifer Johnson served as the first interprofessional co-chairs of the fellowship.
- April 2016** The STFM Board of Directors approved a restructure plan for its Groups to three different types: Collaboratives, Special Project Teams, and Discussion Forums.
- May 2016** The STFM Foundation changed its mission to “promote and develop support for STFM and its mission and goals.”
- 2017** STFM celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation with events held all throughout the year, including special events and activities at the Conference on Medical Student Education, the STFM Annual Spring Conference, and the Conference on Practice Improvement.

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