

**OREGON ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS  
CONGRESS OF THE MEMBERS  
78th ANNUAL MEETING  
May 2, 2026  
Sunriver, Oregon**

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION**

Mission Statement: The OAFP exists to support family physicians in their pursuit of optimal health for the people of Oregon.

The Commission met remotely several times during the fall, winter, and spring during this program year.

From our charter, the Commission on Education is charged with the following:

- Advise and direct staff with creating annual conference programming that meets the educational needs of OAFP members in alignment with the strategic goals of the organization.
- Identify potential conference speakers and conduct initial outreach and recruitment with the support of OAFP staff.
- Assist with “hosting” the meeting to include serving as or coordinating moderators.

Meeting Overview:

The theme of the conference, Care that Connects, Rooted in Community, was meant to reflect the connection that family physicians feel with each other, their patients and their communities.

The Live Poster Session returned this year. Due to problems with last year’s session, acceptance policies were more clearly defined and there were significantly more abstract reviewers. OAFP also secured a grant from the AAFP Foundation for the purpose of supporting the session.

Meeting Planning:

Session planning was conducted during and outside of meeting times. Prior meeting topics, current trends, and popular themes were voted upon by the COE. Members reached out to possible presenters with a focus on family medicine physicians and residents in different practice models.

Registration Goals:

Our registration goal of raising \$40,000 was met and significantly exceeded. We always budget very conservatively. Our ALSO registration numbers were lower than expected but with cost-saving measures put into place, we did not lose money on providing this important course.

Registration Numbers

Registration numbers included the following: five registered for ALSO course only, eight medical students, ten family medicine residents, ten non-member physicians, three registrants for Congress only, nine single day registrants and eighty-six full conference registrant members seven of whom registered for the ALSO course in addition to the full conference.

Exhibitors & Sponsorships:

Our goal of raising \$40,000 in sponsorship was surpassed. As of April 16, the amount raised was \$56,500, which includes a Presenting Sponsor. Two sponsors were unable to exhibit, bringing our total of paid exhibit tables to fifteen.

Many pharmaceutical and corporate health care businesses were turned down, as is the policy of the OAFP.

Costs:

Though they are not final, we anticipate that venue costs for the conference will come in over budget, but still within reasonable expectations given the registration profit. Inflation for food and AV costs continues, and non-negotiable service charges this year are 27%.

Speakers and Sessions:

We had 35 individuals serve as speakers, panelists, moderators and instructors during this conference.

Lunch & Learn Lectures

Monthly lectures offer members an opportunity to earn free CME virtually. This past year's topics were: Clinic of the Future, Invisible Risks: Addressing Indoor Air Quality Among Patients, Investing in Primary Care, How Much is Enough? Resolution Writing for the Family Physician, How to Diagnose Dementia in Primary Care, and Point of Care Ultrasound for the Primary Care Provider – A Selection of Cases. Expected for the future are sessions on measles, and medication abortion. We are always looking for members to share their knowledge in this format.

Other items of interest:

The Commission on Education drafted a CME Acceptance Policy.

If you are interested in serving on the Education Commission and/or would like to volunteer to help plan the 2027 Annual Conference, please contact our Program Director, Louise Merrigan. Save the Date – Skamania Lodge, May 13 – 15, 2027.

This report would be incomplete without acknowledging the critical efforts of OAFP staff and leadership that have enabled these accomplishments throughout the year. Their contributions have been invaluable.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Chair, Commission on Education