

OREGON ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS  
CONGRESS OF THE MEMBERS  
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**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

It has been an honor to serve as your President during this unique year in our history. Many of our activities this year were impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic; in addition to responding to and advocating for our members' needs related to the ongoing crisis, we continued to implement expanded programming and advance our agenda around making the practice of family medicine more rewarding and less cumbersome. One of my personal goals this year was to forge connections between the family medicine world and the public health world. So often we are doing community development and community health work, and this last year we began to position the OAFP to make sure that family docs who want to pursue this aspect of their scope have easy access.

We have had several successes in this vein over the last year:

- We launched two new programs: Primary Care Beyond Clinic Walls and Building Immunity by Building Community. One is grant-funded, and the other is a contract executed with ORPRN.
- Expanded our staff to three full-time members.
- Conducted a search and hired a new contract lobbyist
- Created a public health liaison space as an Ex Officio role on the Board of Directors.

We remain committed to advancing our long-standing goal of transforming how primary care is paid for and delivered, and our members have been active participants in the state-based efforts to drive those changes such as they have advanced through the disruption of COVID-19. We are pursuing stronger ties with public health and community-based organizations not only because of the potential to better prepare Oregonians to remain resilient in acute public health crises, but because that comprehensive approach may be the best opportunity we have to begin moving upstream to address the social determinants of health. With strong cross-sector coalition partnerships, we may be more likely to succeed in pushing the administrative simplification that could support that collaboration.

Our efforts to grow ORCA-FM have continued. We are looking forward to welcoming participants from two new program sites in 2022. While the ban on gatherings meant that we had to shift our 2021 plans for the program, we were able to continue our Policy Scholars program that we originally launched with support of the ABFM. One of the programs on the schedule today was advanced through the ORCA-FM program.

Our Family Physicians of Oregon PAC had a successful giving drive over the summer, and we look forward to continuing to grow participation in the PAC. See the PAC report for additional details.

Our AAFP Delegates submitted five resolutions to the 2021 AAFP Congress of Delegates. The Congress was actually held virtually in February, and many of the resolutions introduced and considered by the reference committees have been extracted for consideration at the 2022 Congress in September. Our resolutions had the following results:

- Our resolution calling for the declaration of racism as a public health crisis was affirmed as existing policy.
- Our resolution in support of simplifying interstate telemedicine coverage (when an established patient is out of state) was reaffirmed as current policy.
- Our resolution seeking the inclusion of medical nutrition therapy in primary care was amended and adopted; the Commissions on Federal and State Policy, and on Quality and Practice will take up the actions in the resolution.
- A resolution calling for the addition of naloxone on airplane first aid kits was amended to include a requirement for the FAA to establish training on these tools for flight crews; the resolution was then adopted and referred to the Commission on Federal & State Policy.
- Our resolution endorsing the elimination of the DATA 2000 waiver training requirements for all DEA-registered clinicians was extracted for consideration at the 2022 Congress.

Thank you for entrusting me with the office of this Presidency. It has been both a full and a gratifying year, despite the unexpected crisis we have been forced to address. I look forward to many future years serving our Oregon Academy in whatever ways we end up needing.

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