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News from Other Family Medicine Organizations...

AAFP Certificates

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers residency completion and family medicine teaching certificates for use by residency programs. Order by the deadline to ensure arrival for graduation.

Deadline: April 30.
Details: [Visit the website.](#)

Register Now for PDW and RPS

Don't miss your chance to register for the [PDW and RPS Residency Education Symposium](#) March 24 - 28 in Kansas City, MO.

The symposium brings together PDW and RPS across five consecutive days and offers each member of your

Plan to Attend!



The AFMRD meets annually to conduct business, elect members to serve on the AFMRD Board of Directors, recognize members' accomplishments, discuss important issues, and review the organization's activities over the course of the year.

This year, we meet Saturday, March 25, 2017, 10 a.m. to noon (during the PDW and RPS Residency Education Symposium in Kansas City).

Please visit the [AFMRD Annual Meeting webpage](#) to see the agenda, learn about important changes to our elections process, review proposed changes to our bylaws, and get acquainted with the candidates running for our board of directors.

2017 Candidates for the AFMRD Board of Directors

At this year's meeting, the membership will elect two members to serve two-year terms as member-at-large directors; one member to serve a two-year term as treasurer; and one member

team an opportunity to gain information, solutions, and inspiration.

to serve a one-year term as president-elect, followed by a one-year term as president and a one-year term as immediate past president.

The slate of candidates is listed below. [Candidate details](#) are available on the AFMRD website.

President-Elect

W. Fred Miser, MD, FAAFP
The Ohio State University Family Medicine Residency
Columbus, OH

Treasurer

Gretchen Irwin, MD, MBA, FAAFP
University of Kansas-Wichita/Wesley Program
Wichita, KS

Member-at-Large

(2 positions open)

David Araujo, MD
Ventura County Medical Center Family Medicine Residency
Ventura, CA

Curtis Lloyd Galke, DO
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - DHR
Rio Grande Valley, TX

Timothy P. Graham, MD
Mount Carmel Family Medicine
Westerville, OH

James Haynes, MD
University of TN College of Med FMR - Chattanooga
Chattanooga, TN

Thomas Miller, MD
SIU Quincy Family Medicine
Quincy, IL

Jennifer W. Swoyer, DO
Adventist La Grange Family Medicine Residency Program
La Grange, IL

Standard Letter of Evaluation for Family Medicine?

The AFMRD's Board of Directors has started a discussion with the other members of the Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM) about the possibility of creating a Standardized Letter of Evaluation, or SLOE, to be used by medical students showing interest in applying to family medicine residency programs.

Would you support the development of a Standardized Letter of Evaluation (SLOE) to be used for applicants to family medicine residency programs? [Please take a minute to answer this question.](#)

AFMRD Advocacy Activities

The AFMRD is committed to advocating for efforts on legislative and health policy issues impacting program directors.

Representing the AFMRD, President-Elect Karen Mitchell, MD, attended the GME States Initiative Summit in January.

To support advocacy at the state level to increase the number of primary care training positions, the AFMRD recognizes the importance of gathering data and helping programs share their stories about the need for GME payment reform. For example, information from the National Graduate Survey, a cooperative effort of the ABFM and AFMRD, will provide data about graduates' type and scope of practice.

The AFMRD will continue to seek opportunities to share information and assist in advocacy efforts.

A Message from Dr. Kozakowski Regarding P4 Project

As the Director of the Medical Education Division of the AAFP and a Past President of the AFMRD, I am very pleased to share with you a treasure chest full of information that can help you and your residency to not only survive, but thrive in the often chaotic world of graduate medical education. The collection of nearly 40 published articles that were an outcome from the Personal Physician for Practice (P4) Project will provide you with ideas, inspiration, and potential solutions for many of the everyday challenges that you face as you work to improve your program.

To remind you, P4 was a comparative case study of 14 residencies that experimented with changes in the content, location, sequencing, and length of residency education, many of which included aspects of the PCMH. P4 began in 2007 and formally concluded in 2012, although the last of the publications derived from the initiative were just recently published, with four additional papers in the queue for publication in Family Medicine over the next several months. The project was cosponsored by the American Board of Family Medicine and the AFMRD and was administered by TransformED, a former practice redesign subsidiary of the AAFP.

If you take the time to read some of these articles you will discover what we learned about residency finance; leadership; implementation of team-based care; creation of family physician identity; curricular innovation; resident satisfaction; and graduate scope of practice, just to name a few topics.

Two documents are being shared by our P4 Executive Committee. [One](#) is a list of all core and site-specific papers we know about including those that were submitted but not accepted. [The other](#) organizes the published papers by the "Need to Know" categories identified in the 2007 Academic Medicine paper, Preparing the Personal Physician for Practice: Changing Family Medicine Residency Training to Enable New Model Practice. You can also find a list of P4 papers, with links,

on the [MedEdNet website](#). The website list will be updated as the final papers become available.

Enjoy!

Stan Kozakowski, MD, FAAFP

Updates



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for AMERICA'S HEALTH

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