What guides the IAFP?
Do we have a mission? A plan?

How do I get involved?
Will I have the time? What's interesting?

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET INVOLVED by listing your areas of interest and returning the form at the end of this section to the IAFP. This structure allows a means of assigning shorter tasks to involve more people and provide you with an opportunity to voice your opinion regarding Academy policy.

Will I have the time?
Committees will generally meet once every two months via teleconference and will use the common listserve to update and communicate. Committee meetings typically last 1-2 hours and action items from your committee are considered at the Committee of the Whole and by the Board of Directors. Task forces will generally meet via electronic mail and as needed on teleconferences to accomplish tasks. There are no planned face-to-face meetings of task force members. Interest groups will generally meet as they wish via email and listserve with suggestions to the All Member Assembly at the Annual meeting. Suggestions may be referred directly to the Board if time constraints require it. There are no scheduled meetings for interest groups.

A face-to-face meeting *may* occur during the All-Member Assembly, being held December 4-6, 2009 in Oak Brook, IL. Details will be announced. Members are not reimbursed for their travel expenses.

Mission Statement: To promote excellence in the health and well-being of the people of Illinois through support and education of family physicians and the families and communities they serve.

Our Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is developed, reviewed, and approved by the IAFP Board of Directors with input from the volunteer leaders serving on committees, task forces, and interest groups. Most areas of the Plan are directly addressed by one of these groups with the exception of Communications, which occurs across all areas of the IAFP.

Individual groups listed under each of the Strategic Plan's focus areas below are working to provide these membership benefits to you! Be sure to sign up and return the form at the end of this section so you can provide valuable input to YOUR Academy!

Membership

- Serve as the "medical home" for family physicians and family medicine
- Offer members the benefits of advocacy and representation in government relations and public relations
- Apprise members of IAFP programming through numerous channels of communication
- Ensure IAFP's continuing medical education program remains a viable option for members to maintain their state license to practice and to recertify for their boards
- Work with other organizations in Illinois healthcare to improve quality, ensure patient safety and the public health

IAFP's Membership and Member Services Committee is chaired by Dennon Davis, MD and its charge is: To review member's request for dues waivers and other membership issues. To review IAFP membership services and suggest sun-setting of services, changes to services and proposed new services. The Task Force should set up a mechanism to capture member ideas.

In addition, the **Urban Health Interest Group** is chaired by Bechara Choucair, MD and its charge is: Devise strategies to address the shortage of family physicians and access to healthcare services in the state's urban areas. Develop a priority list of activities to be approved by the president, suggest comments on urban health issues, propose CME topics on urban health, propose to leadership that IAFP nominate members to state, regional and local urban health entities, task forces and committees focusing on urban health. The interest group should seek to interact with entities concerned with urban health in Illinois.

As its counterpart, the **Rural Health Interest Group** has its charge: Devise strategies to address the shortage of family physicians and access to healthcare services in the state's rural areas. Develop a priority list of activities to be approved by the president, suggest comments on rural health issues, propose CME topics on rural health, propose to leadership that IAFP nominate members to state, regional and local rural health entities, task forces and committees focusing on rural health. The interest group should seek to interact with the Illinois Rural Health Association and other entities concerned with rural health in Illinois

Communications

- Enable multiple levels of communication in different modes to reach the greatest number of members
- Ensure one non-electronic communication to reach all members
- Streamline electronic communications
- Upgrade web/home page for optimal use by members and public
- Offer member benefits of advocacy and representation in government relations and public relations
- Apprise members of IAFP programming through numerous channels of communication

Students/Residents

- Promote family medicine for our future
- Strengthen relations with Family Medicine Interest Groups and Residency programs
- Support the Summer Externship Program
- Recruit positive mentors and preceptors for students and residents in order to grow new leaders for IAFP leadership succession

The **Family Medicine Educators Interest Group** is chaired by Judith Gravdal, MD and its charge is: Serve as a conduit for educator issues on faculty development, research and government relations.

Fiscal Affairs

- Share the fiscal responsibility proportionally with the Board of Directors, membership-at-large, and staff
- Keep IAFP financially strong

The **Finance Committee** is chaired by Treasurer Tina Brueschke, MD and its charge is: Ensure the integrity of the fiscal affairs of the Academy, including: overseeing budget development and regular financial reporting.

Government Relations

- Advocate on behalf of family medicine and its strengths
- Promote an optimum work environment
- Increase government relations presence to exchange information about medical practice and public policy
- Continue to be patient advocates and promote a comprehensive public health agenda for overall health improvement in Illinois.

The **Government Relations Committee** is chaired by Carolyn Lopez, MD and its charge is: Make decisions regarding IAFP's legislative agenda, initiate grass roots lobbying efforts, educate members on key issues, and actively lobby on behalf of the Academy. Help to plan Spring Into Action meeting.

Public Relations

- Establish IAFP as a separate voice in the medical community
- Optimize IAFP communications forums to keep leadership and general membership appraised of IAFP PR activities and opportunities
- Maintain a current list of "on-call" member spokespersons for general inquires on www.iafp.com
- Promote Family Medicine in the community (health fairs, career fairs, etc.) and through Letters to the Editor on community issues.

The **Public Relations Task Force** is chaired by Kristen Drynan, MD and its charge is: To develop criteria for IAFP awards and encourage members to submit nominations for those awards. The Task Force will take an active role in deciding future public relations activities, and implementing actions in their communities to promote awareness of family medicine, and the importance of Family Medicine in the healthcare delivery system. Oversees Family Physician of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Media Award. The Task Force may also consider and nominate IAFP members for AAFP and other organization awards. The committee also serves as first responders to media requests on patient education and health topics.

CME

- Continue IAFP exposure & cooperation with AAFP, Pri-Med, and other primary care education companies in the Illinois marketplace.
- Support and encourage the use of family physician presenters and AAFP credit to organizers of large regional CME meetings (i.e. Pri-Med)
- Collaborate with other Illinois based health associations (ICAAP, IFQHC, etc) & their educational activities which fit within our mission
- Choose CME topic priorities that are the main concern in family medicine based on surveys done by AAFP and the IAFP

The **CME Committee** is chaired by Christine Mueller, MD and its charge is: It is the mission of the CME Committee to develop, present, and promote education opportunities that are timely, relevant and of the highest quality. The CME Committee is actively involved in the creation and development of all CME programs. All decisions about the program content and faculty are made exclusively by the CME committee.

Annual Meeting

- Increase overall attendance by marketing to each sector of membership and encouragement from all sectors of the volunteer leadership
- Schedule and maintain programming for optimal benefits to members appealing to the needs and time constraints and calendars of the general membership.

Several task forces undertake the work of IAFP's All-member Assembly and Annual Meeting:

The Electronic **Voting Task Force** chaired by Deborah Edberg, MD and its charge is:
To develop a process for IAFP members to vote remotely (whether electronically or by paper ballot) for candidates for the 2010 IAFP board, officers and AAFP delegate and alternate.

The **Contested Elections Task Force** chaired by Patrick Tranmer, MD and its charge is to: To develop a process for active members in good standing to be nominated and for the elections for candidates for the 2010 IAFP board, officers and AAFP delegate and alternate, to include the possibility for contested elections.

The **Bylaws Task Force** chaired by Carrie Nelson, MD and its charge is to: To develop proposed bylaws amendments for the 2009 IAFP All Member Assembly that include e-voting and contested elections in the bylaws, and to propose any other bylaws amendments that would update the bylaws to AAFP bylaws.

The **Leadership Development Task Force** chaired by Ellen Brull, MD and its charge is to: Review and certify candidates for the 2010 IAFP Board of Directors' and Officer s, and AAFP delegate and alternate, .

Other Avenues of Interest

The **Public Health Committee** is chaired by Rashmi Chugh, MD and its charge is:
To oversee the family medicine viewpoint in the public health arena. Develop a priority list of activities, suggest comments on public health issues, propose CME topics on public health, propose to leadership to nominate members to state, regional, and local public health entities, task forces and committees. The purview of the committee shall include but not be limited to immunizations, public health outbreaks or epidemics, bioterrorism preparedness, epidemiology, and the role of family physicians on the front lines of public health. The committee should seek to interact with the State Board of Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health, county and city departments of public health, as well as other organizations in the public health arena.

The **Task Force on AAFP Resolutions** is chaired by Margaret Kirkegaard, MD and its charge is: to review ideas for resolutions to AAFP Congress from Illinois AFP, develop the ideas into resolutions, and finalize approval of resolutions with IAFP board or executive committee. Most work is done April-August.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM – GET INVOLVED!!!

I am interested in serving on the following: *(Please rank your top 3 choices)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name: _____MD/DO

Practice Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Office Phone: _____Fax: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am a *(please check one)*: ☐ Student ☐ Resident ☐ Physician

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