

2010 AAFP National Conference Resident Congress Report
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First off, thank you to all those who completed the IAFP Resident Member Survey sent out in July. The results were very interesting and helpful! I hope you had a chance to look at the results as well.

Last month, I had the honor of serving as your Illinois delegate to the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents in Kansas City, Mo. This was my first trip to the National Conference and my first time participating in the Congress. The Congress opened up with a summary of the AAFP's activities and accomplishments in 2009, such supporting government taxation on sugar-sweetened beverages and actively participating in the national health care reform. It was very interesting to learn about some of the issues that affect our practice, but we may not think about right now while we are residents.

During the Congress session, I learned about how an idea becomes a resolution and then possibly a policy. I participated in a small group focusing on education, and we had a great discussion about the new proposed ACGME duty hours. It was interesting to hear from people who shared differing opinions. In the end, one of the adopted resolutions was an opposition to the revised duty hours. Here is a list of all the adopted resolutions from the Resident Congress. For more details on these resolutions, go to

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/cme/aafpcourses/conferences/nc/2009resolutions.html>

1. Expanding eligibility requirements for National Conference Resident Chair
2. Recommendation commending Dr. Amy Gaha
3. International medical graduate orientation
4. Formation of an AAFP Committee or learning collaborative for aligning primary care and family medicine with public as well as private payer groups
5. Opposition of Arizona SB 1070
6. Allocation of "Sugar Sweetened Beverages" tax revenue to obesity and diabetes education and prevention
7. Safe Routes to School partnership
8. Healing our patients, healing ourselves
9. Use of licensed characters in food and beverages advertising
10. Investigation of multimedia educational materials in the fight against childhood obesity
11. Opposed to the recent resident duty hour recommendations by the ACGME
12. Furthering involvement in academic free clinics
13. Loan deferment
14. Recording self-reported measures by family medicine residencies for implementation of the Patient-Centered Medical Home
15. Establishing Medical-Legal Partnerships with family medicine residencies
16. Advocate for amendment of National Health Services Corps eligibility requirements
17. Launching a national media campaign to promote family medicine

Elections for our national representatives were also held during Congress session.

Congratulations to our recently elected resident representatives!

Resident member of the AAFP Board of Directors: Heidi Meyer, M.D. (Arizona)

Resident Chair of the 2011 National Conference of Family Medicine: Melissa Pensa, M.D. (Oregon)

Alternate delegates to the 2010 AAFP Congress of Delegates: Peter Rippey, M.D. (Florida)
Meshia Todd, M.D. (North Carolina)

Resident representative to the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors Board of Directors: Benjamin Schneider, M.D. (Oregon)

Resident representative to the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Board of Directors: Sarah Tully Marks, M.D. (Wisconsin)

Resident representative to the AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees: Brooke Sciuto, M.D. (California)

When I was not in Congress, I spent my time meeting some of the exhibitors from other Illinois Family Medicine programs, talking with medical students interested in FM, and eating lots of ribs/steaks! There were many seminars and workshops on a variety of topics. Overall, it was a great experience, and I hope you consider attending the National Conference in the future. I also hope you decide to become more involved in the IAFP this year!