NYSAFP Commissions

Each NYSAFP commission meets 3 times yearly with the primary goal of putting together resolutions on key political issues. Resolutions will be brought before the Congress of Delegates annually. These resolutions will be brought before the National AAFP Congress of Delegates with the intention of helping to shape advocacy efforts on a national level.

I. Advocacy – With the leadership and guidance of Marcy Savage from Weingarten, Reid & McNally lobbying specialists, Advocacy reviews bills for discussion and input from the committee and from greater membership. The committee educates its members regarding political process of bills, sponsorship and encourages independent lobbying opportunity while eliciting feedback and recommendations regarding the bills for action by the Board of Directors.

II. Education - Organize and plan upcoming Family Medicine educational conferences aimed at fulfilling membership CME. Examples of recent conferences are the Regional Family Medicine Conference, Downstate Family Medicine conference, Winter Weekend, SAM workshops, STFM, ALSO. The education committee analyzes conference attendance, profit analysis, consideration for local chapter involvement, and topic interests

III. Leadership – Election of leadership for the NYSAFP. One year terms and three year terms as well as training are common to promote and support growth and progress for the board.

IV. Membership - This commission considers applications for membership and continuation of membership and investigates the qualifications of applicants. It also monitors county chapter activities and organizes county chapters in areas where no such chapters exist. Goals for the future include exploration of electronic membership media.

V. Operations - The mission of the Operations Commission is to manage the financial, personnel and operational performance of the Academy consistent with the budget, program goals established by the board and Congress and external developments that may affect the financial or operational environment of the Academy.

VI. Public Health – The Public Health Commission identifies issues of concern such as obesity, tobacco smoking, reproductive health, clean water and health care access in the community and responds with alliances between the NYSAFP and the DOH, political governing bodies, AMA, MSSNY to promote education and policy change.