

NYSAFP Standing Commissions

Chapter 10 of the NYSAFP Bylaws establishes six standing commissions to manage the mission related work of the Academy. These commissions meet three times annually in person at Academy clusters and may meet by conference call as needed. Commission chairs, vice chairs and members are appointed each year by the president. Commission members receive reimbursement for their expenses incurred to attend commission meetings. **If you are interested in serving on a commission, please contact NYSAFP EVP Vito F. Grasso, MPA, CAE at vito@nysafp.org, 1-800-822-0700 or 1-518-489-8945.** Following is a brief description of the subject area jurisdiction of each commission:

Commission on Family Practice Advocacy:

1. The commission will maintain liaison with the legislative committee of the Medical Society of the State of New York and study legislation pertaining to medical affairs introduced in the state legislature and make such comments on each legislation as may advance the mission of the Academy.
2. This commission shall study and make recommendations on the delivery and payment of health care services, particularly the services of family physicians.
3. It will address issues such as health care delivery systems, technological developments affecting the delivery of health care services, the economics of medical practice, organizational and management plans, health manpower needs and production, and quality assurance/utilization systems.
4. It shall advise the Board of current problems, issues and trends affecting privileges of family physicians with hospitals and managed care plans, assist members in resolving privileges problems, and advise the Board and membership regarding actions to be considered in dealing with privilege problems.

Commission on Members Services:

1. This commission shall consider applications for membership and continuation of membership and investigate the qualifications of applicants.
2. It shall monitor county chapter activities and organize county chapters in areas where no such chapters exist.
3. It will identify and develop proposals for member benefits, review proposals by staff and implement any member benefits programs approved by the Board of Directors

Commission on Public Health:

1. This commission will advise the Board of Directors regarding public health matters including: immunization, infectious diseases, preventive services, public education and such other public health matters as may be brought to its attention.
2. It will deal with health care of the aged and access to medical care by aged patients, work with the Commission on Education to help family practice residencies develop and implement a geriatric curriculum, and will advise the Board of Directors on geriatric educational programs.
3. This commission will maintain dialogue on issues of medical ethics and develop policy and protocol and serve as a resource to the Academy and members on issues of medical ethics.
4. This commission shall address the special issues of urban and rural health care.

Commission on Academy Operations:

1. This commission will be responsible for the management and operations of the Academy, including personnel, management information systems, contracts, leases, major purchases and issues submitted by the executive vice president.
2. It will prepare an annual budget for the fiscal operation of the Academy and submit same to the Board of Directors for approval.
 1. It will supervise the maintenance of the Academy's accounts and books, audit financial records and reconcile the annual audit of the books by a duly licensed independent public accountant with the financial records and the budget.
 2. The commission shall have the authority to make investment decisions and monitor investment of cash assets for the Academy.
 3. The commission will also be responsible for long range and strategic planning including developing specific plans for consideration of the Board of Directors and monitoring implementation of plans approved by the Board of Directors.
 4. The commission will also be responsible for maintenance of the constitution and bylaws of the Academy, including changes, deletions, modifications and interpretations, and shall also rule on the validity of component chapter constitutions and bylaws.
 5. The president-elect shall chair this commission and the vice president will serve as vice-chair.

Commission on Education:

1. This commission shall encourage and assist medical schools, hospitals, and other

organizations in developing and maintaining quality programs and facilities for the education of family physicians at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

2. It will provide program services to program directors, chairs and faculties of educational programs to facilitate family practice education.
3. It will collect data supporting the progress and growth of family practice education.
4. It will make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding Academy policy in matters of graduate, undergraduate and continuing medical education.
5. It will act as liaison with New York medical schools and family practice departments and advise medical schools in establishing family practice departments where none exist.
6. It will act as liaison with family practice residency programs in New York.
7. It will assist hospitals and other organizations interested in establishing family practice residencies.
8. It will advise the AAFP regarding the progress of family practice training in New York medical schools and residencies.
9. It will establish liaison with students and residents in family practice programs in New York and with the committee on student and resident affairs of the AAFP and with the Education Commission of the AAFP.
10. It will assist AAFP members by providing the fullest possible access to continuing medical education programs of quality and relevance.
11. It will monitor the program review actions of the regional education chairs.
12. It will review regional and state programs and other types of continuing medical education available to Academy members.
13. It will design, create and evaluate new methods of extending quality education materials to members.

Commission on Leadership Development:

1. This commission shall design programs for developing leadership skills of members.
2. It will also monitor the performance of members of Academy commissions and make recommendations regarding such performance to the president-elect for the purposes of making appointments to chair and vice-chair positions on standing commissions of the Academy.
3. It will present to the annual meeting of the Congress of Delegates one (1) or more nominations for the offices of president-elect, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, delegate

to the American Academy of Family Physicians, alternate delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians, delegate to the House of Delegates of the Medical Society of the State of New York, and one (1) or more nominations, for each of two (2) directors; speaker and vice speaker of the Congress of Delegates. Such nominations shall be published at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the Congress of Delegates. Recommendations from component county chapters or self-nominations from members from inactive county chapters, for the offices listed above shall be submitted to the Commission at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting of the Congress. At least 30 days before the Congress, the commission shall publish its slate of officers. Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing nominations from the floor at the time of the annual meeting of the Congress of Delegates. Any member of the commission who is considered for candidacy shall excuse themselves from any discussion and action by the commission regarding such candidacy.