

SUBJECT: Creation of a National Student Delegate for the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)

SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians

REFERRED TO: 2018 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 12

- 1 WHEREAS, the Student Association of American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
2 (SAACOFP) successfully submitted six resolutions at the 2017 Congress of Delegates that
3 were written by student SAACOFP members (1); and
- 4 WHEREAS, the current process for submission of resolutions requires students to submit
5 resolutions through an ACOFP State Society and a direct pathway does not currently exist
6 for a resolution to be submitted by students with the official indication that is being
7 submitted by a student voice; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the SAACOFP has demonstrated increasing interest in engaging with the resolution
9 process of the ACOFP by creating a national student Resolutions Committee and has
10 demonstrated a commitment to improving the committee by writing a resolution using the
11 current student resolution submission protocol; and
- 12 WHEREAS, student resolutions through the SAACOFP Resolutions Committee are written
13 collaboratively by multiple students across osteopathic schools and states; the collective
14 student voice is lost as not all student authors are able to participate in the discussions and
15 revisions at the state level; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the SAACOFP National Student Executive Board (NSEB) has an ACOFP Board Member
17 Liaison, ACOFP Staff Liaison and a Student Governor who serve to guide the delegation
18 activity including, but not limited to student resolution writing and the Resolutions
19 Committee; and
- 20 WHEREAS, no SAACOFP Student Leadership Position, including Student Governor, has the
21 authority to submit resolutions or vote at the Congress of Delegates, unless designated as
22 their prospective state society's Student Delegate; and
- 23 WHEREAS, it may be inappropriate to add additional responsibilities and duties to the Student
24 Governor; now, therefore be it
- 25 RESOLVED, a new single student delegate position be created in the American College of
26 Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates, separate from the College
27 of Osteopathic Medicine Delegate, to specifically represent the Student Association of
28 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (SAACOFP) and the student voice with
29 the full rights and voting privileges of a delegate; and, be it further

- 30 RESOLVED, that the student delegate be appointed to a one-year term by the SAACOFPP Student
31 National President from within the Student Resolutions Subcommittee with approval from
32 the National Student Executive Board (NSEB); and, be it further
- 33 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP create such a position so that the delegate member would be able to
34 submit resolutions directly to the Congress of Delegates from the SAACOFPP.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of MARCH 22, 2018

References:

1. Final Actions on 2017 ACOFP Congress of Delegates Resolutions. American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
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2017 Congress of Delegates Resolutions by Student Members

Res 15--Mackenzie Denton

Res 16--Antoinette Johnson

Res 17--Antoinette Johnson

Res 18--Mackenzie Denton

Res 20--Mackenzie Denton

Res 22--Mackenzie Denton