

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

SUBMITTED BY: Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society on Behalf of the ACOFP Resident Council

REFERRED TO: 2019 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 6

- 1 WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Resident Council was
2 created in 2017 to bring residents together and provide a larger resident voice to the ACOFP and
3 encourage active participation by residents in the ACOFP; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the current process for submission of resolutions requires residents as an entity to submit
5 resolutions through an ACOFP State Society and a direct pathway does not currently exist for a
6 resolution to be submitted by a collective resident voice with the official indication that it is
7 being submitted by a resident voice; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the ACOFP Resident Council has created a resolution sub-committee within the Resident
9 Council to create awareness and interest amongst residents in the resolution process and function
10 of the Congress of Delegates; and
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- 12 WHEREAS, similarly the Student Association of American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
13 (Student Association of the ACOFP) successfully submitted a resolution at the 2018 Congress of
14 Delegates that created a specific delegation seat for a student representative; and
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- 16 WHEREAS, resident written resolutions encouraged through the resident council are done as a
17 collaboration by multiple residents spanning across states, the collective resident voice is lost as
18 individual resident voices are unable to span across state society lines; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the resident council highly recommends and encourages residents to be involved and work
20 within their state society; however, an additional submission pathway should be available in the
21 circumstances where residents are unable to submit through their respective state societies due
22 to an inactive state society, communication difficulties, or resolution content disagreements; and
- 23 WHEREAS, the resident council has an ACOFP Board Member Liaison, ACOFP Staff Liaison and a
24 Resident Governor who are available to offer guidance including but not limited to resolution
25 writing and submission; now, therefore be it
- 26 RESOLVED, that a single resident delegate position be created in the American College of Osteopathic
27 Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates to specifically represent the collective
28 resident voice with the full rights and voting privileges of a delegate; and, be it further
- 29 RESOLVED, that the resident delegate position be appointed to a one-year term by the Resident
30 Council; and, be it further
- 31 RESOLVED, that the ACOFP create such a position so that the delegate member would be able to
32 submit resolutions directly to the Congress of Delegates from the resident council.