

Recruitment for 2018 Georgia Academy Leadership!
(Please reply back no later than November 30, 2017)

To: GAFP Colleague (Active, Life, Resident, Medical Student)

From: Loy D. "Chip" Cowart, MD, FAAFP – President Elect

One of the most important roles serving as your President for this upcoming year is appointing the Committee members for 2018. I am soliciting your interest in participating on one of the Georgia Academy's committees for next year.

Limited Appointments to Be Made – Please Send in Your Form As Soon as Possible as committees are filling up – but no later than November 30th. And, make sure to add a second option as your first option may be full.

I ask that you only volunteer to be nominated if you can attend either in person or by phone all 3 meetings in 2018. Although several committees meet more than 3 times a year, here are the dates for the 2018 Committee Conclaves:

Saturday, March 3 – Atlanta, GA (Westin Atlanta Perimeter)

Thursday, June 14 – Amelia Island, FL (in conjunction with the GAFP Summer CME Meeting at Omni Amelia Island Resort)

Saturday, August 4 – Savannah, GA (Hyatt Regency Savannah)

I appreciate your consideration of service with your colleagues on a committee. We are only strong with many voices of family medicine working together.

Committee membership will be held to no more than 15 members. For most committees, this will include one slot for a resident and a medical student. The expectation is that each member selected for a committee will have the ability to 1) attend the three committee conclave meetings, 2) respond to emails, and 3) review committee materials and be ready to offer advice and guidance.

There will also be a Legislative Session Working Group that meets for a shorter time period (January-March 2018) to assist in Georgia Academy programs.

Following is a list of the opportunities for service. We encourage your interest and participation as this is certainly an important and pivotal time for family medicine. We are only as strong as the commitment and involvement of our members.

Bylaws Committee (15 members), Chair: Alice House MD, Vice Chair: Howard McMahan MD: This committee will review governance issues and review any needed bylaws changes. Bylaws changes must be sent to the general membership for review and approved by the GAFP Congress of Delegates.

Education and Research Committee (15 members), Chair: Theresa Jacobs MD, Vice Chair: Ken Howard MD: This committee is responsible for all the educational activities of the Georgia Academy, including the annual and summer meeting, as well as our national GO! Diabetes project and the education for the Patient Centered Medical Home University.

Finance Committee (15 members), Chair: Sharon Rabinovitz MD (Treasurer), Vice Chair: Christina Kelly MD: This committee reviews the financials including staff benefits and the budget. It also makes recommendations to the Board on financial policies.

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Legislative Committee (15 members), Co-Chairs: Bruce LeClair MD and Richard Wherry MD: This committee oversees all advocacy and legislative activities and recommends action to the Board to assure representation of family medicine and our patients.

State Legislative Session Working Group (unlimited members): This working group will meet weekly by phone from January - March to review the policy priorities of the Georgia Academy along with receiving updates on the activities of the Georgia General Assembly. Areas of focus will include the State Budget (Medicaid, Public Health), Tort Reform, Insurance Initiatives, Public Safety, Medical Education, Georgia Board Physician Workforce Funding of Family Medicine Residency Programs and Scope of Practice.

Membership Services Committee (15 members), Chair: Michelle Cooke MD, Vice Chair: Ivy Smith MD: This committee has the responsibility for membership recruitment and retention, overview of leadership development, as well as, for all local and national award nominations. This committee is also tasked with monitoring the communications to our members.

Practice Management Committee (15 members), Chair: Jay Goberdhan MD, Vice Chair: Michael Satchell MD: The Practice Management Committee monitors insurance policies and issues that affect the business of family medicine. It also works on practice transformation and the patient centered medical home. The committee is continually monitoring new payment models and works to educate our membership on patient centered medical home, accountable care organizations, Medical Advantage plans and other business models.

Public Health Committee (15 members), Chair: Jay Floyd MD, Vice Chair: Sherma Peter MD: This committee works to improve the health and welfare of our state's citizens by assisting Georgia's Department of Public Health in their mission. The Georgia Academy has an ongoing contractual relationship with the Department of Public Health that is overseen by this committee.

Student and Resident Recruitment (15 members - 6 active/life members, 3 students, 3 residents), Chair: Julie Dahl-Smith MD, Vice Chair: Kevin Johnson MD: This Committee promotes family medicine to our Georgia medical students, pre-medical and high school students as well as looks for areas to support family medicine physicians-in-training.

Committee Membership Application

_____ Name

I am a _____ Medical Student _____ Resident _____ Family Physician

_____ is the Committee I would like to serve on in 2018.

If I am not selected for my committee of choice. I would like to be considered for the _____ Committee.

I would also like to volunteer for the Legislative Session Working Group: _____.

_____ I can attend all 3 committee dates (either in person or by phone).

I cannot attend all three committee dates, I can attend _____ of the meetings.

My talents and expertise that will assist the committee are: