

2021 House of Delegates

Report of the Resident Trustees

2020 started with many ambitious goals. We had intended to increase awareness of the role of the NJAFP, broaden our network by being more present on different medical school campuses, and promote primary care within our communities. While much of our efforts were limited due to the pandemic, we've made numerous virtual attempts to unite the community. We've had a great discussion with the Director of Family Medicine Residency at Rowan Medical School regarding their goals of primary care: retaining physicians within their community, promoting primary care within their residency, and increasing awareness of not only primary care but also the NJAFP on campus. After our discussion, we've made numerous attempts to hold similar discussions with Hackensack University Medical School, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers Medical School, and St. George's University Medical School with no avail. Despite the numerous attempts, there was an inevitable disadvantage posed by the inability to meet in person. As such, our plans to hold a forum for prospective family medicine residents have been placed on hold. We were able to attend the AAFP virtual family medicine 2020 conference. Learned advances in family medicine. It provided enormous resources and ways to incorporate family medicine advocacy in our practice. We will also be attending the National Conference of Constituency Leaders in April. This will be a way to build leadership skills to empower us to create a lasting impact for current and future generation for family medicine.

As travel restrictions are lifted, crowd gatherings encouraged and vaccines become more available, we plan to pursue the goals that were initially set out. It has become evident from comparison of our previous interests and from our discussion with Rowan Medical School, that on campus presence directly correlated with more outreach and interest within primary care. We intend to implement our goals that were hindered by the pandemic, this coming year. We are very exciting for the upcoming initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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