

Commission on Membership and Member Services (CMMS) 2024 Annual Report

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Purpose & Scope of Work

The purpose of the Commission on Membership and Member Services (CMMS) is to guide the AAFP's membership efforts and to assist the constituent chapters in their membership efforts. The scope of this commission includes recruitment/retention efforts, defining value of membership, reviewing membership services, supervising Member Interest Groups (MIGs), monitoring membership trends, and overseeing leadership development opportunities. The group provides input on any ongoing membership issues and addresses special needs of membership as they arise. Our role is to bring student and resident perspectives to these discussions.

Activities & Achievements

The commission met in person in Kansas City in January 2024 for Winter Cluster. Numerous topics were discussed, including update/review of Membership Interest Groups (including the addition of a new Wilderness Medicine MIG), consideration of a potential dues increase, recommendations for several resolutions submitted at NCCL 2022/2023, and degree of fellow review. A large portion of this meeting was dedicated to making recommendations on current CME requirements. The Commission on Membership Services met with the Commission on Continuing Professional Development to discuss this issue. A comprehensive study on the impact of eliminating CME requirements was reviewed and opinions from commission members were shared. Based on the information, the groups reached a consensus to retain the current CME requirements as written, initiate discussion with certifying bodies to harmonize CME requirements, and dedicate staff resources for AAFP to work with chapters to evolve CME portfolios.

The commission met virtually in June 2024 for Summer Cluster and discussed a variety of topics. The CMMS recommendations made at Winter Cluster were reviewed, along with a

detailed Staff Executive Report. Survey results from the Annual Chapter Leader Forum were discussed, with the overall satisfaction ratings increasing from 2023. The Commission examined new avenues to offer member awards, including ideas that involved a more enjoyable nomination process, proper utilization of social media, and adequate recognition of the impactful work being done in the field of Family Medicine. Additionally, the Member Constituency Functions at the Congress of Delegates and FMX, and the overall rating of the National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL) were reviewed. CMMS also moved to approve the survey regarding the Inclusion of AAFP Members with Disabilities, which provided an insightful perspective and will be valuable information when attempting to better support members with disabilities. The Commission recommended that the Intersectionality in Healthcare MIG be disbanded, due to limited member engagement and lack of completion of necessary administrative tasks. Finally, the Commission discussed COD Resolution No. 304, which regarded the difference in licensing fees for Allopathic and Osteopathic physicians. This discussion was robust, and members provided interesting perspectives from varying angles. Ultimately, CMMS recommended that licensure fees be congruent between all Family Medicine physicians.

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on CMMS

It has been a privilege to serve as the resident and student members of the Commission on Membership and Member Services. This position has allowed us to gain a deeper understanding of the structure and function of the AAFP, and to see how the Academy diligently works to support its members. We got the opportunity to meet and connect with physicians and leaders across the country, including fellow trainees, and this experience gave us the opportunity to grow professionally and develop our leadership skills. It was an honor to represent the student and resident voice at the national level, ensuring that the AAFP included our perspective when considering issues related to membership. We would highly recommend anyone interested in getting more involved to apply to a commission!

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