

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

February 20, 2026, 6:00 pm, Sandia Resort, Roadrunner Room, Hors d'oeuvres Served  
Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk, Board Chair

**Present:** Steve Lucero; Laura Chambers-Kersh, MD; Veneta Ianakieva, MD; Rick Madden, MD; Valerie Carrejo, MD; Kristy Riniker, MD; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; Alicia Gonzales, MD; Bridget Lynch, MD; Clea Lopez, MD; Whitney Peterson, MD; Jennifer Montano; and Samantha (Sam) Morris

**Approval of Minutes from November 8 BOD Meeting** (emailed): Approved unanimously

### **Old Business:**

**Legislative Training Session, Dr. Rick Madden and Steve Lucero:** It was a successful hybrid event. The member survey was reviewed as were the legislative priorities. Medical malpractice reform was identified as a top priority. Doctor of the Day expectations were covered. NMAFP and the Capitol EMTs would like to thank all who volunteered at the Doctor of the Day program.

**Update from Winter Cluster, Commission on Health of the Public and Science, Dr. Kristy Riniker:** The Cluster moved to virtual due to a winter storm. AAFP's strategic plan is covered and all topics can relate back. Topics covered include immunization, social media, abortion care, poverty, rural health, breastfeeding, and more. The next meeting will be in the fall.

**Newsletter, Sam Morris:** A lively discussion continued regarding the possibility of changing newsletter formats. Other state AFP newsletters were distributed to review. The newsletter will remain as is for now but can be reevaluated later.

### **New Business:**

**Nominations for Vice President, Dr. Valerie Carrejo:** Possible candidates were discussed. Board members will discuss potential the option with nominees prior to formally nominating them. Nominations will take place at our next meeting.

**Protocol for Response to Support from NMAFP, Dr. Kristy Riniker:** The legislative session can have items arise that need a quick response, though NMAFP has no protocol. Various options were discussed, including What's App or an email followed up with a text message. Ultimately it was decided that the executive director will send an email to the executive committee telling them to look at their email and give a deadline to reply. No response will count as an abstention.

**44th Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque Update, Dr. Clea Lopez:** The Winter Refresher takes place tomorrow and our counts for attendees and exhibitors. A few more attendees may register at the start of the conference. A total of 9 Prescribed credits are available if attending both the conference and poster session. The poster session has 28 posters.

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**68th Annual Family Medicine Seminar, August 6-8, 2026, Sam Morris:** Planning is well underway and the tentative schedule is available. The accreditation application should be submitted soon; we are waiting for a few more items. We are going to bring back the town hall at the welcome dinner.

**Call for COD Resolutions, Dr. Valerie Carrejo:** There is a new online form for members to submit resolution ideas and written resolutions. This will be presented after lunch at the Winter Refresher.

**NCCL Delegates Update, Sam Morris:** We have funding to send representatives to NCCL though we have not had any applicants. This will be presented after lunch at the Winter Refresher and it will continue to be advertised.

**Med Student Reception, Dr. Kristy Riniker:** This year we are trying a Saturday buffet lunch with the hope that we will have more attendees. There will likely be themed tables with rotations rather than the round robin format in recent years. Students interviewing physicians will be brought back and sponsors will be included.

**Local Resources for Doctors, Dr. Kristy Riniker:** Some other member organizations offer login options where additional resources can be viewed. Discussion ensued about whether it is a feasible option, if it would be maintained and up-to-date, what features might be included, and whether our members would utilize it. Lobbyist Steve Lucero shared his experience with an app. DOH is working on bringing resources to physicians, we may be able to share what they develop.

**Governmental Affairs Committee Report, Dr. Rick Madden and Steve Lucero:** There will be a committee meeting tomorrow during lunch at the Winter Refresher. Dr. Madden will gradually transition out of the chair position, probably in fall. Drs. Alicia Gonzales and Kristy Riniker will take over as co-chairs. Steve Lucero will finish his current contract at end of September. Edward Tabet-Cubero is the new lobbyist and will work with Steve during the transition. He will be a great asset. A special thank you to the search party who helped with interviews. The legislative session was very productive with multiple healthcare bills passing. A handout with these bills was passed out. HB99, medical malpractice reform is one of the most notable ones.

**Resident Report, Drs. Laura Chambers-Kersh and Whitney Peterson:** Match day is coming up. There have been 17 fourth year interviews and at least seven residents have contracts to stay in New Mexico. Some are going into a fellowship. The focus remains full spectrum training.