

House of Delegates Report
Annual Meeting 2024
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Annual Meeting Chair

Thank you and good morning! Not only are we back together in person again this year...we are also back at the Boardwalk...here for the first time at the beautiful Tropicana! We heard our members wanted a more relaxed, family friendly event so we have worked hard to make that happen. In addition to Boardwalk fun, the Tropicana also boasts restaurants, shopping, and of course, the casino...after all, this is Atlantic City!

We have made some significant changes this year. Besides moving locations, we have also returned the House of Delegates to a one-day event. Today, we will hear reports from key committees, get an update on what is happening at the AAFP, and debate resolutions. At the time this report was finalized, we had 8 resolutions to debate. The highest number we have had in quite a while. It is exciting to see the passion and commitment to making Family Medicine thrive in New Jersey.

Another big change this year is to the President's Gala. We have retired the traditional black tie event for a simpler and more casual Awards Celebration. This year we will install our new president and board of directors at an installation lunch which will take place in conjunction with the House of Delegates. We will celebrate the great achievements of our NJAFP members at the Awards Celebration where we will have great food choices and beverages options (including some exciting new experiences), and a chance to gather with colleagues and friends to applaud everyone's achievements over the last year. I hope to see you all there.

Other changes this year include a family friendly exhibit floor with carnival games celebrating the boardwalk atmosphere. I strongly encourage you to stop by and personally thank our exhibitors. Without their support all of this would not be possible. We will also be sponsoring a charity event, assembling personal care kits for the underserved. The completed kits will be delivered to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. This will take place in the exhibit hall. Check out the schedule for details.

And in keeping with our return to the Boardwalk, the theme for this year's Resident Knowledge Bowl is Boardwalk Empire. The teams have come up with some very creative names, from Healing Hustlers to Aqua Avengers. There are 10 confirmed teams as of this writing. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the long-time host of the Knowledge Bowl, Dr. John Ruiz, is turning over his microphone to the next RKB host. Please join me in thanking Dr. Ruiz for the years of untiring efforts contributing to the knowledge of our residents.

The NJAFP Staff and the Annual Meeting Task Force have created a diverse program of topics relevant to our ever-changing health care and practice environments. They have tirelessly worked to create a learning environment with clinical topics, workshops, and a KSA all geared to our needs as Family Physicians. Please join me in congratulating the Task Force for their dedication and expressing our sincerest gratitude to the NJAFP staff that makes our annual meeting possible each year.

The Annual Meeting officially kicks off at 3:00 pm today and ends on Sunday with a KSA on Pain Management. As requested, there are also sessions over the weekend focused on pain management and end of life care which support our state-mandated CME requirements.

I look forward to your feedback on the redesigned annual meeting and hope you have a great weekend.

Respectfully submitted,
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2024 Annual Meeting Chair