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KAFP elects new officers and board members

WICHITA, KAN. — Members of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) elected officers and leaders at its 2019 KAFP Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kan., June 6-8. The meeting and pre-session brought together 172 attendees (80 active members, 11 life members, 31 resident members, 32 student members, 14 physician non-members, and 4 allied health professionals) from across the state of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, offering up to 20.5 AAFP continuing medical education credits.

Following are the officers elected and members of the 2019-20 Board of Directors:

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<i>Secretary</i>	Debra Doubek, MD, FAAFP, Manhattan
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gretchen Irwin, MD, MBA, FAAFP, Andover
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<i>AAFP Delegate</i>	Jen Brull, MD, FAAFP, Plainville
<i>AAFP Delegate</i>	Doug Gruenbacher, MD, Quinter
<i>Alternate Delegate</i>	Lynn Fisher, MD, FAAFP, Plainville
<i>Alternate Delegate</i>	Diane Steere, MD, Wichita

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About the 2019-20 President



Sheryl Beard, MD, FAAFP of Andover, Kansas, was installed on June 7, 2019 as the 71st president of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians.

Sheryl Beard, MD, FAAFP received her medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita in 1999. Following medical school, Dr. Beard completed her residency at the Ascension Via Christi Family Medicine Residency program in Wichita, Kansas. After completing her residency training in 2002, Dr. Beard joined the United States Air Force where she was stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas, and served a tour in northern Iraq at Kirkuk Air Base in 2006. Following her military service, Dr. Beard spent a short time in private practice before entering her academic career at Ascension Via Christi where she served on faculty from 2008 – 2019. In July 2019, Dr. Beard will be joining Ascension Medical Group in an exclusive arrangement with Spirit Aerosystems to provide direct primary care.

Dr. Beard prioritizes giving back to her community by volunteering one day a month at the Guadalupe Clinic, a Wichita-area medical clinic that provides health care with respect and dignity for the working poor, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally Dr. Beard is a loyal supporter of the KAFP-Foundation giving of her time, talent and treasure to support residents and showcase the specialty of family medicine to medical students.

Dr. Beard has been an active member of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians since 2002, serving on the Board of Directors since 2009. Additionally, Dr. Beard has served on the KAFP-Foundation Board of Trustees since 2013, currently holding the position of secretary.

About the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians

Founded in 1948, the KAFP represents 1,860 physicians and medical students statewide. It is the only medical society in Kansas devoted solely to primary care. A family physician takes care of the whole family, all ages, both sexes, each organ system and every disease entity. Research has proven that people with access to primary care have better health outcomes than those who do not. In Kansas, approximately one-half of family physicians practice in non-metropolitan areas. Over 25 percent treat uninsured patients, especially children and families receiving public assistance. The mission of the KAFP is to support and serve family physicians of Kansas as they advance the health of Kansans. For more information visit the KAFP website at www.kafponline.org.

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