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Newly Elected Officers to Serve on American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

Leawood, KS — The following individuals were elected as officers to serve on the <u>American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation</u> Board of Trustees and have assumed this leadership role effective January 1, 2015. The AAFP Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

President – Jason Marker, MD, MPA, FAAFP, Wyatt, Indiana

Marker earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Indiana University and a medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his family medicine residency at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana, where he was the first graduate of the four-year curriculum in health sciences management. This program allowed him to incorporate time for a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University as well as advanced training in practice management, health finance, economics and health services delivery. In 2002, Marker opened his solo private practice in Wyatt and now practices the full scope of family medicine including obstetrics, office procedures, house calls and nursing home care. In recent years, he has incorporated some medico-legal consulting and two nursing home medical directorships into his schedule.

President Elect – Evelyn Lewis&Clark, MD, MA, FAAFP, Newnan, Georgia

Lewis&Clark earned her medical degree from the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, The Chicago Medical School, and completed a residency in family practice at Naval Hospital Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Florida. In 2003, she retired from the United States Navy after 25 years of service. She completed a two-year faculty development fellowship at Madigan Army Medical Center. She earned a master's degree in social and behavioral sciences from Pacific Lutheran University. Currently, she serves as deputy director of the National Medical Association / Montague Cobb Research Institute.

Vice President – S. Hughes Melton, MD, MBA, FAAFP, DABAM, Abingdon, Virginia

Melton earned his medical degree and completed his family medicine residency at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. In 2014, Melton received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. Melton is the vice president, chief medical officer for the Virginia Operations of Mountain States Health Alliance, a not-for-profit health system serving southwest Virginia and northeast Tennessee.

Treasurer - S. Brent Smith, MD, MSc, Cleveland, Mississippi

Smith earned his medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Medicine in Jackson, Mississippi. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 2005, and completed a second bachelor's degree in history from Ouachita in 2010. In 2013, he completed a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, before returning to Cleveland, Mississippi, to establish his practice. In 2014, he received a master's degree in clinical education from the University of Edinburgh, in Edinburgh, Scotland.

As officers, they will help guide the organization in its efforts to advance the values of family medicine by promoting humanitarian, educational and scientific initiatives that improve the health of all people.

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About the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

The Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Its mission is to advance the values of Family Medicine by promoting humanitarian, educational, and scientific initiatives that improve the health of all people. For more information, please visit www.aafpfoundation.org.