



## **District IX Chapter Forum Management Committee Report ALF 2018**

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### **District IX Representatives**

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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Annual Leadership Forum (ALF) took place March 15-18, 2018 in Schaumburg, IL. Chapter leaders and chairpersons of Committees, Councils, and Sections met to discuss 82 resolutions, including four late resolutions.

Representing District IX, there were 22 attendees composed of the leadership and executive directors of the four CA chapters, as well as members of our district on various committees, councils, and sections. From our district we had representation on the Committee on Development, Council on School Health, Council on Genetics, Section on Early Career Physicians, Section on Advances in Therapeutics and Technology, Section on Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, Section on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Child Health and Wellness, Section on Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Section on Breastfeeding, and Section on Pediatric Trainees (SOPT). Also in our district now is Colleen Kraft, MD, FAAP, AAP President.



The opening reception was held at the new beautiful AAP Headquarters in Itasca, IL.

During the reception, there were poster boards presenting the AAP Board of Director (BOD) response and actions for each of the top ten resolutions from the ALF 2017. Excitingly, 3 of my resolutions from last year made it to the 2017 top ten and were featured on the poster boards.

Here is the poster board featuring: Caleb's Law regarding pediatric dental anesthesia.



Here is the link to the poster boards of all the top ten resolutions from ALF 2017.

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/my-aap/alf/Documents/2017TopTenResolutionPosters.pdf>

## AAP PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

The AAP President-elect candidates were introduced and gave presentations:



Sara "Sally" Goza, MD, FAAP

George C. Phillips, MD, MBA, FAAP

## ALF PRESENTATIONS AND MEETING TOPICS

ALF started with concurrent leadership workshops for attendees to choose from. The topics were: Media Training, How to Succeed at Advocacy - Partnerships Drive Success, Volunteer Engagement - Succession Planning with an Eye Toward Diversity, and Motivational Interviewing for Difficult Conversations.

There were many presentations focusing on the Opioid Crisis with a focus on children and families. Topics included: Children and Opioids Across the Life Cycle, Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome, Tennessee Together - Ending the Opioid Crisis Program. This culminated with state delegation workshops on Addressing the Opioid Crisis to create State Action Plans to outline the next steps.

Next there were concurrent chapter management seminars addressing Legal Issues, Gun Violence Prevention: Finding Advocacy Opportunities Among Challenges, Staffing/Human Resources Management Best Practices for Chapter Officers.

There was a presentation on the anticipated changes to the AAP Constitution and Bylaws.

Joseph Wright, MD, MPH, FAAP discussed the AAP Task Force Addressing Bias and Discrimination. This was followed by a presentation on *Overcoming the Belief in a Hierarchy of Human Value: How pediatricians can help all children thrive. The State of America's Children 2017* by Gail C. Christopher, DN, ND, Chair, Board Trust of America's Health; Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration; Former Senior Advisor and Vice President, W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

*An overview: Since the beginning of this country, we have been plagued by the belief in a hierarchy of human value based on such factors as skin color, facial characteristics, ethnicity, gender, identity, disability, religion, place of origin, language and economic class. Overcoming this flawed belief is essential to the health and wellbeing of children.*

The key point was equality does not equal equity. They discussed fairness with a focus on what we are for, not what we are against. The speaker talked about the nature of bias. There was a participant group exercise, "Introducing the Racial Healing Circle Model." We discussed personal stories about a time in our life, when we needed to be seen and heard, and were. Interestingly, those participants at my table remembered more specific incidents when we felt we were not heard.

There was a presentation regarding the US child population. The United States is reaching a tipping point in racial and ethnic diversity as children of color will be the majority by 2020. There were 73.6 million children in the US in 2016, 23 % of the nation's population. The US child population has increased every year over the past 50



years. In 2016 children of color made up 49 % of all children and the majority of children under 5 yo.

Later in the meeting, there was a presentation on Firearms: Evidence and Evolution of AAP Policy by Benjamin Hoffman, MD, FAAP. One of the key points was that on average, each day 46 children are killed by guns. He presented information that when there was an assault weapons ban from 1994-2004, there was a fall in firearm deaths. The AAP has sponsored Gun Safety and Injury Prevention Research to the tune of \$500,000.

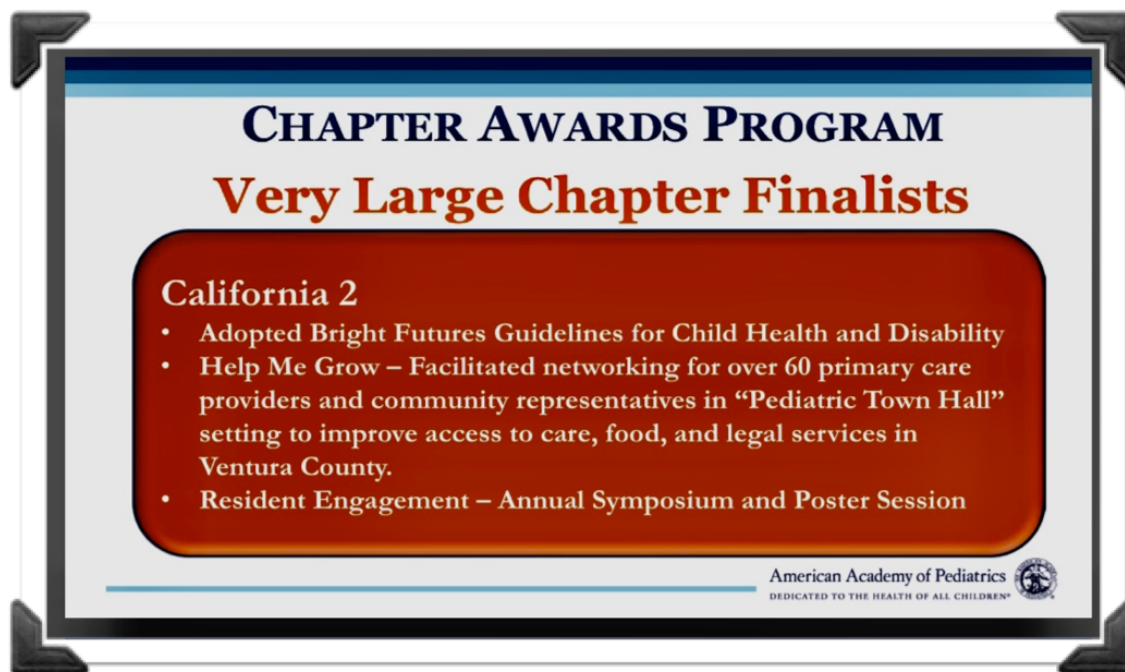


Mark Del Monte, JD, Chief Deputy and Senior Vice President of Advocacy and External Affairs for the AAP, presented an Advocacy Update. As an aside, he will also be a featured speaker at the [AAP-CA2 2018 Annual CME Pediatric Symposium](#), which will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Universal Sheraton. Attendees will also have an opportunity to meet with him at the AAP-CA2 reception the evening before.

At ALF, he discussed how the AAP was successful in extending CHIP for 10 more years, renewed Maternal, Infant and Early Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) for 5 years, and the enactment of the Family First Prevention Services Act. This was bipartisan, comprehensive child welfare reform legislation.

He discussed the politics behind the scenes with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Reauthorization and possible Over-The-Counter Drug Regulation Reform to have these medications labeled and packaging for child safety.

## CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM



This year there were 23 chapter nominees, 2 in the small chapter category of which the British Columbia chapter won, 7 in the medium chapter category of which the Rhode Island chapter won, 8 in the large chapter category of which the Minnesota chapter won, and 6 in the very large chapter category of which the Georgia chapter won. From District IX, AAP-CA2 was the only chapter to be nominated for an outstanding chapter award. AAP-CA2 made it to the top three finalist round, with the runners up receiving the Chapter of Excellence Award. Congratulations to AAP-CA2, recipient of the Chapter of Excellence Award for the fourth year in a row!



## ST. BALDRICK'S EVENT

There was the annual St. Baldrick's Event to raise money for childhood cancer. This photo is of Dr. Wiskind, outgoing District X CFMC representative, at the completion of the event.

This event was initially started by Matt Diffley, MD, FAAP, AAP-CA1.

## **DISTRICT NETWORKING**

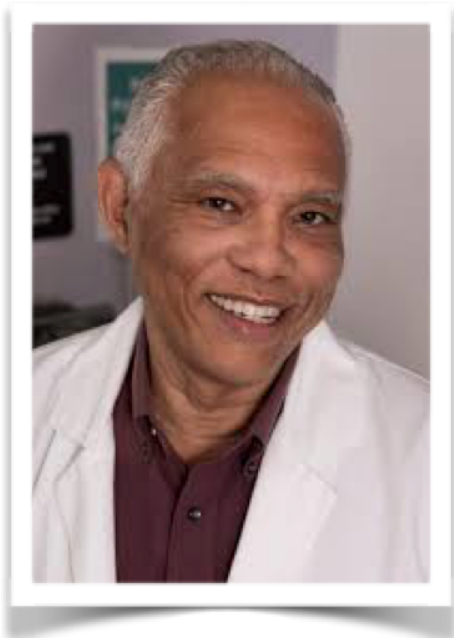
Our district representatives met to discuss the current issues facing our chapter. There were opportunities for the various attendees from our district to network, both formally and informally as well as general networking opportunities with other districts.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE DISTRICT CANDIDATE SLATE FOR DISTRICT CHAIR AND DISTRICT VICE CHAIR (DVC)**

The District nominating committee met and put forth the District IX election slate for District Chair and DVC. This election voting opportunity will occur with the election for AAP President-Elect in the fall.

Candidates listed in alphabetical order.

## **CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT CHAIR**



Ed Curry, MD, FAAP  
AAP-CA2



Yasuko Fukuda, MD, FAAP  
AAP-CA1

## **CANDIDATES FOR DVC**



Eric Ball, MD, FAAP  
AAP-CA4



Paula Whiteman, MD, FACEP, FAAP  
AAP-CA2

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The resolutions were discussed first in one of three Reference Committees, which are divided by category -- Advocacy, Health Care Finance, Practice, Education, AAP Governance and Operations. Resolutions were then discussed again at the voting sessions in front of the full participating body of the ALF to vote on whether or not the resolutions should be adopted.

From our district, there were 18 resolutions submitted, 3 from chapter 1, 10 from chapter 2, 2 from chapter 3, and 3 from chapter 4. Only one resolution was not adopted. These resolutions included several written by members of SOPT.

## **TOP TEN LIST**

All adopted resolutions receive a formal response from the AAP. At the conclusion of the meeting, ALF voting members voted on the adopted resolutions to create a top 10 list. From our district, 3 resolutions made it to the top 10, all from chapter 2. I wrote the



#1 and #3 resolutions focused on gun safety. The #1 resolution entitled *Schools as Gun-Free Zones – Arming Teachers is not the Answer!* whereas the #3 resolution was

on *Gun Restraining Orders*. The #7 resolution #7, written by SOPT, was *Increasing Immunization Rates by Universal Access to Immunizations*.

The prioritization of the 2018 adopted resolutions, included the top 10 list can be found here.

[https://www.aap.org/en-us/my-aap/alf/Documents/alf\\_2018\\_top\\_ten\\_resolutions.pdf](https://www.aap.org/en-us/my-aap/alf/Documents/alf_2018_top_ten_resolutions.pdf)

| Top 10 | Res # | District | Calendar                     | Title  |
|--------|-------|----------|------------------------------|--|
| 1      | LR4SA | IX       | Late Resolution – Ref Cmte A | Schools as Gun-Free Zones – Arming Teachers is not the Answer!   |
| 2      | 71    | V        | Ref Cmte C                   | Creation of a Suicide Prevention Task Force and Resources for Pediatricians, Healthcare Organizations, Schools, and Community Organizations Who Serve Children and Adolescents |
| 3      | LR2SA | IX       | Late Resolution – Ref Cmte A | Gun Restraining Order  |
| 4      | 8SA   | VIII     | Ref Cmte A                   | The AAP Setting the Standards for Marijuana Regulations  |
| 5      | 26SA  | IV       | Ref Cmte A                   | Funding and Support for Autism Therapy   |
| 6      | 61    | VIII     | Ref Cmte C                   | Granting Candidate Fellows the Right to Vote in AAP Elections  |
| 7      | 20SA  | IX       | Ref Cmte A                   | Increasing Immunization Rates by Universal Access to Immunizations   |
| 8      | 69    | V        | Consent                      | Promotion of Safe Gun Storage  |
| 9      | 14    | II       | Ref Cmte A                   | Advocating for Universal and Affordable Contraception  |
| 10     | 37    | IV       | Ref Cmte B                   | Opioid Prescription Policy Statement   |

While all adopted resolutions receive a formal response from the AAP, the top 10 resolutions receive their responses directly from AAP BOD.

Resolutions provide a formal mechanism whereby the members of the Academy can give input concerning Academy policy and activities. All resolutions submitted to the ALF are considered by the Board, but are advisory and not binding.

At the conclusion of the ALF Dr. Marsha Spitzer, AAP-CA3 President, assumed the role of District IX, Chapter Forum Management Committee (CFMC) Representative.



Marsha Spitzer, MD, FAAP  
AAP-CA3