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DECATUR FAMILY PHYSICIAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS.

LISLE, Illinois – Kathleen Miller, M.D. of Decatur has been elected president of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP). Her term officially began with the 2006 IAFP All-Member Assembly, held July 15 in Naperville. The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians is the professional membership society representing over 4,300 family physicians, residents and medical students across the state.

Dr. Miller is a family physician and associate program director for the Southern Illinois University (SIU) Decatur Family Medicine Residency. She graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1985 and completed family medicine residency training at Methodist Hospital of Indiana and Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Pa. She joined the SIU Decatur Family Medicine Residency Program in 1992.

“Katie” Miller grew up on a farm in rural Ohio and graduated with a Masters in Education (M Ed, Counseling) in 1975. She later returned to school for her medical degree where she found her niche in family medicine.

On her way to the IAFP presidency, Dr. Miller has served in many aspects of the Academy over the years. She joined the board of directors in 2000 and has also served on several committees and task forces.

“In order for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians to best serve the family physicians of this state, the organization has to remain nimble and able to respond to the ever-changing environment,” said Dr. Miller in her President’s Address. “More than that, we must lead the charge, so our patients will be best served in the future.”

Results of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians elections:

President-elect: Steven D. Knight, MD – Harrisburg. Dr. Knight is a partner with Primary Care Group in Harrisburg. He is a member of the IAFP Rural Health committee and a member of the IAFP Foundation Board of Directors.

First Vice President: Javette C. Orgain, MD – Chicago. Dr. Orgain is an associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine. She is also chair of the Illinois State Board of Health.

Second Vice President: Patrick A. Tranmer, MD – Chicago. Dr. Tranmer is Head of the Department of Family Medicine at UIC. Along with Dr. Orgain, he is active on the IAFP Government Relations Committee

Board of Directors – Class of 2009 (three members elected for a three-year term)

1. Deborah L. Edberg, MD – Chicago. Dr. Edberg is on staff at Logan Square Health Center and St. Elizabeth's Hospital. She chairs the IAFP Student and Resident committee to foster interest and leadership in family medicine

2. Michael McGarry, MD- Chicago. Dr. McGarry has a solo private practice in the Andersonville area, which opened in the fall of 2005. He chairs the IAFP Awards and Promotions committee.

3. Carrie E. Nelson, MD – Wheaton. Dr. Nelson is associate director of the Rush Copley Family Medicine Residency Program in Aurora. She is chair of the IAFP Quality and Safety in Practice Committee.

Other one-year terms:

New Physician: Tina Brueschke, MD – Woodridge. Dr. Brueschke is a new graduate of MacNeal Family Medicine Residency in Berwyn and embarking on her family medicine career. Her father, Erich, is a family physician and past Dean of Rush Medical College in Chicago.

Resident: Allison Rittmann, MD – Advocate Lutheran General Family Medicine Residency, Park Ridge. Dr. Rittman's father, family physician Steven Rittman, M.D. is a former IAFP board member. She will represent family medicine residents on the board.

Student: Aaron Traeger – University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. Traeger will represent student interests on the board. He and Dr. Rittman spent last year on the IAFP Foundation board of directors.

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