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The Indiana State Medical Association Alliance Delegates Represent Medical Families at National meeting

A delegation of 6 led by delegation chair, Cami Pond from Indiana, joined more than 170 delegates from more than 30 states during the June 13-15 American Medical Association (AMA) Alliance House of Delegates session in Chicago.

The delegates met for three days and voted to amend AMA Alliance Bylaws to permit the organization to broaden its scope of membership and move from a House of Delegates format to an Annual Meeting where each registered member is entitled to vote the issues facing medical families. The mission of the organization is "to support medical families through advocacy and education" and to serve as the volunteer voice for healthy families." A regular member of this organization may be any member of a physician or medical student couple, present or former, at least one of whom is a physician or medical student who is or was eligible to be a member of the AMA; or an individual physician or medical student who is eligible to be a member of the AMA."

The delegates also unanimously adopted a policy statement in support of efforts to raise awareness of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and stresses involved with military personnel and their families. States are asked to endorse this policy statement with an action at their Annual Meeting and support it with state legislators and local newspapers to raise public awareness. This initiative was filed by the Indiana Delegation in conjunction with their PTSD Awareness Campaign in support of our returning deployed military members and their families suffering the stress of combat.

New member benefits introduced during the meeting in Chicago included SEARs product discounts, Bally's fitness corporate membership options and a 20 percent discount on office coffee makers from Keurig.

Members of your medical family delegation to this annual meeting included: Cami Pond, Laurel Weddle, Dr. Ferial Alsikafi, Hallie Gorup, Kelda Maynard, and Sarah Sanders who was elected to serve as the AMA-Alliance Executive Secretary.

Indiana received national awards from the AMA-Alliance for Membership promotion (Vigo County) as well as the national Health Awareness Promotion (HAP) for their statewide "Treat the Troops: Mental Health Matters" PTSD awareness, education and advocacy community service project.

For complete coverage of the AMA Alliance Annual Meeting and photos, go to www.amaalliance.org.

Indiana State Medical Association Alliance

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