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CLARE HAWKINS, M.D., SWORN IN AS NEW TAFP PARLIAMENTARIAN

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — Clare Hawkins, M.D., of Baytown, Texas was sworn in as parliamentarian of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 60th Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Arlington. Dr. Hawkins assumed his duties on July 25 at the annual Installation of Officers and Awards Lunch.

Dr. Hawkins is the program director of the San Jacinto Methodist Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program in Baytown. He is a board-certified family physician who holds a master's degree in Community Health Science.

Dr. Hawkins received his medical degree from the University of Manitoba, and completed residency in Winnipeg, Canada at St. Boniface Hospital in 1986. He became a faculty member at St. Boniface shortly after residency and became program director there in 1994. In 1998 he relocated to Baytown to join the San Jacinto program. His special medical interests are COPD, asthma, obstetrics, pediatrics and outpatient surgical procedures.

During his year as TAFP parliamentarian, Dr. Hawkins will work with other officers to lead the Academy: President Kaparaboyana Ashok Kumar, M.D., F.R.C.S., of San Antonio; President-elect Melissa Gerdes, M.D., of Whitehouse; Vice President Troy Fiesinger, M.D., of Sugar Land; and Treasurer I. L. Balkcom, IV, M.D., of Sulphur Springs.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.