

Dear Ardis and Colleagues,

I attended my first ADFM conference in 2016 with Kevin Grumbach as his Vice Chair of Education. I remember feeling a bit nervous about it, what if these weren't really my people? What if they don't share my values and vision? Well, it turns out I found my people and ADFM quickly became my new professional home. Although I didn't expect a big career change at the time, life circumstances pointed me back East and the idea of looking for a Chair job grew out of my experience working directly with Kevin (an outstanding role model) and interacting with other Family Medicine leaders from across the country. I loved the idea of joining the ADFM community to lead and achieve our full potential in care, education, scholarship, and advocacy to promote health and health equity.

After only a month in my new position at Maine Medical Center, I attended the New Chairs Workshop in Missouri. Our small but mighty group was completely engaged in learning our new roles, guided by fabulous teachers and mentors to ensure our success. Since then, I have prioritized the ADFM conferences on my calendar, facilitated breakfast sessions, joined the Diversity, Inclusion and Health Equity Taskforce, and participated in the Winter Meeting Planning Calls.

I have felt welcomed and supported by ADFM since I first stepped foot into the hotel in San Antonio, and hope that I have provided some valuable input in return. I am a team player who strongly believes in the work we do. I am willing to get things done (check boxes are still part of my life) while also generating new ideas and exploring alternative paths to achieve a shared vision. I would be honored to serve in one of the Member-At-Large positions. My CV is attached for your reference.

Thank you for your consideration,
Beth Wilson