Message From the Executive Director

Academy Makes Difference at AOA House and Board

While officially represented by only one delegate and one alternate delegate, the American Academy of Osteopathy had a far-reaching presence at the July 18-20 annual meeting of the American Osteopathic Association’s House of Delegates in Chicago.

Some 60 state delegates to the AOA’s 2014 House belong to the Academy, 10 of whom chaired state delegations (see the accompanying list on Page 4). Approximately a dozen AAO members served as alternate delegates, and about 20 of the Academy’s student members served as student delegates and alternates. Altogether, Academy members accounted for some 15% of the more than 640 delegates and alternates at this year’s AOA House.

In addition, some dignitaries who attended the House meeting as observers are Academy members. Chief among them are general internist Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, the president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, and family physician John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, the president and CEO of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners. Another prominent observer was student AAO member Carisa Rose Champion-Lippmann, OMS IV, who chairs the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine’s Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP).

At the meeting that the COSGP held in the days before the AOA House, Champion-Lippmann and four other student AAO members accounted for one-third of the council’s leaders. Similarly, when the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) held its summer convention in conjunction with the AOA, 11 of the 21 members of the SOMA Board of Trustees belonged to the AAO. In addition, the 2014-15 chair of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy (SAAO), Joseph R. Lewis, OMS IV, chaired this year’s Student Caucus, which brought together representatives from all student organizations to discuss House resolutions and to draft the national student opinion to advise student delegates at the AOA House.

At a reception held during the House meeting, several Academy members serving on state delegations introduced themselves to U.S. Rep. Michael C. Burgess, MD, R-Texas, who was the guest speaker for the reception. Those AAO members included...
OMM Video Available for AAO Members’ Websites

To help educate their patients about osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM), Academy members can now add to their practice websites a hyperlink to an AAO-commissioned video.

Featuring AAO President Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, the video debuted as a two-minute segment of “American Health Front!” that ran on New York City’s WCBS-TV on Sunday, May 18, just before the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament.

As the sponsor of this “American Health Front!” segment, the Academy has obtained the rights to use the segment for whatever purposes the AAO sees fit. The Academy has posted the segment on the “About Us” page on the AAO’s website at www.academyofosteopathy.org so that patients around the country can access it. In addition, Academy members are free to add the segment on their practice websites using the hyperlink http://youtu.be/Py0H52pz2AU.

To make the segment even more widely available, the AOA Family Connections e-newsletter mentioned the segment in its Aug. 1 issue.

“This segment of ‘American Health Front!’ hits key points that the Academy believes the public needs to know about DOs and OMM,” Dr. Lossing explains. “For example, the segment describes DOs as ‘among the best-trained physicians in American medicine today.’ And it quotes me as saying, “[Osteopathic physicians] focus on finding where there’s problems or dysfunctions by using our hands. ... Using osteopathic manipulative medicine, DOs focus on treating the underlying problems.’”

At the end of the segment, viewers who would like to receive OMM are directed to a new Academy URL, www.FindOMM.org, which takes viewers to the Academy’s “Find a Physician” landing page.

Produced by Media Medical Group, “American Health Front!” has become a leading independent medical news television program. Episodes of the program run on CBS, NBC, ABC, and Fox stations around the country. The May 18 broadcast reached viewers in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Besides linking to the OMM segment, Academy members can take advantage of the segment’s script when being interviewed by the media or speaking at public events.
former AAO presidents Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO, of Indiana; Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO, of New York; and Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, of Illinois, as well as Virginia M. Johnson, DO, a California delegate and the chair of the AAO Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee, and Stephen M. Swetech, DO, FACOFP, a Michigan delegate.

On the last day of the House meeting, two former Academy presidents were re-elected to the AOA Board of Trustees: Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, and Dr. Cantieri. And Alice I. Chen, OMS IV, succeeded fellow AAO member Amber N. Hull, DO, as the AOA Board’s student member. These three join three Academy members who did not face elections for the AOA Board this year: AOA Trustee Barbara E. Walker, DO, AOA Trustee John E. Bodell, DO, and AOA Immediate Past President Norman E. Vinn, DO. As a result, approximately 20% of the 2014-15 members of the AOA Board are Academy members.

Making policy
The Academy’s two primary goals at the AOA House were to support the AOA Board of Trustees’ resolution on the proposed single accreditation system for graduate medical education (GME) and to ensure the passage of a resolution that the Academy submitted on promoting osteopathic manipulative treatment as first-line care for patients in pain.

The most controversial resolution of the AOA’s 2014 House was Resolution H-800 (A/2014), titled “Single Graduate Medical Education Accreditation System.” This resolution supports the AOA’s decision to enter into a single GME-accreditation system under the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Resolution H-800 was one of 11 resolutions on the proposed single GME system, which ranged from offering unconditional endorsement of the new system to insisting that negotiations with the ACGME be suspended until an impact study could be conducted and analyzed.

The speaker of the AOA House, Ray L. Morrison, DO, assigned the 11 resolutions to a special House reference committee, which followed the AOA Board of Trustees’ recommendation to amend H-800 by incorporating provisions from some of the other resolutions. The vast majority of the amendments proposed by the House reference committee came from a resolution submitted by SOMA.

The amendments addressed some of the concerns that the Academy raised in March while voicing its support for the negotiations for a single GME system. For example, the amendments called for the AOA to report to the House each year on the ability of AOA board-certified DOs to serve as residency directors and on the degree to which AOA board certification is recognized in the

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AAO Members Lead AOA delegations

As the AAO’s 2014-15 president, Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, led the Academy’s delegation at the AOA House of Delegates’ 2014 meeting. But Dr. Lossing was not the only Academy member to chair a delegation at this year’s House. The following 10 state delegations were also led by Academy members:

- Alabama—David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA, the Academy’s immediate past president
- Maine—Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, an AOA trustee and a former AAO president
- Maryland—Tyler C. Cymet, DO
- Massachusetts—William M. Foley, DO, MSc
- Nebraska—Melinda S. Barratt, DO
- New Hampshire—Nate DeLisi, DO
- North Carolina—Anthony D. Elkins, DO
- Oklahoma—Michael K. Cooper, DO
- Rhode Island—George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO, a former AAO president
- Wisconsin—Kathleen J. Meyer, DO

Altogether, the Academy had members in 32 of the 70 delegations at the 2014 House, serving as chairs, delegates and alternate delegates. The delegation with the most AAO members was California with eight, followed by Illinois and Michigan with six each.

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single GME system. The amendments also addressed the Academy’s concern that the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination-USA be preserved.

To demonstrate the Academy’s support for H-800, AAO President-elect Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO, attended the special House reference committee’s open session, and AAO President Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, cast the Academy’s vote in favor of the resolution the next morning. In addition, since the House passed H-800, the Academy has been contributing to creating the infrastructure for the new GME system by nominating candidates for the ACGME Board of Directors, the Nominating Task Force for the Osteopathic Principles Committee, the ACGME Osteopathic Principles Committee, and the ACGME Review Committee on Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine.

The other resolution that the Academy championed at the 2014 AOA House was H-400 (A/2014), which is titled “Patient Safety and Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment for Patients With Pain Conditions.” Written by Dr. Lossing and approved by the Academy’s Board of Trustees, H-400 proclaims that OMT is a safe intervention and that it should be considered first-line treatment for patients with pain associated with somatic dysfunction and for patients with other appropriate pain conditions.

Dr. Lossing was pleased that the House adopted H-400 as policy “basically without resistance.” In recalling the House vote on H-400 in a letter he sent to AOA leaders in August, Dr. Lossing observed, “We suspect that our profession is ready to embrace its own foundations again.”

Since the House adopted H-400, the Academy has made it the centerpiece of its
AAO Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Academy meetings, educational courses and events.

2014

Sept. 9  AAO Membership Committee’s teleconference, 8:30 p.m. Eastern

Sept. 26-27  “Ultrasound-Guided Injections”—Sajid A. Surve, DO—University of North Texas Health Science Center—Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth

Oct. 11  Committee on Fellowship in the AAO candidate examinations in Indianapolis, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern

Oct. 23  AAO Board of Trustees’ meeting, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Oct. 24  AAO leadership development seminar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pacific at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Oct. 24  AAO Council of Chairs’ meeting, 1 to 5 p.m. Pacific at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Oct. 25  AAO Publications Committee’s meeting, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Pacific at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Oct. 26  AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee’s National Osteopathic Database

Oct. 26  Task Force meeting, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Pacific at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Oct. 26-27  FORCe, the Cleveland Clinic and the AOA’s empathy seminar at the Washington State Convention Center, Seattle

Oct. 26-27  AAO didactic program at the Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition—Heather P. Ferrill, DO—Washington State Convention Center, Seattle

Oct. 27  AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee in Seattle, 10 a.m. to noon Pacific at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Nov. 7  AOBNMM board meeting at Crowne Plaza Hotel Airport in Indianapolis

Nov. 8  AOBNMM practical and oral examinations for initial board certification at Crowne Plaza Hotel Airport in Indianapolis, noon to 5 p.m. Eastern

Nov. 9  AOBNMM written examinations for initial board certification and recertification at Crowne Plaza Hotel Airport in Indianapolis, 8 to 11 a.m. Eastern

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public relations efforts, and it has promoted the policy to dozens of media outlets. Among the media hits the Academy has obtained so far for the policy have been online comments in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the “Holistic Health” blog of the Times Union of Albany, New York.

**Other Academy activities at the AOA**

Throughout the House meeting and the AOA Board meeting in the days before, the Academy engaged in a number of other activities to both serve its members and raise its visibility. Those activities included the following:

- As it has done for a number of years, the Academy conducted its Osteopathic Education Service at the AOA House. During the 1½ days the service was open, 21 Academy members took care of close to 60 fellow delegates and alternates.

- As the Academy’s delegate to the AOA House, Dr. Lossing served on the House’s Ad Hoc Reference Committee.

- Although they were officially representing the Academy at the AOA House, Dr. Lossing and Dr. Newman were invited to attend the caucuses for the California and Florida delegations, respectively, to provide the Academy’s perspective on issues of concern to those delegations.

- Dr. Lossing and Dr. Newman attended the AOA Board of Trustees’ meeting, during which they networked with many of the AOA’s trustees whom they had not met previously. The two also attended the meetings of most of the Board’s reference committees.

- During the AOA Board’s meeting, the Academy’s delegation attended meetings of the AOA Bureau of State Government Affairs, the AOA Strategic Planning Committee, the AOA Committee on Basic Documents and Operations of Affiliated Organizations, and the A.T. Still Foundation and Research Institute, as well as a reception conducted by the American Osteopathic Foundation.

- To discuss increasing collaboration between the AAO and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), Dr. Lossing and Dr. Newman met with ACOFP President Carol L. Henwood, DO, FACOFP Dist., and ACOFP President-elect Kevin Vincent de Regnier, DO, FACOFP Dist. In addition, Dr. Newman attended a meeting the ACOFP hosted to discuss the proposed single GME-accreditation system.

- The Academy’s delegation toured the AOA Chicago Office. During their stop at the AOA president’s office on the top floor of the building, Dr. Lossing and Dr. Newman examined a plaque that listed the names of all AOA presidents. They were impressed that the list included approximately 15 AOA presidents who were strong advocates of osteopathic manipulative medicine, beginning with Arthur G. Hildreth, DO, who served as the AOA’s third president and its 11th president.

- After touring the AOA’s headquarters, the Academy’s delegation met with AOA Director of Compliance and Physician Advocacy Yolanda L. Doss, MJ, RHIA, CHPS, and with staff from the AOA Department of Practice Management and Delivery Innovations to discuss such issues as simultaneously coding for osteopathic manipulative treatment and evaluation-and-management services, cash-based medical practices, and practice management webinars.

- Within an hour of discussing cash-based practices with Dr. Lossing, the AOA’s practice management staff recommended Dr. Lossing as a source for an article on alternative practice models for *Medical Economics*. A few days later, Dr. Lossing did a phone interview with Jeffrey Bendix, a senior editor and content editor for *Medical Economics*.

- Dr. Newman assisted AOA Director of State Government Affairs Nicholas A. Schilligo by reviewing a letter the AOA and the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association were preparing to send to the medical director of Washington state’s Department of Labor and Industry to advocate that Washington DOs who are board certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine be reimbursed for rehabilitation services in the same manner as are physicians board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation. Dr. Newman clarified the letter’s explanation of residency training in neuromusculoskeletal medicine.
• AAO leaders met with SAAO Chair Lewis Mills, OMS III, to better understand student concerns at the AOA House and to provide advice.

• The Academy’s delegation spoke a number of times with the AOA’s new editor in chief, Robert Orenstein, DO. One major topic of discussion was the recent increase in articles in *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* written by Academy members.

• Led by Sandra L. Sleszynski, DO, FAAO, and Kenneth E. Nelson, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, select members of the AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC) met with other representatives of a task force that is seeking to have an osteopathic database incorporated into the *United States Health Information Knowledgebase*. Represented on the task force besides the LBORC are the ACOFP, the AOA Bureau of Socioeconomic Affairs, and the American Osteopathic Association of Medical Informatics.

• The Academy’s delegation held preliminary discussions about collaborative ventures with the president of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP), Mark A. Mitchell, DO, FACOEP, and the ACOEP’s executive director, Janice Wachtler, as well as with the president of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), Frank Spinosa, DPM, and the APMA’s executive director, Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM.

• AAO Associate Executive Director Sherri L. Quarles participated in the meetings that the Society of Osteopathic Specialty Executives and the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors held during the AOA Board’s meeting.

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Academy Reps Hit the Floor at AOA House

As AOA Trustee Ernest R. Gelb, DO (standing), looks on, Academy members Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO (left), John E. Bodell, DO, and Barbara E. Walker, DO, discuss the proceedings of the A.T. Still Osteopathic Foundation and Research Institute’s annual business meeting.

Massachusetts delegates Pamela L. Grimaldi, DO (left), and Vasilios Chrisostomidis, DO, pose with their chair, William M. Foley, DO, MSc. These three Academy members represent 75% of Massachusetts’ delegation to the 2014 AOA House.

At the close of the AOA House’s 2014 meeting, AAO student member Carisa Rose Champion-Lippmann, OMS IV (left), meets with Jennie H. Kwon, DO, a former AAO student member. Champion-Lippmann chairs the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine’s Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents, while Dr. Kwon is the AOA Board of Trustees’ 2014-15 intern-resident member.

AAO Immediate Past President David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA (left), congratulates Thanh V. Gao, BS, the lead author of the original research contribution that won The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association’s 2014 George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award. The award was named after the Academy’s 1950-51 president and the American Osteopathic Association’s longest-serving editor in chief.

AAO President Kenneth J. Lossing, DO (left), discusses some potential collaborative ventures with Frank Spinosa, DPM, the president of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), and Glenn B. Gastwirth, DPM, the APMA’s executive director.

Longtime Academy member Philip L. Shettle, DO (left), listens to fellow Florida delegate Anthony N. Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP. Dr. Shettle is a former president of both the American Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF), while Dr. Ottaviani is the AOF’s current president.

Douglas Rosendale, DO (left), makes a point to Thomas G. Zimmerman, DO, and Kenneth E. Nelson, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, during a task force discussion on persuading the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to incorporate an osteopathic database into the United States Health Information Knowledgebase. Dr. Nelson serves on the AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee.

See more photos of Academy members at the AOA House of Delegates’ meeting at www.academyofosteopathy.org.
During the AAO’s Osteopathic Education Service, resident Teresa Gall Saavedra, DO (left), cares for Elizabeth Gibbs, OMS II, the vice president of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association’s chapter at the Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine in Buies Creek, North Carolina.

Former AAO president and Illinois delegate Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO (left), meets up with AAO member and Florida delegate William Harry Stager, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, during a break in the proceedings of the AOA House.

A longtime Academy member and an AOA trustee, Barbara E. Walker, DO (left), has a discussion with AAO President Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, at the close of one of the AOA Board’s sessions.

The president of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP), Mark A. Mitchell, DO, FACOEP (left), talks with AAO Associate Executive Director Sherri L. Quaries and AAO President-elect Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO.

While touring the AOA’s A.T. Still Library and Research Center, AAO President Kenneth J. Lossing, DO (left), points out historic gems to AAO President-elect Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO. One of the books Dr. Lossing found was An Analysis of the Osteopathic Lesion: A Study in Pathology, Physiology and Anatomy, which was written by George Malcolm McCole, DO, and published by him in 1935.

Former AAO member James T. Arscott, DO (left), of the Pennsylvania delegation speaks with AOA Trustee Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, who served as the Academy’s 1995-96 president.

Joel A. Kase, DO, MPH (left), confers with fellow Academy member and fellow Maine delegate Merideth C. Norris, DO.
Members in the News

The August issue of *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* featured several articles written or co-written by Academy members. The chart below summarizes those articles.

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<td>August 2014</td>
<td><strong>Effects of Somatic Dysfunction on Leg Length and Weight Bearing</strong></td>
<td>The authors focused this original research on determining which somatic dysfunctions of the pelvic, sacral, and lumbar spine lead to minor leg length discrepancies and weight-bearing differences. One of their findings was that most subjects with right anterior innominate dysfunctions exhibited ipsilateral longer legs and contralateral shorter legs when measured in the supine position.</td>
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<td>August 2014</td>
<td><strong>Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment to Manage Recurrent Bouts of Singultus</strong></td>
<td>Singultus, or hiccups, is a condition produced by involuntary spasms of the diaphragm that are harmless and self-limited in most cases. The authors of this case theorize that OMT could be a useful adjunct to, or replacement for, pharmacologic interventions for singultus, especially when pharmacologic therapies have failed.</td>
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<td>Dajana Sabic, OMS IV, of Des Moines, Iowa</td>
<td>August 2014</td>
<td><strong>Bosnian Refugees: Screening and Treatment in an Immigrant Population</strong></td>
<td>During the Bosnian War of 1992 to 1995, a large number of Bosnians immigrated to the United States. As a consequence, the three authors of this letter to the editor propose, “It is important for primary care physicians to understand the medical, emotional, and financial hardships confronted by the Bosnian community and to increase health literacy in this population.”</td>
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<td>Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association at its recent 116th annual conference in Des Moines, while Michael Thompson, DO, FACOS, FFSMB, of Pella, Iowa, was elected the IOMA’s vice president. Dr. Stoken practices physical medicine and rehabilitation in Waukee. Dr. Thompson practices at Pella Regional Surgical Partners and serves on the Iowa Board of Medicine.</td>
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Beyond Sutherland’s Minnow: Cranial Academy’s 2014 Annual Conference

With its theme of “Beyond Sutherland’s Minnow: Anatomy, Perception and Treatment,” The Osteopathic Cranial Academy’s 2014 annual conference attracted 138 participants to Indianapolis June 19-22. The conference was directed by Melvin Friedman, DO.

Bonnie Gintis, DO, FCA, of Winooski, Vermont, delivered the conference’s Sutherland Memorial Lecture, which was titled “I Promised to Listen: The Life of an Osteopath.” Dr. Gintis emphasized being an osteopath over practicing osteopathy. “It is not simply something we do,” she explained. “It is a way of life, a world view, a calling to a sacred path, a way of existing in relationship to everything, including our own bodies, which is a sorely missed subject in most of our training.”

Dr. Gintis also presented the first two parts of the inspirational “Internal Tour of the Minnow.”

Other Academy members who spoke at the Cranial Academy’s conference and their topics are as follows:

- Rachel Brooks, MD, “Perception, Palpation, Participation”
- Quoc L. Vo, DO, “Clinical Applications: Neck”
- Hugh M. Etlinger, DO, FAAO, “Clinical Applications: Thorax”
- Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO, “Clinical Applications: Abdomen”
- Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, “Clinical Applications: Pelvis”
- Charles A. Beck, DO, FAAO, “Functional 3D Anatomy: Extremities”
- Kathryn E. Gill, MD, “Internal Tour of the Minnow, Part III: The Embryo”
- Elliott S. Blackman, DO, FCA, and Daniel Albert Shadoan, DO, “Functional Embryology: Extremities, Shoulder and Hip” and “Clinical Applications: Embryological Approaches to Shoulder and Hip.”

Ilene M. Spector, DO, of Crested Butte, Colorado, became a fellow of The Osteopathic Cranial Academy during its June conference. Established in 1995, this honorary award recognizes leaders in osteopathy in the cranial field.

At The Osteopathic Cranial Academy’s June conference, Daniel Albert Shadoan, DO (left), consults with Mark E. Rosen, DO, FCA. Dr. Shadoan is the Cranial Academy’s president-elect, and Dr. Rosen is its secretary and its 2007-09 president.

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at its 92nd annual convention, held April 9-13 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Lori A. Kemper, DO, FACOFP, of Glendale, Arizona, was named the Outstanding Mentor of the Year by the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association during its annual convention in April. As the dean of the Midwestern University/AzCA College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale, Dr. Kemper was praised as an advocate for the osteopathic medical profession and a mentor to all faculty, to other colleagues and to students.

The Student American Academy of Osteopathy was well represented in the annual Clinical Case and Poster Forum at the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association’s 92nd annual convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. Of 27 submissions, 16 were from SAAO members. Eric Romney, OMS III, and Whitney Wilson, OMS III, both of Glendale, Arizona, won first place for case study posters with their poster titled “In Vitro Model System to Investigate Drug Resistance Mechanisms.” Christina Hoang, OMS III, of Glendale was a co-author of the second-place case study poster, “Development and In Vitro Evaluation of Non-emulsified Genistein as Topical Adjutant Therapy for Skin Cancers.” Dominic Derenge, OMS IV, and Benjamin Kitt, OMS IV, both of Glendale, took first place for research posters for their work titled “Asymptomatic Peripheral Lymphadenopathy: Early Detection of Follicular Lymphoma.”

Alice I. Chen, OMS IV, of Tempe, Arizona, was selected to serve as the 2014-15 student representative on the American Osteopathic Association’s Board of Trustees. The AOA board has one student, one resident, and one new physician in practice. Chen will represent all U.S. osteopathic medical students. She joins five Academy members already serving on the AOA Board.

R. Paul Lee, DO, FAAO, FCA, of Durango, Colorado, co-wrote the article “Treating Inflammation” which ran in the August issue of The Cranial Letter. Dr. Lee and his co-author, Alistair C. Moresi, BSc. (Osteo) (Australia), discuss how osteopathic manipulative treatment may modulate the production of inflammatory cytokines, which could have global systemic effects on the central nervous system.

Adil Manzoor, OMS IV, of Lindenwold, New Jersey, completed a radiology rotation at Oslo’s Ulleval Hospital in March. In an “OMS Spotlight” article that the online magazine The DO posted on Aug. 4, Manzoor describes the benefits of his international clinical rotation and makes the case for other students to explore similar opportunities.

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Jan. 16-18, 2015 • Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale

**Course Description**
This is an advanced (Level 5) class that uses different paradigms by working extensively with the brain parenchyma, its gray and white substance. Participants will learn techniques for the whole ventricular fluid system and the brain parenchyma. They also will discuss the major components (nuclei) of the brain and learn different techniques to help release these components, which consist of corpus callosum, fornix, thalamus, putamen, globus pallidus, caudate nucleus, amygdaloid bodies, hippocampus, mamillary bodies, red nucleus, substantia nigra, pituitary, hypothalamus, cerebellum and associated nuclei.

Registrants are required to have previously completed a 40-credit “Introductory Course in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field” approved by The Osteopathic Cranial Academy.

**Course Location**
Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
19555 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308

**Program Chair**
Bruno J. Chikly, MD, PhD, DO (UK) (Hon.), is a graduate of the medical school at St. Antoine Hospital in France. Dr. Chikly also has the French equivalent of a master’s degree in psychology. He received an honorary DO degree from the European School of Osteopathy in the United Kingdom, and a PhD in osteopathy from the Royal University Libre of Brussels in Belgium. He is the author of the book Silent Waves: The Theory and Practice of Lymph Drainage Therapy, as well as the creator of the DVD titled Dissection of the Brain and Spinal Cord.

**Course Times**
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Breakfast and lunch provided. Please contact the AAO’s Sherrie Warner with special dietary needs at (317) 879-1881, ext. 220, or swarner@academyofosteopathy.org.

**Continuing Medical Education**
24 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME are anticipated.

**Click here to register.**
New Member Update

The following individuals joined the Academy between Feb. 1 and May 31, 2014. These new members were approved by the AAO Board of Trustees at its July 12-13 meeting in Indianapolis.

Michael B. Appelblatt, DO, Coral Springs, Florida
Patrick E. Barry, DO, Miami
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Anita Hafeez, DO, Troy, Michigan
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Brian E. Kessler, DO, FACOFP, Buies Creek, North Carolina
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Brian D. Walz, DO, MPH, Fairbanks, Alaska
Allison Leigh Wasson, DO, Niagara Falls, New York
Lincoln J. Westfall, DO, Zillah, Washington
Mary Ann M. Yehl, DO, Interlake, New Jersey

Membership Announcements

In early June, hard copies of Academy dues notices for the 2014-15 fiscal year were mailed to all Academy members, and an email was sent to instruct members on how to take advantage of the option to pay dues online. The Academy is sending confirmation emails to members’ preferred email addresses as soon as dues payments are processed. The dues rates for 2014-15 are the same as for 2013-14. Members who run into problems with the instructions for the hard-copy or digital dues notices can contact AAO Membership Liaison Susan Lightle at (317) 879-1881, ext. 217, or at slightle@academyofosteopathy.org.

Are you listed in the Academy’s “Find a Physician” Web page? This service allows patients to find specialists near where they live. If you are not listed, log in to your profile at www.academyofosteopathy.org, uncheck the “Do Not Publish Online” box, and provide the street address of your practice so that patients can find you. Only practicing physicians who belong to the Academy are included in “Find a Physician.” Direct questions to AAO Membership Liaison Susan Lightle at (317) 879-1881, ext. 217, or at slightle@academyofosteopathy.org.

Don’t make a move without notifying the AAO. We don’t want to lose track of any of our members when they relocate. Please remember to...
inform the Academy's membership liaison, Susan Lightle, of any changes in your business or home contact information. You can reach Lightle at (317) 879-1881, ext. 217, or slightle@academyofosteoopathy.org.

To make sure emails from the AAO are not going into your junk folder, adjust your spam filter to allow emails from @academyofosteoopathy.org and aaoorg@multibriefs.com so that you can receive The AAO Journal, AAO Member News, OsteoBlast and other Academy content.

Attention 2014 graduates. Now that you have completed osteopathic medical school, consider rejoining the Academy as a member of the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (PAAO). The membership in the Academy you enjoyed as members of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy does not automatically roll over into PAAO membership. PAAO membership is open to any post member with perfect attendance in osteomusculoskeletal medicine. To learn more about staying connected to the AAO and continuing to receive its membership benefits, visit the PAAO website.

### In Memoriam

**Charles B. Schuetz, DO, Pioneered OMM Residency**


After practicing in Washington state for six years, Dr. Schuetz returned to Kirksville in 1983 to begin a residency in osteopathic manipulative medicine. He is reported to be the first to complete the program. Following his residency, Dr. Schuetz returned to the Northwest to practice in the Seattle and then the Edmonds area.

A 30-year member of the AAO, Dr. Schuetz is survived by his wife, Christine; one daughter, Elizabeth; one brother, Hugh A. Schuetz, DO, of St. James, Missouri; and three nieces. (Source: The Seattle Times, Jan. 5, 2014)

**Gerald Joseph Cooper Sr., DO, Was Beloved DMU Faculty Member**

Gerald Joseph Cooper Sr., DO, FAAO, FCA, 87, died July 11. Dr. Cooper attended what is now the Des Moines (Iowa) University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM), graduating near the top of his class in 1956.

After graduation, Dr. Cooper relocated to Davenport, Iowa, where he established a general practice with an emphasis on osteopathic manipulative treatment. He devoted his professional life to promoting the profession both nationally and internationally. During his 26 years as a general practitioner, he was a resident physician and then chief of staff at Davenport Osteopathic Hospital.

Dr. Cooper joined the faculty of DMU-COM in 1985, serving as a full-time faculty member in the OMM department for the next two years. He was a guest lecturer at DMU-COM from 1997 to 2005. Each year, Dr. Cooper voluntarily taught a 40-hour course in osteopathic cranial manipulative medicine to first- and second-year students. In addition, he was actively involved in the interview process for DMU-COM students.

In 1986, Dr. Cooper founded a DMU Medical Explorer Post of the Boy Scouts of America, which taught boys and girls ages 14 to 20 clinical practices and showed them the rewards of joining a medical field. After retiring in 1989, Dr. Cooper continued to advise the program for the next 10 years. The DMU Medical Explorer Post established the Dr. Gerald Cooper Award, which is given to any post member with perfect attendance in an academic year.

When serving as DMU’s president, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad named Dr. Cooper an emeritus professor of osteopathic manual medicine in 2006. Like a rock star, Dr. Cooper was stopped by former students, patients and peers everywhere he went.

Dr. Cooper became a fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy in 1976 and of The Osteopathic Cranial Academy (OCA) in 1995. He served the OCA as treasurer and president.

A member of the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Dr. Cooper had written articles for The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association and Osteopathic Annals.

Dr. Cooper is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; one son, Gerald Joseph Cooper Jr.; one daughter, Mary Catherine Schlemmer; one brother, Louis F. Cooper; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. (Source: The Des Moines Register, July 14, 2014)

### Participate in Spinal Manipulation Survey

The University of Western Ontario in London, Canada, invites Academy members to participate in an online survey that is part of a research program studying the mechanisms that explain the benefits from spinal manipulation. The survey should take 20 to 30 minutes to complete, and all registrants will be entered to win an Amazon gift card. To participate in the survey, go to http://svy.mk/1hJyAu0.
Sept. 19-21, 2014
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy

Cranial Base Course
Course director: James W. Binkerd, DO
Associate director: Paul E. Dart, MD, FCA
Renaissance Suites O’Hare, Chicago
(317) 581-0411 • Fax: (317) 580-9299
info@cranialacademy.org • www.cranialacademy.org

Sept. 19-21, 2014
American FDM Association

Module 2 Seminar
Course director: Todd Capistrant, DO
Tanana Valley Clinic, Fairbanks, Alaska
(207) 941-1940 • www.afdma.com
Register now.

Oct. 3-5, 2014
The Institute of Osteopathy Convention 2014

Bringing Osteopathy Together
The Runnymede on Thames, Egham, Surrey, England

Oct. 4, 2014
American FDM Association

Introduction to the FDM
Hotel Contessa, San Antonio
CME: 8 AOA Category 1-A credits anticipated
www.orthopathy.com/worldcongress.html

Oct. 5-6, 2014
American FDM Association

Sixth FDM World Congress
Hotel Contessa, San Antonio
CME: 16 AOA Category 1-A credits anticipated
www.orthopathy.com/worldcongress.html

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014
Michigan Osteopathic Association

10th Annual Autumn Convention
Devos Place, Grand Rapids, Michigan
(800) 657-1556
Get more information at www.mi-osteopathic.org.

Nov. 7-9, 2014
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy

Midline Course
Course director: Eliott S. Blackman, DO, FCA
Doubletree San Francisco Airport, Burlingame, California
CME: 40 AOA Category 1-A credits anticipated
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Dec. 5-7, 2014
Indiana Osteopathic Association

33rd Annual Winter Update
Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis
(317) 926-3009 • www.inosteo.org

Feb. 14-18, 2015
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy

Midwinter Introductory Course
in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field
Course director: Zina Pelkey, DO
West Coast location to be determined
CME: 40 AOA Category 1-A credits anticipated
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Feb. 20–22, 2015
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy

Midline Course 2
Course director: Eliott S. Blackman, DO, FCA
Associate director: Daniel Albert Shadoan, DO
West Coast location to be determined
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April 17-19, 2015
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy

Orthopedics, Posture and the Primary Respiratory Mechanism 2
Course director: Maurice Bensoussan, MD, DO (France), FCA
Associate director: R. Paul Lee, DO, FAAO, FCA
East Coast location to be determined
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