Executive Director’s Message:
Changes Occur at the AAO Headquarters

Academy Moves to 10th Floor
At the American Academy of Osteopathy (Academy), we constantly endeavor to provide our members with the best in service at all times. To ensure we continue to offer valued services to our members and affiliated organizations, we are proud to announce that in order to accommodate the growth in AAO staff, the Academy has moved from the eighth floor to the tenth floor in the Pyramids at College Park in Indianapolis, increasing the working space from 3200 sq. ft. to 5899 sq. ft. AAO President David Coffey, DO, FAAO, signed a 10-year lease at the Pyramids during the Board of Trustees’ July meeting.

The new space will enable the AAO staff to continue to offer the same friendly service and allow us to host board and committee meetings in Suite 1100, saving the high cost of meeting space and food/beverages at hotels. The Academy’s conference room can also be converted into space for smaller classroom-style lectures or brainstorming sessions. The new expanded library will include two work stations for visitors to research osteopathic books and other documents. Secure WiFi is available throughout the suite. The workroom is the favorite room of the staff in that this room provides ample space for preparation of AAO courses, AOA Convention and most especially the AAO Convocation.

Strategic Planning Session Scheduled
Dr. Coffey has called for a strategic planning meeting on Feb. 1, which will be the first meeting held at the new headquarters. Judy Busby with Busby TEAM Consulting, Inc., from Chicago, IL, will act as the facilitator. President-elect Lossing will present a 15-minute State of the Academy address to the participants and anticipates recharging the organization through its Board of Trustees and staff. Though it has a powerful mission and does great work, the Academy is often exhausted from all that needs to get accomplished.

Members of the Board of Trustees were presented with copies of the book Race for Relevance. This book is about fundamental changes in how associations operate and how they need to lead and manage in order to succeed. The board has been challenged to read the book prior to the planning meeting to enhance each participant’s focus for the future of the Academy. At the end of this eight-hour planning session, the board will have created the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

Board Selects New CEO
The AAO Board of Trustees interviewed three final candidates for AAO Executive Director on Dec. 14, 2013, at the Caribbean Cove Hotel in Indianapolis. Subsequently, the board offered the position to one
of these three candidates, who accepted a preliminary offer subject to further contract negotiations. The board’s Executive Committee will be responsible for those negotiations and expects to obtain a signed agreement by mid-January 2014. AAO President David Coffey, DO, FAAO, will make an official announcement following the receipt of a signed employment agreement and expects the new CEO to begin official duties by March 11, 2014. Other members of the Executive Committee involved in the negotiations include President-elect Kenneth Lossing, DO, and Secretary-Treasurer Judith A. Connell, DO, FAAO.

These developments conclude a 12-month search for a new executive director. The Academy’s Search Committee first issued a call for applications in the fall of 2012 and received a healthy number of resumes for review over the winter months.

The Search Committee identified five highly qualified applicants for telephone interviews conducted in August 2013. From that initial round, the committee recommended three candidates for face-to-face interviews with the full Board of Trustees.

The board approved the recommendation at the Sept. 30 meeting in Las Vegas and then arranged for the final interviews. In the interim, the Academy’s leadership thoroughly checked references and prepared a list of interview questions and assignments for the final candidates.

Call to Meeting

The American Academy of Osteopathy will hold its Annual Business Meeting in Broadmoor Hall A at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO, at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. The AAO Membership is called together to elect officers for the 2014–2015 presidential year. Please review the proposed bylaws amendments listed below. You may access the full AAO Constitution and Bylaws at http://files.academyofosteopathy.org/files/AAO_ConstitutionBylaws.pdf.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

(Deleted items are indicated by a strikethrough; additions are boldfaced.)

The Board reviewed the proposed AAO Constitution and Bylaws amendments as recommended by the Bylaws Committee.

Reference – Section A. Constitution, Article V. Board of Trustees, Section 1, page 1, lines 54–55 (adding lines 67–69):

ARTICLE V.  Board of Trustees
SECTION 1

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the officers of this corporation, and six at-large trustees, and one resident member. The officers shall serve in the same offices on the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2

Should a member or officer of the Board of Trustees die or resign, the remaining members of the Board of Trustees shall elect a replacement who will serve in the same capacity until the next Annual Meeting of the Membership, at which time any unexpired term(s) shall be filled by a vote of the Membership at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3

The term of office for each officer shall be one year. The President-elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President each year, and the President shall similarly succeed to the office of Immediate Past President each year. The term of office for the trustees-at-large shall be three years, two to be elected each year.

SECTION 4

The term of office for the resident member shall be one year to be elected annually. The resident member shall have the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as other Board of Trustees members with the exception of holding office.
ARTICLE I. Membership

SECTION 1

Membership shall be available to all D.O.s who meet the qualifications set forth in Article VIII, Section I, of the Constitution, and who, in addition, submit a written application as prepared by the Board of Trustees, along with their first years’ dues. The Board of Trustees may, if it desires, require that each applicant for membership be sponsored by an Academy member.

SECTION 2

Membership shall be available in the following categories, the requirements for which are found under the appropriate headings in Section 3:

A. Full  C. Student  E. International Affiliate  G. Honorary
B. Retired  D. Associate  F. Honorary Life  H. Supporter

In addition, the Board of Trustees may, at its discretion, maintain a list of supporters who are not members and/or not eligible for membership, and interested in the association, who may make contributions annually equal to the dues paid by Full Members. Such individuals shall have no rights or privileges of membership, but they shall be entitled to any notice, publications, or reports, on the same basis as Full Members.

SECTION 3

A. Full Members shall be those who meet the requirements listed below:

a. Have graduated from a U. S. College of Osteopathic Medicine accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

b. Are members of the American Osteopathic Association.

b. Have made proper application for membership in the Academy.

c. Have paid their current dues and assessments.

Membership in the American Osteopathic Association is recommended. Full Members may vote, hold office, serve on committees or as committee chairmen, and in other capacities as the Academy deems useful or necessary.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

GROWING FL PRACTICE SEEKS FP/DO/DERMATOLOGIST
Reliant Family Practice in Gainesville, FL, seeks specialist in Family Practice/OMM and/or Family Practice/Dermatology for its growing, close-knit, supportive practice under the direction of Erik Schabert, DO. Call Mika Harris, Office Manager, for first contact at (352) 514-6452 or email mika@reliantfamilypractice.com.

NMM PLUS 1 RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN NEW YORK
NMM Plus 1 Residency at Southampton Hospital in beautiful Southampton, Long Island. Applications are currently being accepted. If interested, please contact Program Director Denise K. Burns, DO, FAAO, at drdenise@optonline.net or Education Department Secretary Karen Roberts at (631) 726-0409.

NMM PLUS 1 POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN SUNNY SOUTH FLORIDA
Residency program at Larkin Hospital. Contact Joel D. Stein, DO, FAAO, at (954) 563-2707 or ommdoc@aol.com for more information.
AAO Calendar of Events

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

All times local.

2014

January 29  COFAAO Web Conference, 8:30 p.m.

February 1-2  Board of Trustees’ Strategic Planning Meeting—AAO Offices, Indianapolis, IN

February 4  Membership Committee Teleconference—8 p.m. EST

February 7-8  Education Committee Meeting—1 p.m., AAO Offices, Indianapolis, IN

February 14-16  *Basic Percussion Course*—Richard W. Koss, DO—TCOM, Fort Worth, TX

March 15-18  *New Approach to Osteo-Articular Manipulations Including the Superior and Inferior Limbs* (Pre-Convo), Jean-Pierre Barral, DO (France); Kenneth J. Lossing, DO—The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

March 17-18  *Osteopathic Approach to Common ENT Complaints of Childhood* (Pre-Convo)—Heather P. Ferrill, DO, The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

March 17-18  *Fascial Distortion Model* (Pre-Convo)—Todd A. Capistrant, DO, The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

March 18  COFAAO Meeting—The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

March 19  Board of Trustees Meeting—8 a.m., The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

March 19  Board of Governors Meeting—1 p.m., The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

March 19-23  AAO Convocation—*Trauma: An Integrated Osteopathic Approach*
Denise K. Burns, DO, FAAO, Program Chair—The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

March 20  AAO Business Meeting of the Membership—12 p.m., The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, CO

May 30-June 1  *Muscle Energy with Sally Sutton, DO, FAAO*—Richard G. Schuster, DO—MUCOM, Indianapolis, IN

June 13-15  *Sports Osteopathy*—Kurt P. Heinking, DO, FAAO—CCOM, Downers Grove, IL
H. Supporter Members: Individuals who are interested in the Academy and make contributions annually equal to the dues paid by full members. Such individuals shall have no rights or privileges of membership, but they shall be entitled to any notice, publications, or reports on the same basis as full members.


**ARTICLE IX. Component Societies**

**SECTION 1**
Component Societies may be organized on a national or regional basis, as approved by the Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 2**
*Undergraduate Student* Component Societies may be organized by students enrolled in any accredited osteopathic college, with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 3**
Application for charter as a Component Society shall be made to the Board of Trustees in a form approved by the Board of Trustees. Each proposed Component Society shall, as a minimum requirement, submit with its application the following:

A. A brief description of the geographic area to be included.
B. The names and addresses of a minimum of six initial members of the new Component Society.
C. A copy of the proposed constitution and bylaws of the new proposed Component Society.
D. A brief statement of the new proposed Component Society’s objective.
E. In the case of *Undergraduate Student* Societies, a letter of approval of the formation of such Component Society from the president or dean of the college.

**SECTION 6**
All members of the Component Society who are eligible to be AAO members must be members in good standing of the AAO. For continued certification, the Component Society must have a minimum of six **AAO members**. Each Component Society shall at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual membership meeting make an annual report of its activities to the Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 7**
Approved Component Societies that make an annual report shall be recertified as component societies by the Board of Trustees each year following the Annual Business Meeting. Such recertification shall be by letter, by issuance of annual certificate, or by listing in a publication of this corporation. Each Component Society shall include in its annual report the following:

A. **Proof of membership in the form of name and AOA number on an annual basis**
B. A copy of the bylaws anytime they make changes as well as every five years.

Such recertification shall be by letter, by issuance of annual certificate, or by listing in a publication of this corporation.
Meet the Candidates

At the request of Academy members, brief biographies of the physicians seeking office for the 2014-2015 fiscal year are provided below. Please take a moment to review this information prior to the AAO Annual Business Meeting, which will take place at The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, on Thursday, March 20, 2014:

* Denotes incumbent

**President-elect** (elect 1 for a 1-year term)

Laura A. Griffin, DO, FAAO

Dr. Griffin graduated from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) in 1996 after completing a one-year Anatomy/OPP fellowship. She was the first graduate of UNECOM’s Integrated Family Practice/Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine residency and is board-certified in both specialties. She co-directed the Family Practice/Neuromuscular Medicine residency at Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI, from 2001-2008 and is now co-directing the FP/NMM program at Pikeville Medical Center. She is Chair of the OMM Department and an Associate Professor of Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OPP) at the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM). She is also the SAAO Advisor and works with the student Christian Medical Association on campus to support their annual medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic, in which she participated in 2009 and 2010. Dr. Griffin serves on the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM), as well as the AAO Board of Trustees. She is also a member of the Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation, Education and Osteopathic Medical Economics Committees.

Doris B. Newman, DO

Dr. Newman is a 1998 graduate of UNECOM. She attended St. Vincent’s Hospital/Worcester Medical Center’s Internal Medicine Residency from 1998 to 2000, returning to her alma mater and graduating from UNECOM’s Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (NMM/OMM) residency in 2002. She is certified by the AOBNMM. Immediately following residency she was appointed to the OPP Department at UNECOM and was soon appointed Residency Program Director of the NMM/OMM Residency; Co-Director of the Integrated FP/NMM Residency Program and the Director of Medical Education. After leaving the northeast in 2010, she was appointed as Associate Professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSUCOM) in the OPP Department and was recently appointed as the Director of the Rural and Underserved Medicine Department at NSUCOM. Dr. Newman currently serves the American Academy of Osteopathy on the Board of Trustees, having served as Chair of the Postdoctoral Standards and Education (PSE) Committee and serves the American Osteopathic Association on the Postdoctoral Training and Review Committee (PTRC).

**Trustee** (elect 2 for a 3-year term)

Heather P. Ferrill, DO

Dr. Ferrill, a 2000 Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) graduate, is an Associate Professor of OPP at the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM). Board-certified in Family Practice and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/OMM, her practice emphasizes Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment in the pediatric population. She currently serves on the AAO Board of Governors and the Education Committee, and she has also been involved with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Educators and Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles since 2005.
Basic Musculoskeletal Manipulation Skills:
The 15-Minute Office Encounter

Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO
Paul Evans, DO, FAAFP, FACOFP

Drs. Evans and Rowane have designed this book for the primary care provider who wants a basic guide to managing commonly seen clinical problems that are amenable to musculoskeletal manipulation. The assessments and techniques presented are ideal for this situation. Both are rapid and efficient, and specifically designed for use during a 15-minute office visit. All chapters cover objectives, illustrative cases with answers, clear illustrations to highlight clinically important anatomic landmarks, assessment tips, treatment techniques, and key summary points. All photographs focus on critical elements of examination and treatment techniques for rapid review at the point of care, enhancing the rapid application of information.


Place your order in the AAO Bookstore at www.academyofosteopathy.org
then in Muskegon, MI. Currently he serves the Academy as the chair of its Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluations Committee.

**Jane E. Carreiro, DO**

Dr. Carreiro is a 1988 graduate of UNECOM. She is board-certified by both the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practitioners (AOBFP). She specializes in OMM, pain management, pediatric musculoskeletal and sports medicine, and otitis media and is involved in research on osteopathic manipulation in otitis media, as well as innervation patterns in the pelvis and sacral areas. Some of Dr. Carreiro’s publications include “Sensory Stimulation-guided Sacroiliac Joint Radiofrequency Neurotomy: Technique Based on Neuroanatomy of the Dorsal Sacral Plexus;” “The Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment as Adjuvant Therapy;” “Guidelines for Training and Practice of Osteopathy and Osteopathic Medicine,” World Health Organization 2007; “An Osteopathic Approach to Children,” which has been translated into German, French and Italian; and “Pediatric Manual Medicine,” which has been translated into German. Dr. Carreiro is the Immediate Past President of the AAO, former Chairperson of the AAO Education Committee and is currently a member of the International Affairs Committee.

**Stephanie Collins, DO**

Dr. Collins is a 1993 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). She is board-certified in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and Family Practice and has an Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine practice in South Portland, ME. Dr. Collins is a board member of the Maine Osteopathic Association and is active on the Payor-Payee and Technology Committees. She serves the AAO as a member of the Board of Governors and the Osteopathic Diagnosis and Treatment Education Committee and previously served on the Education Committee for three years. She has lectured nationally and at UNECOM and directed several courses for the AAO Masters Series. She and her husband enjoy time with their family and dog as well as skiing, hiking and traveling.

**Brian F. Degenhardt, DO**

Dr. Degenhardt obtained his DO degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (now Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine—DMUCOM) in 1989. He is the Assistant Vice President for Osteopathic Research at A.T. Still University, and is the Director of the Still Research Institute located on the campus of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM). He is also the Medical Coordinator of Rocky Mountain Integrative Medicine—a team of traditional, complementary and alternative medicine practitioners working together to promote health. Dr. Degenhardt has participated in a broad range of research investigating the role of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment in conditions such as otitis media, infant feeding disorders, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia and osteoarthritis. He has studied the impact of OMT on immune response to vaccination, cardiac variability in subjects post-myocardial infarction, electrical skin resistance and patient-reported outcomes. He has also developed tools and methodologies that are used to objectify palpatory tests and assist in providing objective feedback in the training of palpatory skills. Dr. Degenhardt’s work has been presented and published widely. He currently serves the AAO as a member of its Board of Governors and as the AOA Council on Research Liaison to the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC).

**Lisa A. DeStefano, DO**

Dr. DeStefano graduated from MSUCOM in 1993 and now serves as Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine as well as clinical faculty at the OMM Clinic there. Dr. DeStefano is board-certified in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and Osteopathic Family Practice. She currently serves on the AAO’s Board of Governors and LBORC.
Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO*
Dr. Dowling is a 1989 graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYCOM), is certified by the AOBNNMM and the AOBFP and received his FAAO in 1999. He specializes in OMT in private practice in Syosset, NY, and is the Director of Manipulation in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Nassau University Medical Center in Long Island, NY. He is also Director of OMM Assessment for the NBOME Clinical Skills Testing Center and Medical Consultant for the NBOME Osteopathic Performance Assessment and Improvement Modules. Dr. Dowling is the former Chair of the OMM Department at NYCOM and a Past President of the AAO. A current member of the AOA House of Delegates and AAO Board of Governors, he also serves as Chair of the AAO Awards Committee, has been a member of the AOBNNMM certifying board and is a member of the AAO Nominating Committee. In addition to co-editing An Osteopathic Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment, Dr. Dowling is a contributor and illustrator for several other textbooks and journals. He received the David Heilig, DO, FAAO, Award in 2001; the Scott Memorial Lecturer Award in 2004; the Thomas L. Northup Memorial Lecturer Award in 2005; and the Harold A. Blood, DO, FAAO, Memorial Lecture Award in 2010. He was the 2010 New York State Osteopathic Medical Society Physician of the Year and the 2011 American Osteopathic Foundation Purdue Partners Against Pain Award recipient. He frequently lectures throughout the United States and abroad.

Hugh M. Ettlinger, DO, FAAO*
Dr. Ettlinger is a 1987 graduate of NYCOM, and is certified by AOBNMM. He is an Associate Professor of OMM at NYCOM and the director of the NYCOM/St. Barnabas NMM/OMT Residency Program. Dr. Ettlinger became a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy in 1998. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation and is Faculty and Program Director for both the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation and the Cranial Academy. He serves the AAO as a member of the Board of Governors and the Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation and Student Academies Committees. Dr. Ettlinger is also the Advisor for the National Undergraduate Fellows Association.
Dr. Robert C. Fulford’s Basic Percussion Course
February 14–16, 2014 at TCOM

Robert C. Fulford, DO

Course Description and Background:
At Dr. Fulford’s last course in May of 1997, he expressed his desire to leave his ailing body after his scheduled presentation to the Cranial Academy in June. After demonstrating what he was going to present to the Cranial Academy, he asked Dr. Koss (Program Chair) and Dr. Rajiv L. Yadava to continue teaching his work to the Osteopathic profession. Dr. Fulford passed away four days after the Cranial Academy presentation.

This course has been restructured to provide the participant a more complete understanding and experience of Dr. Fulford’s contributions to Osteopathy. Although hand and percussion techniques are included, the course emphasizes increasing the clarity of one’s working knowledge. Based on the participant’s inclinations, there is freedom within the curriculum to change the direction of what information is relayed. Time needed to assimilate what is taught will also be respected.

Prerequisites:
This Level III course is for DOs, MDs, dentists and students with a 40-hour approved Cranial course and/or prior training and experience in Cranial Osteopathy or permission from the program chair.

Course Objectives:
• One will recognize that many of Dr. Fulford’s ideas are rooted in Dr. Still’s and Dr. Sutherland’s teachings;
• One will begin to see that the results realized from the use of the percussor is directly dependent on the osteopath’s understanding;
• One will see that the use of the percussor will save the physician time and energy; and
• One will appreciate that Dr. Fulford gave more to Osteopathy than a new technique.

CME:
22 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit is anticipated

Course Location:
Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 735-2000

Travel Arrangements:
Contact Tina Callahan of Globally Yours Travel at (800) 274-5975 or globallyyourstravel@cox.net.

Registration Form
Dr. Robert Fulford’s Basic Percussion Course
February 14–16, 2014
8 am–5:30 pm Fri. & Sat., 8 am–3:30 pm Sun.

Name: ___________________________ AOA#: ___________________

Nickname for Badge: ___________________________

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AAO Member Newsletter January 2014
Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO*
Dr. Habenicht, a 1982 graduate of Chicago College of Medicine (CCOM), is certified by the AOBFP and the AOBNMM. She is a Professor of OMM at CCOM, and is in private practice in Oak Forest, IL, and urgent care in Orland Park, IL. Dr. Habenicht is a member of the AOA House of Delegates and is a Past President of the AAO. She is currently a member of the AAO Board of Governors, Chair of the Education Committee and the SAAO Advisor for CCOM. She is also a member of the AOBNMM. Dr. Habenicht was the Program Chair of the AAO’s OMT Update course for 16 years.

Stefan L.J. Hagopian, DO, FAAO
Dr. Hagopian, a graduate of UNECOM, is board-certified in NMM/OMM. He was designated an FAAO in 2007, with his thesis exploring the multi-dimensional aspects of how the science of Osteopathy successfully bridges philosophy and practice. Dr. Hagopian has been teaching at universities and continuing medical education courses while maintaining a private practice in traditional Osteopathy in Santa Monica, CA, for the past 23 years. During that time, he has taught most regularly in programs designed by some of his mentors: as lecturing faculty at Viola M. Frymann, DO, FAAO’s courses based on William Garner Sutherland, DO’s teachings; at Herbert C. Miller, DO, FAAO’s anatomically-focused courses on the more complex conditions of the human body; in study groups formatted after those of Anne L. Wales, DO; and as faculty for the unique Biodynamic Phases curriculum designed by James Jealous, DO. Dr. Hagopian currently serves on the AAO Education and Publications Committees.

Kurt P. Heinking, DO, FAAO*
Dr. Heinking is a 1994 graduate of CCOM, where he currently serves as Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. He is board-certified in OMM, Family Medicine and Sports Medicine, and has a private musculoskeletal medicine practice in Willowbrook, IL. Dr. Heinking currently serves the Academy on its Fellowship Committee and has served as a program chair and faculty for its case-based Osteopathic Sports Medicine courses.

Virginia M. Johnson, DO
Dr. Johnson practices NMM/OMM in Santa Monica, CA, where she happily cares for an eclectic mix of patients presenting a broad range of complaints, from acute to chronic, from newborn to centenarian. She has been an advocate of osteopathic manipulative medicine since completing her NMM/OMM residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in 2001. She currently serves as Chair of the AAO’s Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee, and she is President of the Los Angeles County Osteopathic Medical Association, where she has been privileged to learn from a multitude of DOs the span of issues facing osteopathic practice today. She served for eight years as treasurer of the Osteopathic Cranial Academy, and she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California, where she initiated the inclusion of an OMT Treatment Education Service as a regular event at state meetings. She has authored several AOA Resolutions in the House of Delegates in support of the practice of OMM and is a founding member of Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education (FORCE). Dr. Johnson also has gone to Capitol Hill to advocate for osteopathic medicine and NMM/OMM as a member of OPAC since 2008. She precepts osteopathic medical students in her practice and is well aware of their enthusiasm for OMM, as well as their concerns regarding their future ability to incorporate OMT into their practice as osteopathic physicians.
George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO*
Dr. Pasquarello is a 1993 graduate of UNECOM, where he served a one-year Anatomy/Osteopathic Principles and Practices Undergraduate Teaching Fellowship prior to graduation. He is board-certified in NMM/OMM. He served as Director of the Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Residency and Co-Director of the FP/NMM Residency at UNECOM from 1998 to 2003. Dr. Pasquarello also worked as an Associate Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at UNECOM and as a clinical specialist at Maine Spine and Rehabilitation and University Healthcare. He is currently in private practice at East Greenwich Spine & Sport in East Greenwich, RI. He also lectures to physicians and students at the national and international level on the application of OMM, myofascial pain and trigger point injection, prolotherapy and chronic pain management. Dr. Pasquarello is a member of the AOA House of Delegates and is a Past President of the American Academy of Osteopathy. He also serves on the AAO Board of Governors and Fellowship Committee.

Laura T. Rampil, DO*
Dr. Rampil obtained her DO degree from NYCOM in 1992. She earned a year-long teaching and clinical fellowship in OPP, and completed her residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, NY, where she was Chief Intern and a teaching staff physician. She is certified by AOBNMM and practices NMM at the Osteopathic Wellness Center in Orlando, FL. Dr. Rampil was the Founding Program Director for the Integrated Family Practice/NMM Residency at Florida Hospital East Orlando. She has taught Osteopathy nationally and abroad, and is on the faculty at many of the osteopathic medical schools throughout the country. She is a current member of the AAO Board of Governors.

Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO*
Dr. Rennie is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at Touro University Nevada. He graduated from Des Moines University in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1987. He is board-certified by AOBNMM and AOBFP, is a diplomate in the American Academy of Pain Management, and has been an FAAO since 2006. He has served as a Clinical Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at MSUCOM and the Department of Medical Education in the Center for Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine at Mount Clemens General Hospital. Dr. Rennie is currently a member of AOBNMM and the AAO Board of Governors, having previously served on the AAO Publications Committee. He is author of the book, Counterstrain and Exercise: An Integrated Approach and co-authored the “Strain-Counterstrain” chapter in Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine (3rd Edition) published by the American Osteopathic Association. He has lectured and published on these concepts both domestically and internationally and has worked with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners on various committees for the past 15 years.

Sandra L. Sleszynski, DO, FAAO
Dr. Sleszynski received her DO from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1989, following a career as a registered nurse, and currently practices in Corvallis, OR, at Crossroads Premiere Health Care, an independent small practice neuromusculoskeletal specialty and alternative care practice. She also is an Associate Professor at both Midwestern University and Western University in addition to being a clinical preceptor for multiple osteopathic colleges located in Chicago, Philadelphia, Des Moines and Kansas City. She is board-certified by AOBNMM and has been a member of the AAO since 1989. She previously served on the AAO Board of Governors (1998-2002) and currently chairs the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee. In 2005 she received the George W. Northup DO, Medical Writing Award for “Outpatient Osteopathic Single Organ System Musculoskeletal Exam Form Series: Validation of the Outpatient Osteopathic Single Organ System Musculoskeletal Exam Form, a New Standardized Medical Record.”
Course Description
This course is designed for participants with intermediate to advanced skills in OMM and those who have taken intermediate level Cranial courses. We will take an in-depth look at the anatomical and structural influences of the pediatric ENT patient, taking a close look at the cranial and facial anatomy and its influences on health and function of the middle ear, sinuses, and temporomandibular joint.

CME
16 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit are anticipated.

Course Times
Monday and Tuesday: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Breakfast and lunch on your own, coffee provided.

Course Location
The Broadmoor
1 Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Reservations: 7am to 9pm (MT), seven days a week.
(800) 634-7711 (Mention AAO event.)
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Osteopathic Approach to Common ENT Complaints of Children

March 17–18, 2014 at THE BROÂDMOOR in Colorado Springs, CO

Heather P. Ferrill, DO, Program Chair
Dr. Ferrill, a 2000 Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine graduate, is Associate Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) at the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Board-certified in Family Practice and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/OMM, her practice emphasizes OMT in the pediatric population. She serves on the AAO Board of Governors and the Education Committee.

Lisa A. DeStefano, DO, Faculty
Dr. DeStefano graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1993. She is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is also clinical faculty at the OMM Clinic at MSUCOM. Dr. DeStefano is board-certified in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and Osteopathic Family Practice. She currently serves on the AAO’s Board of Governors, EDCOM and LBORC.

Doris B. Newman, DO, Faculty
Board-certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM), Dr. Newman is a 1998 graduate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. She was recently appointed Director of the Rural and Underserved Medicine Department at NSUCOM and currently serves the AAO on the Board of Trustees and the AOA on the Postdoctoral Training and Review Committee (PTRC).

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The 2014 AAO Convocation is upon us! SAAO had a blast in Orlando, Florida! SAAO members gained experience, connections, and mentorship from the field’s top osteopaths. The Executive Board of SAAO would like to personally thank all Osteopathic Physicians for their dedication to the students. We truly appreciate your dedication and expertise.

Convocation does not happen overnight. SAAO knows that the dedication of physicians and AAO staff guide the success of each and every Convocation! We ask that you, the present osteopathic leaders provide assistance to our futures as others have invested in you. Here is how you can help at each event!

**A. Hollis Wolf Case Presentation Competition:**
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- **MAKE a DONATION!** Help reward the top six presenters!

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- **BECOME a PRECEPTOR** 3rd & 4th Year Medical Students at each school have a chance to WIN a scholarship for an approved NMM/OMM elective rotation!

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**SAAO Auction:**
- **OUTBID!** Outbid your colleagues on Osteopathic Memorabilia!
- **DONATE!** Support SAAO by donating Osteopathic Memorabilia!
- **LEGACY is EVERYTHING!** Provide your FAAO signature for The Legacy Treatment Table!

**SAAO Student Mixer:**
- **BE a HERO!** Donate funds to the SAAO Student Mixer! Support the future of osteopathy!

We are the future of the American Academy of Osteopathy! We thank you for everything you do as a leader in osteopathy! We appreciate your continued support. You move us forward! Contact the AAO Staff at (317)879-1881 to help out.

Cheers,
Joseph Lewis, OMS-III
SAAO Vice Chair, Executive Council
University of Pikeville - Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
**Sajid A. Surve, DO**

Dr. Surve is an Associate Professor with the NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. He is currently board-certified in both physical medicine and rehabilitation, and neuromusculoskeletal medicine. Dr. Surve also received Medical Acupuncture certification through the Helms Medical Institute via the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. Throughout his career, Dr. Surve has distinguished himself as an educator and leader. He has given lectures at the local, regional and national levels on various topics including osteopathic manipulation, medical acupuncture, complementary and alternative therapies, and responsible opiate prescribing. Dr. Surve currently serves on the Academy’s Membership Committee and chairs the Student Academies Committee.

**R. Clay Walsh, DO**

Ralph C. Walsh, Jr. (Clay), DO, Assistant Clinical Professor, UNTHSC-TCOM, joined the Department of OMM in April 2011 as an outpatient clinical provider of OMM and Hospitalist at Plaza Medical Center and Harris Hospital, Fort Worth. Dr. Walsh is a 1992 TCOM graduate. He is board-certified in Family Practice and NMM/OMM and is the Chairman for the AAO Osteopathic Education Service Committee. Dr. Walsh serves as Course Director for the Year 3 Core OMM Clerkship and is an active member of the Academy of Medical Educators. He also participates in Year 2 OMM labs as a table trainer, Core preceptor, and teaches residents in the OPTI. He supervises an OMM curriculum at Plaza Medical Center and provides monthly lectures for the interns and residents. Dr. Walsh is the student faculty advisor for Richards College (approximately 120, first- thru third-year medical students), SAAO, as well as an assistant faculty advisor for the Student Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (SAMOPS). Off campus, Dr. Walsh is a Colonel and a Chief Flight Surgeon in the Ohio Air National Guard and is active with the local Texas Air Guard unit. He has participated in deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan and has received numerous awards for distinguished service.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** *(elect 4 for a 1-year term)*

**Boyd R. Buser, DO* 

Dr. Buser is a 1981 graduate of DMUCOM, and is board-certified in OMM and Family Practice. He currently serves as Vice President and Dean of UP-KYCOM, where he is also a Professor of Osteopathic Principles and Practices. He previously served as Department Chair, Associate Dean, Interim Dean and Vice President of UNECOM. Dr. Buser is a former Chair of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME). He was named Educator of the Year by the AOA and the American Osteopathic Foundation in 1994. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Maine Osteopathic Association in 1996 and 2007. In 2007 Dr. Buser was also elected by the American Medical Association Board of Trustees to a position on the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel, the first osteopathic physician to be so elected. He is a member of the Kentucky Institute of Medicine, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, the AOA Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of the Osteopathic International Alliance. A Past President of the AAO, Dr. Buser currently chairs the Nominating Committee and is a member of the Board of Governors, International Affairs Committee and Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee.

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Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO

Dr. Cantieri is a 1981 graduate of DMUCOM, and is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. He has served on various hospital staffs as a consultant in OMM, treating newborns, post-operative patients and patients in intensive care units. He currently operates a private practice, Corrective Care, PC, in Mishawaka, IN, which specializes in the treatment of chronic musculoskeletal pain. Dr. Cantieri has taught and lectured for various organizations for many years, including teaching the annual prolotherapy course for the AAO since 1999. In 2008 he and co-authors Drs. Ravin and Pasquarello published the medical textbook *Principles of Prolotherapy*. Dr. Cantieri also initiated the Academy's New Ideas Forum. He has received various awards, most notably the 1996 George Northup Writing Award from the AOA, the 2006 T.L. Northup Memorial Lecturer Award from the AAO and the 2009 Dr. J.B. Kinsinger Award for Outstanding Service to the Indiana Osteopathic Association. Dr. Cantieri currently serves on the AOA's Board of Trustees and has served on the AOA Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) for the past eight years. He is a Past President of the AAO and has served as Secretary-Treasurer for six years.

Jane E. Carreiro, DO*

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Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO*

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John C. Glover, DO, FAAO*

Dr. Glover graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) in 1986, and is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of OMM at Touro University California (TUCOM/CA). Dr. Glover has served as Chair of the OMM Department at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OUCOM) and Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSUCOM) and Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCUMBCOM). He is a former Chair of the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles and a Past President of the AAO. Dr. Glover is a member of the AAO Board of Governors and numerous AAO committees. He is co-author of the book *Counterstrain* and the “Strain-Counterstrain” chapter in *Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine* (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Editions). Dr. Glover is also a contributing author for *Clinical Application of Counterstrain, Counterstrain & Exercise: An Integrated Approach, Clinical Osteopathically Integrated Learning Scenarios* and *Leitfaden Osteopathie*. He lectures and conducts workshops on a variety of topics nationally and internationally.

Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO

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(David A. Coffey, DO, FAAO, ex-officio)

**Committees Meet at Convocation**

The Board of Trustees has confirmed the schedule for all committee meetings at the Annual AAO Convocation, March 18–22. This format has several advantages: committees avoid the noise and distraction of restaurant meetings, as well as too little time to complete tasks; the meetings don’t interfere with attendance at didactic sessions and workshops; and the schedule facilitates better staff support to record minutes and committee actions. This schedule should minimize conflicts for participants. Chairpersons and committee members should review the following itinerary and plan their personal calendars to ensure attendance at these important meetings:

**Tuesday, March 18**
- Fellowship Committee (FAAO exams), 8 a.m.
- Train the Trainers (Education Committee), 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 19  
AAO Board of Trustees, 8 a.m.  
AAO Board of Governors, 1 p.m.  
Investment Committee, 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 20  
Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, 6:30 a.m.  
Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee, 6:30 a.m.  
Information Technologies Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 21  
Membership Committee, 6:30 a.m.  
Publications Committee, 6:30 a.m.  
PAAO Business Meeting and Elections, Noon  
Postdoctoral Standards & Evaluations Committee, Noon

Saturday, March 22  
AOBNMM Meeting, 8 a.m.  
Board of Trustees, 1 p.m.

NMM/OMM Residents to Take In-service Exam

The AAO’s Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee has responsibility for oversight of all AOA-approved residency training programs in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (NMM/OMM), including the two-year NMM/OMM program, the plus-one NMM/OMM program, and the three-year integrated family practice/NMM program. The committee requires that all NMM/OMM residents take an annual in-service examination, scheduled this year from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, during the AAO Convocation in Colorado Springs, CO. The written examination will occur between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the practical examinations will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Certification Board Administers Exams

Chairperson Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO, and other members of the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM) convened Nov. 9–10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis to administer oral, practical and written certification examinations. The board reaffirmed its position that the recertification examination consist of the same written test the board prepares for candidates seeking initial certification in NMM/OMM. The board has taken several steps to document the validity and reliability of the written examination, as well as to ensure that it reflects the actual specialty practice of physicians who hold certification in this discipline.

Physicians who earned certification in Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (SP-OMM) prior to Dec. 31, 1994, received non-dated certificates and are not required to sit for recertification examination. However, DOs who earned either SP-OMM or NMM/OMM certification after Jan. 1, 1995, received certificates valid for 10 years, expiring as early as Dec. 31, 2005. Hence, they must apply and sit for the recertification examination by the expiration date on their individual certificates. Failure to successfully complete the recertification process and/or AOA continuous membership will result in the loss of certification.

The AOBNMM has scheduled the next written examination for Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. There will be no oral or practical examinations administered at this time. If your certification expires in 2014 and you have not submitted an application to sit in March, please contact AOBNMM Coordinator Amber Rausch to complete an application for recertification in December 2014 (due Sept. 1). You can reach her by calling (317) 879-1881 or emailing arausch@academyofosteopathy.org.

LBORC Provides Guidelines for Poster Presentations

The AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC) is pleased to sponsor a poster presentation competition at the 2014 Annual AAO Convocation at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO. Poster presentations will be displayed outside the main lecture hall on Thursday and Friday, March 20–21. Presenters are invited to stand next to their posters during break periods to respond to questions and comments from convocation attendees.
Course Description
An additional model used in the diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal pain. This course will cover the ankle, shoulder, and knee. FDM is a model of thinking that provides a framework to view the function of the body and the expression of pain. Fascia can be viewed as the “wrapper” of our bones, muscles, and organs. Fascia is an integral part of the body’s nerve network. Dr. Still identified the importance of the fascial system when seeking health. Treatments in the FDM are directed at the fascia and restoring its function by focusing on correcting distortions in the fascial system and thereby eliminating pain. The FDM provides practitioners another model in which to view the body and another tool in the battle against musculoskeletal pain. FDM expands the capability of traditional Osteopathic modalities by specifically addressing the fascia and the distortions which are identified. Treatment of the fascial distortions can provide dramatic results by addressing the Biotensegrity of the body. The FDM is driven by a patient’s body language, verbal description, and the provider’s underlying understanding of the fascial distortions and their impact on the whole system.

CME
16 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit are anticipated.

Course Times
Monday and Tuesday: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Breakfast and lunch on your own, coffee provided.

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Only posters may be presented. Audio-visual materials, such as slides and videotapes, will not be accepted as part of the presentations. Displays should contain only succinct headings that logically organize and present the information. It is also recommended that graphics be definitive and brief. Elaboration is best done verbally. The poster should focus on the hypothesis or objective, methods and results or outcomes.

An example of a poster display is illustrated below. Please note: Cork boards will be shared by two presenters. Hence, there will be two posters on each cork board.

The Academy will provide a working area of 4 feet by 4 feet for displaying each poster presentation on a cork board surface, firmly supported on A-frame legs with the display standing a total of 8 feet high. Participants should prepare everything needed for their displays—figures, tables, diagrams, equations, etc.—prior to arriving at Convocation. Charts, drawings and illustrations should be similar to those used in making slides. Illustrative materials should be simple and easy to read from distances of 3 feet or more. Participants must supply their own pushpins or thumbtacks for mounting materials. They should not mount presentation materials on heavy board as it may be difficult to keep in position.

Poster presentations must be set up no later than 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 20. They must remain in place until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 21. Dismantling must be complete by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21.

Members in the News

Kimberly M. D’Eramo, DO, and Mario Torres-Leon, MD, known collectively as The Thrive Doctors, are doing their best to educate the public about Osteopathy. They have been the subject of numerous television and radio interviews in the last few months of 2013. Click on the following links to watch!

- [http://www.kasa.com/nm-style/the-thrive-doctors](http://www.kasa.com/nm-style/the-thrive-doctors)

Lilia Gorodinsky, DO, of New York, was a guest on “The Dr. Oz Show,” Thursday, Dec. 5. You can view the segment, entitled “New Breakthrough: No Pill Pain Fighters,” online at [http://www.doctoroz.com/episode/new-breakthrough-no-pill-pain-fighters](http://www.doctoroz.com/episode/new-breakthrough-no-pill-pain-fighters). It is obvious, of course, to osteopathic physicians and those who are connected to Osteopathy, that OMT is not new, but doesn’t get the publicity it should. Thank you, Dr. Gorodinsky for educating Dr. Oz and his audience.

Education Committee to Meet in Indianapolis

Chairperson Ann L. Habenicht, DO, will convene the Academy’s Education Committee on Feb. 7 at the new AAO Headquarters in Indianapolis. The agenda for
the meeting will include a review of the 2015 CME calendar and development of the schedule of CME programs for 2016.

The Education Committee has already scheduled nine CME programs for the 2014 calendar year, which all feature extensive, hands-on practice of osteopathic manipulative treatment in patient care. Please look over these programs on the Calendar of Events on page four of this newsletter and reserve your space in a program of your choice today!

Dr. Habenicht and the Education Committee welcome input from all AAO members regarding the Academy’s educational programming. If you would like to share your suggestions, please contact AAO Executive Director Diana Finley via email at dfinley@academyofosteopathy.org or by calling the AAO office at (317) 879-1881.

**Membership Update**

By now, all AAO non-student members should have received a Membership Dues Statement. If you have not received a dues statement, please contact Susan Lightle at the AAO headquarters. Membership dues are due by Jan. 31, 2014, for the 2013-2014 fiscal year (Aug. 1, 2013–July 31, 2014). Member benefits include reduced rates on all AAO-sponsored courses, including Convocation. Be sure to register as an AAO member!

As a member of the Postgraduate AAO, you are also a member of the AAO. No matter what field of medicine you choose or what residency you attend, the AAO has much to offer in continuing your development as an osteopathic physician. Once you graduate from osteopathic medical school, you are no longer a member of the AAO. Therefore, those of you graduating this year should strongly consider re-joining the AAO as a PAAO member and continue to attend Convocation each year. Information is always available on our website at www.academyofosteopathy.org/saao/home. Here you will find the PAAO membership application as well as Convocation information and announcements of upcoming courses.

**In Memoriam**

*Isabelle A. Chapello, DO, FAAODist*

Dr. Chapello, a physician who cared for generations of Luna Pier, MI, residents and was a longtime staff member of the former Parkview Hospital in Toledo and of the Monroe County Medical Examiner’s Office, died Monday, Dec. 23, in Merit House, a retirement and nursing facility in Toledo. She was 92 and had cancer according to niece Deanna Boling.

Born March 30, 1921, in Chicago to Eustachia and John Chapello, Dr. Chapello studied chemistry and physical education at Rockford College, then a women’s school, from which she received a bachelor’s degree. She received a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and was a graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Luna Pier community recruited Dr. Chapello in the 1970s. “She kind of reminded you of the old country doctor,” Luna Pier Mayor Dave Davison said, and she had living quarters at the clinic where she had her practice.

Dr. Chapello was affiliated with the medical examiner’s office for about 30 years. She had a general practice, delivered many babies, and specialized in manipulative therapy. She was a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy and joined the Parkview Hospital staff in 1956.

In Monroe County, Dr. Chapello served on the community mental health board, was a nursing home evaluator, and helped with clinics for migrant farm workers. She retired about five years ago.

“She had a very big heart when it came to treating people and taking care of them,” her niece said.

– adapted from ToledoBlade.com
He developed the modality of Visceral Manipulation based on his innovative theory that each internal organ rotates on a physiological axis. In collaboration with Alain Croibier, D.O., Jean-Pierre Barral has also developed the modalities of Neural Manipulation and Global Joint Treatment based on their on-going clinical research.

Dr. Barral holds the title of Curriculum Developer for the Barral Institute. Dr. Barral took the modalities and developed them into various manual therapy courses, which he taught since 1985. Dr. Barral has trained and certified a team of International Teachers who also instruct these courses around the world.

Since 1999 he has maintained a private practice in Grenoble, France, and has served as Chairman of Department of Visceral Manipulation on the Faculty of Medicine Osteopathy, Grenoble, France; the Chairman of Department of Visceral Manipulation on Faculty of Medicine Paris du Nord; and Academic Director of International College of Osteopathy, St. Etienne, France.

Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, Program Chair

Dr. Lossing is a 1994 graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed internship and residency programs at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and is certified in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Family Practice. Dr. Lossing studied under French osteopath Jean-Pierre Barral, DO, and is known internationally as a lecturer on visceral manipulation. He is the AAO President-elect and a member of the AAO Board of Trustees.

Jean-Pierre Barral, DO, Featured Speaker

Jean-Pierre is an Osteopath and Registered Physical Therapist who serves as Director (and Faculty) of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulation at the University of Paris School of Medicine in Paris, France. He earned his diploma in Osteopathic Medicine in 1974 from the European School of Osteopathy in Maidstone, England, and went on to teach spinal biomechanics at the institution from 1975-1982.
CMS Releases 2014 Physician Fee Schedule

On Nov. 27, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2014 Medicare physician payment rates. The 2014 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) sets the payment cut from the sustainable growth rate at approximately 24 percent, after rescaling of weights to the relative value scale and an adjustment to the conversion factor.

CMS has agreed to extend for one month the period in which physicians can change their Medicare participation to Jan. 31, 2014.

CMS said it is taking steps toward expanding primary care access by paying for complex chronic care coordination starting in fiscal year 2015.

CMS also released a final 2014 hospital outpatient and ambulatory surgical center (ASC) payment rule. It will replace the current five levels of hospital clinic visit with one code for outpatient clinic visits. (For details, visit http://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-Sheets/2013-Fact-Sheets-Items/2013-11-27-3.html?DLPage=1&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending.)

The agency also makes “refinements” to the Physician Quality Reporting System program (PQRS), the Medicare Shared Savings Program and the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.

For more information about the Physician Fee Schedule, visit http://cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/index.html.

For more information regarding the Physician Value-Based Payment Modifier and PQRS, visit http://cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/index.html.
The Feminine Touch: Women in Osteopathic Medicine

by Thomas A. Quinn, DO, FAOCOPM

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– Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, Past President, American Osteopathic Association

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– Silvia M. Ferretti, DO, Provost, Vice President, Dean of Academic Affairs, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

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Course Director: Zina Pelkey, DO
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