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 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 If you are not listed, log in to your profile at www.academyofosteopathy.org, uncheck the “Do Not Publish Online” box, and provide the street address of your practice so that patients can find you.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 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@academyofosteopathy.org.

Make sure emails from the AAO are not going into your junk folder. Adjust your spam filter to allow emails from @academyofosteopathy.org and aaorg@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 interns, residents and postdoctoral fellows in all specialties, not just those training in neuromusculoskeletal medicine. To learn more about staying connected to the AAO and continuing to receive its membership benefits, visit the PAAO website.

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In Memoriam

Former Academy President Lon A. Hoover, DO, Dies

The American Academy of Osteopathy’s 1973-74 president, Lon A. Hoover, DO, died May 8 at the age of 83 following a battle with Parkinson’s disease. A devoted osteopathic physician, Dr. Hoover was known for taking his treatment table everywhere until Parkinson’s disease limited his activities.

Along with his twin brother, Larry Hoover, DO, Dr. Lon Hoover earned his doctor of osteopathy degree in 1956 from what is now the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He returned home to Tacoma, Washington, to take over a family medicine and obstetrics practice from his father, Harold V. Hoover, DO.

In 1977, Dr. Lon Hoover became an associate professor of family medicine at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) in East Lansing. He also served as an osteopathic medicine consultant to the MSU Division of Athletic Medicine. Dr. Hoover received many awards from MSUCOM graduates between 1978 and 1993: In addition to receiving the college’s Hooding Award, Dr. Hoover received the Outstanding Professor Award a half-dozen times and the Osteopathic Excellence Award three times. He retired from MSUCOM in 1996.

David A. Patriquin, DO, FAAO, fondly remembers Dr. Hoover as an avid writer and a “quiet peaceful sort of person.” As a faculty member at the Ohio osteopathic medical school and as a fellow Academy president, Dr. Patriquin worked closely with Dr. Hoover, witnessing Dr. Hoover’s qualities as a “team player.” Although he was a “tall, slender sort of guy … he was sort of in the shadow of Phil Greenman and Myron Beal,” who were on the faculty at MSUCOM at the same time. But Dr. Hoover contributed as much to osteopathic medicine and...
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MSUCOM as Dr. Greenman and Dr. Beal did, Dr. Patriquin recalls.

Beyond the AAO, Dr. Hoover was active with the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association, which he served as president, secretary and trustee. He also lectured widely at universities, hospitals and private seminars throughout the United States.

Aside from his career as an osteopathic physician, Dr. Hoover was a keen outdoorsman. In his mid-70s, he completed the Courage Classic, a three-day, three-summit bike race to support Tacoma’s children’s hospital.

Another former AAO president, Robert E. Kappler, DO, FAAODist, FCA, remembers attending Convocations at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with Dr. Hoover back when there weren’t more than 50 people in attendance. An avid mountain climber, Dr. Hoover spent a lot of time exploring The Broadmoor’s surroundings, Dr. Kappler recalls.

Right: China’s peaks frame Lon A. Hoover, DO. A longtime hiker and mountaineer, Dr. Hoover conquered Mount Rainier six times, led more than 100 climbs and participated in 50 others, including the treacherous Mount Anyegaqen in China at age 50. (Photo courtesy of MSUCOM.)

Profession Loses Academy Award Winner W. Douglas Ward, PhD

The third recipient of the AAO’s Academy Award, W. Douglas Ward, PhD, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, died July 3 at the age of 80.

Dr. Ward served the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) as its director of education from 1977 to 1993, during which he oversaw the department’s expansion to include all accreditation and approval activities for osteopathic medical education. From 1993 to 1996, Dr. Ward served as the AOA’s associate executive director for educational affairs. Throughout his 19 years at the AOA, he served as the secretary to what was then the AOA Bureau of Professional Education.

Dr. Ward’s leadership in the realm of international osteopathic education and collaboration contributed to the founding of the AOA’s Bureau of International Osteopathic Medicine, which in turn spearheaded the creation of the Osteopathic International Alliance.

In 1997, Dr. Ward delivered the 52nd Andrew Taylor Still Memorial Address at the AOA House of Delegates’ annual meeting in Chicago. The AOA’s 2002-03 president, Anthony A. Minissale, DO, bestowed a presidential citation on Dr. Ward in 2003—the same year he received his Academy Award.

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Dr. Ward’s brother, Robert C. Ward, DO, is an honorary life member of the Academy, and he was the executive editor of the first two editions of the AOA’s Foundations for Osteopathic Medicine. The brothers were charter inductees into the AOA’s Great Pioneers in Osteopathic Medicine. Their father, Campbell A. Ward, DO, was the AOA’s 1964-65 president.

A lifelong learner who was especially interested in science, history and genealogy, Dr. Ward was a high school biology teacher for 20 years before he went to work for the AOA, and he served a term as the president of the Michigan Education Association. He was involved with the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, where he was a docent.

Besides his brother, Dr. Ward’s survivors include his wife, Ruthann; two daughters; eight grandchildren; five great-grandsons; and one sister. His nieces and nephews include Jayne Heather Ward, DO, an associate professor of neurology and ophthalmology at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing. One of Dr. Ward’s daughters, Catherine Medecke, preceded him in death.

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