AAO’s Dr. Buser to Lead AOA in 2016-17

The AAO’s 1995-96 president, Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, was selected as the 2015-16 president-elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) during the AOA House of Delegates’ annual meeting, which was held July 17-19 in Chicago.

“I’m looking forward to serving. It’s a really exciting time to be part of the profession,” Dr. Buser told AAO Member News.

Dr. Buser served in a wide range of leadership roles on his way to the top at the AOA. In addition to leading the Academy, Dr. Buser was the 1999-2000 president of the Maine Osteopathic Association, and he chaired the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) from 2003 to 2005. In 2007, he became a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Osteopathic International Alliance. He has been the vice president for health affairs and the dean of the Pikeville University-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine since 2007.

Since the late 1990s, Dr. Buser has worked to protect the interests of DOs who use osteopathic manipulative treatment by serving on the American Medical Association’s Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel, the CPT Advisory Committee, the RUC Advisory Committee, and the Correct Coding Policy Committee.

For the last couple of years, Dr. Buser has played an integral role in developing the single accreditation system for graduate medical education. Although Dr. Buser is very optimistic about the new system, in part because MDs will have the opportunity to receive residency training in osteopathic medicine. Although Dr. Buser is very optimistic about the new system, in part because MDs will have the opportunity to receive residency training in osteopathic medicine.

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Message From the President
Committees Power the Academy

While most pronounce the word as kə-ˈmit-ə, a few prefer käm-ə-ˈtē. Regardless of your preference, the committee is the workhorse of professional societies like the American Academy of Osteopathy. Most innovations that societies adopt are generated, fleshed out and championed by committees. And once approved by governing boards, those ideas are executed, maintained and modified by committees.

In August alone, the Academy’s committees conducted one in-person meeting and six conference calls, addressing issues ranging from coding for osteopathic manipulative treatment to advancing the Academy’s fellowship program. At its Aug. 7-8 meeting at the Academy office in Indianapolis, for example, the AAO Education Committee devised the first three offerings of a series of courses for preparing MD graduates to enter osteopathic-recognized residencies under the single accreditation system for graduate medical education.

Because of the influence committees have to shape osteopathic medicine, the Academy is committed to assisting its members to obtain committee assignments not only within the AAO but elsewhere throughout the profession.

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Dr. Buser to Lead AOA in 2016-17 (continued from Page 1)

As someone trained in osteopathic manipulative medicine, he knows the transition will continue to challenge the osteopathic medical profession.

In a break from AOA tradition, Dr. Buser has been selected to chair the AOA Strategic Planning Committee, a role usually filled by an AOA trustee, not the president-elect. Dr. Buser looks forward to helping the AOA develop a strategic plan that will increase osteopathic medicine’s visibility, advance international relationships and maintain the AOA’s relevancy to all osteopathic physicians.

Born in Conesville, Iowa, Dr. Buser earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in 1981 from the Des Moines (Iowa) University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM). After completing his graduate medical education at the former Cranston General Hospital in Rhode Island, he joined DMU-COM’s faculty as an assistant professor of family medicine. In the succeeding years, he directed three different clinics that were under the auspices of DMU-COM.

In 1986, Dr. Buser moved to Maine to become an associate professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) in Biddeford. He later served UNECOM as full professor, associate dean for clinical affairs, and interim dean and vice president for academic affairs.

At UNECOM, Dr. Buser developed a friendship with one of the AAO’s presidents, Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAO-Dist, who was an adjunct associate professor of osteopathic principles and practice at UNECOM from 1982 to 1988. Dr. Chila encouraged Dr. Buser to get involved in organized medicine.

Dr. Buser remembers his first forays into politics as serving on AAO and NBOME committees. While his work with the
Of critical importance to the Academy is representation on the American Osteopathic Association’s bureaus, committees and councils. Dated July 30, the first draft of the AOA’s 2015-16 committee appointment book indicates that the Academy will be well represented at the AOA during the next year. While the six Academy members who serve on the AOA Board of Trustees hold 29 seats on 17 committees, at least 26 other Academy members hold seats on 12 AOA committees. That’s just the beginning: AOA President John W. Becher, DO, has at least nine more committees to appoint.

At the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, seven of the 16 members of the Osteopathic Principles Committee are Academy members, and six of the seven members of the Review Committee for Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine belong to the AAO.

The Academy is even represented on international bodies. For example, former AAO president Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO, is currently serving his third term as the secretary-general of the Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle (see the article on Page 9 in this issue). Two other Academy members sit on the Board of Directors of the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA), including the board’s chair, former AAO president Jane E. Carreiro, DO. In addition, the Academy has nominated a candidate for the board elections that the OIA will hold in late September.

Grooming AAO Leaders

Having Academy members on decision-making bodies within and outside the osteopathic medical profession has at least two major benefits: First, those members can share the AAO’s philosophy and positions with the committees of other organizations, encouraging those organizations to adopt policies and conduct programs that are true to the heritage and promise of osteopathic medicine. Second, the committee experiences Academy members have with other organizations makes them better leaders for those organizations and the Academy.

A prime example of someone who was groomed for leadership through committee work is Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, the AOA’s new president-elect. Dr. Buser started down the road to leadership nearly 30 years ago by serving on committees of...
**AAO Calendar of Events**

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

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**Register for OMED Under AAO**

When you register for OMED 2015, be sure to mark the American Academy of Osteopathy as the first, if not the only, specialty college whose lectures you will be attending. Doing so ensures that you will automatically receive AOA Category 1-A credit for continuing medical education specific to neuromusculoskeletal medicine and that the Academy receives the appropriate portion of your registration fee to help offset the expense of the AAO program.

If you have registered for OMED 2015 already but forgot to select the Academy as one of your specialty colleges, contact AAO Event Planner Sherri Warner at SWarner@academyofosteo.org or (317) 879-1881, ext. 220. Let Warner know whether you want to add the Academy to your list of specialty colleges or substitute the Academy for one of the specialty colleges you originally registered under. She will then contact the AOA to update your choices.
Song, Dance and Music at OMED 2015

The Academy’s program at the American Osteopathic Association’s annual Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition (OMED) in Orlando, Florida, will focus on how to care for patients with dysfunctions arising from singing, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Titled “Osteopathic Contributions to Performing Arts Medicine,” the program will feature lectures and workshops by such experts as violinist David William Shoup, DO; former professional dancer Rebecca Fishman, DO; former bandleader Kris Chesky, PhD; and vocal expert Stephen Austin, PhD.

“By the end of OMED 2015, those who attended the AAO’s didactic program will be able to recognize the unique medical needs of performing artists, understand the basic principles of providing care to performing artists, and appreciate osteopathic medicine’s contributions to performing arts medicine,” explains the program’s chair, Sajid A. Surve, DO.

The Academy’s program at OMED 2015 will be held from Saturday, Oct. 17, to Monday, Oct. 19, so that Academy members can keep their time out of the office to a minimum if they wish. Those Academy members who decide to stay through the end of OMED are welcome to attend the didactic programs of the other specialty colleges on Tuesday, Oct. 20, and the AOA’s joint session on Wednesday, Oct. 21. (Please note that the AOA has yet to confirm whether the joint session will be held this year.)

OES at OMED
Not only is now a good time to register for OMED, but it is also opportune for volunteering for the complimentary Osteopathic Education Service (OES) that the Academy will conduct at the conference.

During the OES sessions, AAO members and others provide hands-on demonstrations of osteopathic diagnostic and treatment techniques to conference goers, including guests and exhibitors. Participants will be matched with volunteer physicians in both private and group sessions, and the sessions will be for educational purposes only.

Like the Academy’s didactic program at OMED, the OES sessions will be offered Oct. 17-19.

DOs from all specialties are invited to volunteer to demonstrate their palpatory and treatment skills at the OES. Volunteers earn 0.5 credit of AOA Category 1-B continuing medical education for each demonstration they give.

To volunteer in advance of OMED for the OES, contact AAO Associate Executive Director Sherri L. Quarles at squarles@academyofosteopathy.org. Those who are not sure of their schedules until they arrive at OMED can volunteer on site at the OES center in the AOA's exhibit hall.

Volunteers must have their own professional liability coverage.

Visit us online at www.academyofosteopathy.org to learn more about the AAO’s program at OMED 2015 and other upcoming courses.
Dr. Becher to decide who to appoint to the committees they requested.

Next year, the Academy would like to at least double the number of endorsement letters it sends to the AOA’s incoming president and more than double the number of AAO members selected.

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Performing arts medicine is a fledgling field, encompassing the study and care of performers within the disciplines of music, dance and drama. Osteopathic physicians are uniquely suited to care for these patients. This program will explore the performing arts, featuring lectures and workshops by experts in performing arts medicine.

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With its theme of “Osteopathic Contributions to Performing Arts Medicine,” the AAO’s program will address hot topics and explain how DOs can use osteopathic manipulative medicine to care for highly talented patients with dysfunctions that arise from singing, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Speakers will include David William Shoup, DO, who has played the violin since age 7; former bandleader Kris Chesky, PhD, who currently directs the Texas Center of Music & Medicine; Stephen Austin, PhD, an internationally renowned expert in vocal studies; Richard T. Jermyn, DO, the director of the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine’s NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute; and Rebecca Fishman, DO, a former professional dancer and singer.

Learn more at www.academyofosteofeatODY.org.
50 Years and Counting

On May 26, 1965, Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAODist, FCA, graduated from what is now the Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM) in Missouri. In the five decades that followed, Dr. Chila served as a leader in the American Academy of Osteopathy, The Osteopathic Cranial Academy and the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Chila told AAO Member News, “Fifty years seems like a long time, but it’s gone by very fast. Thanks to the support of my family, I’ve had fun along the way.”

Known widely throughout the U.S. and international osteopathic communities as an educator, Dr. Chila began his academic career in 1977 at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing. In 1978, he joined the faculty of the 3-year-old Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM) at Athens.

As a professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) at OU-HCOM, Dr. Chila developed OMM curriculum, served on committees, and operated a clinical practice. In addition, he chaired the Department of Family Medicine for 10 years. Dr. Chila retired from active teaching at OU-HCOM in 2011, at which time he was named a professor emeritus of family medicine. Since then, Dr. Chila has continued in active clinical practice at University Medical Associates in Athens, where he works with residents and students.

Dr. Chila has been extremely active with the Academy, serving as its president in 1983–84 and again in 1985–87, serving as scientific editor of The AAO Journal from 2000 to 2007, overseeing the Academy’s golden anniversary in 1987, editing the Academy’s 75th anniversary commemorative publication, and presenting frequently at Convocation.

In 1997, Dr. Chila received the Academy’s highest award, the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor. Eleven years later, he received the inaugural Distinguished Service Award from the fellows of the American Academy of Osteopathy and the Distinguished Service Award from The Osteopathic Cranial Academy.

In addition, Dr. Chila chaired for five years the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine.

Dr. Chila has also been active with the American Osteopathic Association. Most recently, he served as the executive editor for the third edition of the AOA’s Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine textbook. He also served on both the Editorial Advisory Board and the Editorial Board of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, as well as on the AOA Council on Research. In 1995, he received the AOA Council on Research’s Gutensohn-Denslow Award.

Dr. Chila has been the author or co-author of articles published in such journals as the AAOJ, the JAOA, Osteopathic Annals, the International Federation of Manual Medicine’s Journal of Manual Medicine, the Journal of Applied Physiology, and the Journal of Musculoskeletal Pain.


Dr. Chila was named Alumnus of the Year by KCU-COM in 1997 and Educator of the Year by the American Osteopathic Foundation in 2013.

When asked what one thing he would like to teach all DOs, Dr. Chila replied, “The [patient’s] history is not the history until it is the history.” Clinicians should not completely accept the reported history. Rather they should trust what their own evaluations tell them.

At the AAO’s 2015 Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Chila presented two workshops and a lecture on the theme of “Be Where You Are When You Are There,” reflecting on how his thoughts, practices and teachings have evolved in 50 years.

“I could very well dedicate this entire Convocation to [Dr. Chila],” said Richard G. Schuster, DO, when he introduced Dr. Chila before his closing lecture on Sunday, March 15. Dr. Schuster, who chaired the 2015 Convocation, went on to say, “He is far and a way the biggest influence in my professional life.” You can listen to Dr. Chila’s closing lecture on YouTube.
The Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Downers Grove, Illinois, a suburb of the greater Chicago area, is seeking a full-time Faculty Member for the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM). Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine was founded in 1900 and has graduated over 6000 osteopathic physicians. The OMM Department provides a strong foundational knowledge of musculoskeletal medicine through its four year curriculum as well as its post-doctoral programs. The OMM department at CCOM has established core faculty members, a comprehensive symptom-presentation curriculum, strong leadership, and robust research activity. This full time faculty member will assist the Chair and oversee the pre-doctoral education as presented in years 1-4, assist with the post-doctoral integration of OMM, and work with the student scholars mentoring their research pursuits. Candidates must possess a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from a COCA-accredited college of osteopathic medicine and be board certified. Neuromusculoskeletal medicine certification is desirable, but not required. The successful candidate will have proven clinical, faculty and administrative experience.

Please submit your application, letter of intent & CV through MWU’s online job board by visiting www.midwestern.edu. Applicants may email inquiries to: Greg Pytlak, MS, MBA, Education Specialist at gpytla@midwestern.edu.

Dr. Kuchera is proud that he secured, planned and chaired the only triennial FIMM Scientific and Educational Congress held in North America, which took place in Chicago in 2001. In addition, he is proud of his recent work with the FIMM Health Policy Board in drafting FIMM’s Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Manual Medicine. In between, Dr. Kuchera drafted FIMM’s white paper on osteopathic medicine to acquaint FIMM’s member organizations with the principles of osteopathic medicine.

The Academy’s 1996-97 president, Dr. Kuchera has served on the AAO’s Education Committee since 2011, and he has served on the AAO’s International Affairs Committee since it was formed in 1995, serving as its chair since 2009. He previously served on the AAO’s Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee.
Brandon Wayne Crawford, OMS III, received the inaugural Thomas A. Quinn, DO, Osteopathic Scholarship from the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF) in July.

The scholarship was established for second-year students at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine-Bradenton (LECOM-Bradenton) in Florida. It recognizes a student who is committed to osteopathic principles and practice, who has excelled academically, and who plans to pursue an osteopathic residency. The scholarship provides $1,000 per year for three years.

A member of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy, Crawford was introduced to osteopathic manipulative treatment when he shadowed Mark J. Scherlie, DO, of Salem, Oregon. “After seeing how [Dr. Scherlie] could take a patient from being in excruciating pain to having little to no pain within an office visit and without the use of medications, I was hooked on the osteopathic way,” explains Crawford, who is planning to apply to an integrated residency program in family medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine.

Thomas A. Quinn, DO, established the scholarship as “my way of showing appreciation to the profession that has given me the opportunity to become a physician.”

A 1966 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Quinn was one of the first osteopathic physicians commissioned as medical officers in the U.S. armed forces. After serving in the U.S. Navy for 24 years, Dr. Quinn established a family practice in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he remained for 22 years.

In 1990, he moved to Florida, where he served as the vice president for medical management for the JSA Medical Group; as the national medical director for Humana Workers’ Compensation; and as the medical director for the Florida League of Cities.

Dr. Quinn has been a professor of family medicine at LECOM-Bradenton since the school began teaching students in 2004. He is the author of *The Feminine Touch: Women in Osteopathic Medicine*, which chronicles the fight for sexual equality in the osteopathic medical profession as the profession itself struggled for equality with the allopathic medical profession. A producer at a Florida affiliate of the Public Broadcasting Service has proposed a documentary based on Dr. Quinn’s book.

Learn more about the AOF’s Quinn scholarship at www.aof.org.
**Course Description**
Using principles developed by Jean-Pierre Barral, DO (France), participants in this course will examine the peripheral nerves of the lower body. Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, will demonstrate visceral manipulation techniques to identify and treat dysfunctions in the general anatomy, including those affecting vascular supply, innervation, axonal transport and mechanical aspects, as well as dysfunctions resulting from lesions and trauma.

Participants will learn palpation methods for finding a nerve and for determining dysfunction by identifying lack of pliability, hardness, and nerve “buds.” In addition, participants will learn treatment approaches, effects of treatment, indications and contraindications.

Dr. Lossing will discuss diagnostic and treatment techniques for the lumbar plexus, the sacral plexus, the genitofemoral nerve, the lateral femoral cutaneous nerve, the obturator nerve, the saphenous nerve, the superior gluteal nerve, the sciatic nerve, the tibial nerve, the medial sural cutaneous nerve, the lateral dorsal cutaneous nerve, the medial and lateral plantar nerves, the fibular nerve and the intercostal nerves.

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

**Course Times**
Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please contact AAO Event Planner Sherrie Warner with special dietary needs at (317) 879-1881, ext. 220, or SWarner@academyofosteopathy.org.

**Continuing Medical Education**
24 credits of NMM- and FP-specific AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated.

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**Registration Fees**

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* The AAO’s associate members, international affiliates and supporter members are entitled to register at the same fees as full members.

The AAO accepts check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover payments in U.S. dollars. The AAO does not accept American Express.

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Medicare Payments Increased by 0.5 Percent

On July 1, Medicare payments to physicians increased by 0.5 percent. The increase is part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, which also permanently repeals the sustainable growth rate formula and replaces it with physician payment systems that value quality of care rather than volume.

Physician payments will increase by 0.5 percent annually through 2019 to provide physicians with a “period of stability” during which to invest in practice changes and otherwise prepare for the new payment systems. Starting in 2019, payments will be based on participating either in alternative payment models such as patient-centered medical homes or in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System, which will streamline and combine the Physician Quality Reporting System, the Value-Based Payment Modifier Program, and the Electronic Health Records Incentive Programs.

Reauthorization Act Automatically Extends Private Contracts With Medicare Beneficiaries

Effective June 13, 2015, physicians who have opted out of Medicare payments but who privately contract with Medicare beneficiaries will no longer have to renew those agreements. Under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, which the U.S. Congress passed in April, private contracts between physicians and Medicare Part B beneficiaries will be extended automatically unless physicians provide “notices of nonextension” 30 days or more before the end of the contract period.

This policy is effective for both new contracts and current contracts up for renewal on or after June 13.

Participating physicians who wish to opt out of Medicare may do so at the beginning of any calendar quarter, provided they submit an affidavit to their Medicare contractor at least 30 days before the beginning of the next quarter.

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will make certain information on health care professionals in private contracts publicly available by Feb. 1, 2016, including specialties, other designations and geographic distribution. CMS will update this information annually.

To learn more, Academy members can access online resources at both the American Osteopathic Association and CMS, as well as contact their Medicare administrative contractors.

CMS Loosens Part D Requirements

To reduce problems that beneficiaries might face in obtaining medications, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has loosened some of its requirements related to Medicare Part D drug

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prescriptions. According to a CMS interim final rule released in May, Medicare Part D plans will be required to cover Part D medications legally prescribed by pharmacists and other health care professionals who are not eligible to enroll in Medicare.

The new requirements were issued to address an unintended consequence of a May 2014 rule requiring physicians and other eligible professionals to enroll in Medicare or meet opt-out requirements to prescribe drugs covered under Part D. That rule did not account for pharmacists and other professionals who can legally prescribe but who do not meet the statutory definition to be enrolled in Medicare. As a consequence, Part D plans could deny claims from beneficiaries for drugs prescribed by such professionals.

Also under the new requirements, Part D plan sponsors will have to provide beneficiaries with provisional coverage and written notices before rejecting claims and denying beneficiaries’ requests for reimbursement for drugs prescribed by professionals who do not meet the Medicare-enrollment requirements or the opt-out requirements.

The new requirements will be enforced beginning Jan. 1, 2016.

ICD-10 Grace Period
With the implementation of ICD-10 coding on Oct. 1, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced measures to help physicians transition to the new code set. While valid ICD-10 codes will still be required on all claims for services after Sept. 30, 2015, claims will not be denied based solely on the specificity of ICD-10 diagnosis codes so long as valid codes from appropriate families of codes are used. This provision will remain in effect for one year.

In addition, physicians will not be subject to penalties under CMS’s quality programs during primary-source verification or auditing related to the specificity of the ICD-10 diagnosis codes, provided physicians use appropriate families of codes.

CMS plans to set up a communication and collaboration center to address problems with the transition, as well as to authorize advance payments physicians request because of delays in processing claims.

The American Osteopathic Association and CMS will provide updates during the transition to ICD-10.

Open Payments Posts 2014 Financial Data
Open Payments data on the financial transactions between physicians and medical manufacturers are now publicly available. The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the 2014 data on the agency’s website on June 30. The data detail around 11.4 million transactions last year with more than 600,000 physicians and more than 1,100 teaching hospitals. The total value of those transactions is estimated at $6.49 billion.

Created by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, the Open Payments program requires pharmaceutical and device manufacturers to report honoraria, research grants and other transfers of value made to health care professionals, as well as industry-related investments held by health care professionals. Physicians and teaching hospitals are allowed to review and dispute the information submitted by these companies before the data are released. In accordance with the law, CMS will conduct the same review process next year for the 2015 data.

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 to the “What Is Osteopathic Medicine?” page on the Academy’s website at www.academyofosteopathy.org so that patients around the country can access it. The YouTube video has been viewed more than 1,250 times since it was posted on July 23, 2014.

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

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.

Follow the AAO online

Dr. Habenicht’s Unexpected Road to Osteopathy Led to Remarkable Difference

Editor’s note: AAO associate member Charlotte H. Greene, PhD, conducts interviews with osteopathic physicians to explore the rewards and challenges they have encountered during their careers in osteopathic medicine, to highlight the contributions of mentors, and to preserve accounts that otherwise may be lost. Dr. Greene is a professor in the Department of Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Donald R. Eaton Jr. provides Dr. Greene with editorial assistance in preparing these interviews, and these interviews are edited to meet the style guidelines of AAO Member News. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Dr. Greene at charlotte@pcom.edu.

Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, CS, was the AAO’s 1997-98 president, and she has served on the AAO Board of Governors since 2008 and on the Student Academies Committee since 2009. Previously, Dr. Habenicht served on the Academy’s Awards Committee, the AAO Education Committee and the AAO Bylaws Committee. From 2009 to 2012, she chaired the AAO Bylaws Committee. She is a former chair and a current member of the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, and she served as a section editor for the third edition of the American Osteopathic Association’s Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine textbook. Since February 2015, Dr. Habenicht has chaired the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis. Previously, she was a professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine and family medicine at her alma mater, the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Illinois.

What Could Osteopathy Possibly Be?
I first applied to medical school in 1974 as I completed my undergraduate studies at Valparaiso University in Indiana. However, because women were not considered a minority in the early ’70s, my grades and MCAT scores were not enough to distinguish me from other prospective medical students, and I was placed on alternate admissions lists at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield and the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Chicago. I should say here that I had no knowledge of osteopathic medicine at the time.

I attended graduate school for medical microbiology at the Loyola University Health Science Campus in Maywood, Illinois. I conducted animal virology research, investigating the infectiousness of a particular DNA virus. Because my graduate adviser—who had very good postdoctoral training and who had been selected out of 100 applicants to be a professor—spent most of his time writing grant requests to fund research, laboratory assistants and technicians, my lab partner and I were the ones doing most of the actual research. I enjoyed playing with “stuff” and putting everything together to do the actual experiments, but I had no interest in following in my adviser’s footsteps and becoming a de facto grant writer.

Graduate students are always looking for extra money, and Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood offered part-time jobs. I trained as a phlebotomist, and I was assigned to do the morning blood draw every day.

While interacting with patients, I realized that I was still very much interested in patient care and medicine. I was in a ridiculous situation: I enjoyed patient contact, and I didn’t want to write grants for the rest of my life.

In 1977, my friend Ruth Emyanitoff Badler, PhD, suggested I should apply to osteopathic medical schools. I didn’t know what she was talking about. Her good friend, Diane Albrycht Boes, DO, was a senior at what was then called the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM). So I met with Diane to find out about osteopathy. She showed me around campus, which at that time was in Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood. And she introduced me to many friendly students, faculty and staff. It was a totally different experience than my visits to other medical school campuses.

During that first visit, I met with Virginia Irene Costello, the registrar. When I showed her my MCAT scores and transcripts, she said, “Oh, you have to apply right now. You’re highly competitive.” Two weeks after sending in my application to CCOM, I received an invitation to be interviewed.

Dean of Students Harold Lee Hakes, PhD, JD; Mark Walton, DO, a professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM); and Sheila M. Boss, DO, who was a student at the time, were among those who interviewed me. My graduate adviser and my department chair at Loyola refused to write recommendation letters because they thought I should continue in microbiology and they thought medical school was

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Given my transcripts and MCAT scores as well as recommendations from my undergraduate days, Dr. Hakes was very optimistic about my chances of being accepted to the program. Within three weeks, I was accepted, but I still didn’t know anything about osteopathy.

A Hippie and Other CCOM Mentors
My introduction to OMM came during my first week at CCOM when we were required to undergo postural studies—X-rays that would be incorporated into our OMM instruction. The following week, we sat in groups around treatment tables with a stack of our postural studies. My X-ray came up first. The late Max P. Hostetler, DO, who was an Academy member, was working with us that day, and he noted that I had crossover points and one short leg, which indicated to him that I experienced low back pain, a lot of gastrointestinal upset and a lot of headaches. I was amazed at what he could glean from a simple X-ray.

At Dr. Hostetler’s suggestion, I sought treatment from Dr. Walton, who gave me my first osteopathic manipulative treatment. It made a remarkable difference in my comfort. I realized then that if I had gone to an allopathic medical school, I never would have understood what I was missing.

When I entered CCOM, AAO member Norman J. Larson, DO, FAAO, chaired the OMM department, and Robert E. Kappler, DO, FAAODist, FCA, was second in command. Dr. Walton and Kenneth E. Nelson, DO, FAAO, FACOFPdist, were members of the department. Dr. Larson gave a one-hour OMM lecture on Tuesdays, and he ran what he called a “peripheral nerve clinic,” which first-year students could attend. Dr. Larson had the ability to put one hand on a person’s upper back and call out his or her blood sugar level within 10 deciliters of the actual level.

When I was a second-year student, I applied for an undergraduate fellowship in osteopathic medicine. The fellowship stretched the last two years of school into three years, providing me with an extra year with my mentors and extra rotations. In addition, I worked in CCOM’s outpatient clinic, taught courses, wrote test questions and prepped labs. In return, the fellowship paid my tuition for three years.

I was fortunate enough to get my fellowship in June 1979. Shortly thereafter, Ken Nelson joined the full-time faculty. Ken became my mentor, helping me to develop my skills while I taught, attended rounds and saw patients in the clinic.

Ken was an old hippie: My first memory of him consists of Ken wearing a hat, an old army jacket and sandals with socks, and he had an ear he had pierced himself. He was a wonderful physician. I remember being on shifts with him when he was moonlighting in the emergency department at the former Chicago Osteopathic Medical Center. It seemed as if all the loonies would come out when Ken was there. I think that they would look at the ER schedule and say, “Oh, Nelson. OK. I’ll go in.” They would just come out of the walls.

On one late shift, a patient whom Ken called Patch came in to the emergency department and signed up for psychiatric triage. She was a mature woman, maybe in her late 50s, and she was wearing a leopard-print coat with a negligee hanging out the bottom of the coat, a patch over one eye, a turban on her head and pink fuzzy slippers on her feet. Ken was explaining to another female patient that 1 a.m. in the ER was not the best time or place for a well-baby visit and that all other patients would be seen before her. Having overheard only the part about everyone else going first, Patch got up, walked to the middle of the ER’s waiting area, spun around, and dropped to the floor. She lay there squeezing her eyes shut.

So Ken went over and asked, “Are you OK? Are you OK?” When she didn’t respond, he took one of his knuckles and rubbed on her sternum. Again, the patient didn’t respond. So Ken took the flat of his hand and slapped her on her cheek to bring her around. When Patch still didn’t respond, Ken calmly knelt down and whispered in her ear, “If you don’t get the hell up off the floor, I’m going to slap [you silly.]” The patient came zooming up and said, “You can’t talk to me like that! You can’t talk to me like that!” The nurses escorted her to psych triaging, and that was that. Ken was very unique in his ways of taking care of patients.

Another time, I recall getting paged to the ER while I was doing a family medicine rotation during my third year, and there I found one of my clinic patients sitting with P. Robert Lombardo, DO, FACOS, the chair of surgery. According to Dr. Lombardo, the patient refused to sign a consent for surgery until she discussed the surgery...

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with me because I was her family physician. I assured the patient that Dr. Lombardo was an excellent surgeon and that if he believed she needed surgery, I agreed she should have it done. This experience emphasized how osteopathic physicians build profoundly trusting relationships when we talk with our patients, when we put our hands on them, and when we establish a foundation of caring.

Another mentor I met while I was a student at CCOM was Richard L. Jensen, DO, a true osteopathic general surgeon. In his practice, Richard functioned as a family physician, and he was board certified in both osteopathic surgery and osteopathic obstetrics and gynecology. He did everything. When I became a general practitioner, I used Richard as one of my surgical referrals.

Taking OMT to Michigan and Back

After I graduated from CCOM, my under-graduate fellowship partner, Mary Jo Refermat, DO, and I went to Lakeview General Osteopathic Hospital, a small osteopathic hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan, to serve osteopathic rotating internships. It was a great experience because we worked one-on-one with the attending physicians at Lakeview.

There, I met another of my mentors, Mark Marzolf, DO, a wonderful general surgeon who helped us treat his patients. Once when Mark examined a patient who was referred to him for pelvic pain, he turned to me and asked, “What do you think?” I said that I thought the patient had an anterior sacrum dysfunction. Mark agreed, and he invited me to treat the patient. After I treated the patient using the side sacrum technique and high-velocity, low-amplitude thrust, the patient said the pain went away. Mark said, “OK, we are done!” He treated patients before and after surgery with rib-raising, lymphatic and other techniques.

During my internship at Lakeview, the internal medicine and pediatrics services were located at Borgess Medical Center and Bronson Healthcare, two large allopathic hospitals in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Whereas Lakeview was a 100-bed facility, Bronson had 800 beds. Bronson had a huge internal medicine service, and as interns, we worked with various group practices and had different assignments. Dr. Refermat and I were the only DOs, and we took care of about six physicians’ patients. Although we weren’t permitted to provide osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) freely, we certainly used our palpatory diagnosis skills daily.

After my internship, I returned to Chicago and became an OMM instructor at CCOM. I also worked part time at a family medicine practice. After six years or so, I escaped the medical practice plan, and I went off on my own for about 10 years. I found that incorporating OMM into my practice caused it to grow much faster than a typical practice. Whereas it usually took about five years to get a practice going, I found that with OMM, it took about three. I used OMT on about 95 percent of my patients.

I did not like the administration tasks required in private practice. I just wanted to see patients. So when I received an offer to sell my practice, I decided it was time.

At CCOM, I eventually became a professor of family medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine. In addition, I practiced urgent care medicine in a facility at which half of the physicians were DOs. I didn’t use OMT to treat every patient in urgent care, but I could and did treat many of them with OMT. My palpatory skills, which I use all the time, helped enormously to differentiate problems.

Keeping an Open Mind

As I look to the future of osteopathic medicine, I see that we have many new osteopathic medical schools. That’s good and bad. It’s good that the demand for osteopathic medical education is growing. It’s bad that we cannot keep up with the demand for osteopathic medical educators. We see more and more of our students and graduates trained by MDs. While some MDs embrace osteopathic philosophy, many are still skeptical about osteopathic medicine because they haven’t learned how beneficial it is.

Osteopathy needs to be integrated throughout the teaching of basic and medical sciences so that osteopathic medical students understand why we are different. I hear students—and even physicians—say, “This is the osteopathic exam,” when they are referring to what they should be calling the structural exam or the neuromusculoskeletal exam. That irritates me. When you are an osteopathic physician, the entire physical is an osteopathic exam.

When osteopathic medical students are taught physical diagnosis, they need to learn the OMM aspects. They must view palpatory findings and somatic dysfunction as integral to making diagnoses, not as separate from the diagnoses. It is important to get students to understand that body, mind and spirit need to be put together.

I always tell my students that they should keep their minds open. If I told you 35 years ago that I was going to surround you with a giant magnet and shoot radio waves at you and get a really great picture, you would have told me that I was crazy. But that’s what magnetic resonance imaging does. So be open. Just because you don’t understand something, it doesn’t mean the idea lacks validity. You should investigate it.

Back when I was a student, I was obsessed with asking, “How does it work? Why does it work?” Now, I’m at the point at which I recognize that we may not yet have the tools to find out everything. In the future, we might, but we don’t right now. So if a treatment doesn’t hurt my patients and it seems to help them, I’m going to use it.
Walking Toward Health:  
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July 29-31, 2016 • The Pyramids, Indianapolis

Course Description
Edward G. Stiles, DO, FAAO, and Charles A. Beck, DO, FAAO, will present research data that support using a functional approach to treat patients for gait dysfunctions.

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Course Location
Pyramid Three (two buildings away from the AAO’s office)  
3500 DePauw Blvd., lower level, Conference Rooms A and B  
Indianapolis, IN 46268  
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Course Times and Meal Information
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Course Directors
A 1965 graduate of what is now the A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri, Edward G. Stiles, DO, FAAO, has a rich and deep understanding of numerous pioneering concepts, events and personalities in osteopathic medicine.

While an osteopathic medical student, Dr. Stiles trained with George Andrew Laughlin, DO, a grandson of Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO. Early in his medical career, Dr. Stiles took over the Cambridge, Massachusetts, practice of Perrin T. Wilson, DO, an internationally recognized osteopathic physician and the second person to lead the American Academy of Osteopathy. Dr. Stiles established the first hospital-based osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) service in the United States, and he helped develop the first OMT billing codes. Additionally, he has been recognized by the American Osteopathic Association as a Great Pioneer in Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Stiles has taught at the osteopathic medical colleges at Oklahoma State University, Michigan State University and the University of Pikeville in Kentucky. He has delivered the American Osteopathic Association’s Andrew Taylor Still Memorial Address, as well as the Academy’s Thomas L. Northup Lecture, its Scott Memorial Lecture and its Harold A. Blood, DO, FAAO, Memorial Lecture. Dr. Stiles also is a recipient of the Academy’s highest award, the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor.

Like Dr. Stiles, Charles A. Beck, DO, FAAO, is board certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine. He earned his DO degree from the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM).

Dr. Beck has received many awards, including the Edward G. Stiles Award for Osteopathic Manipulation from UP-KYCOM, and he serves as an adjunct faculty member for several osteopathic medical schools, including the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Beck is in private practice in Indianapolis at the Meridian Holistic Center.

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Between Oct. 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015, 83 osteopathic physicians joined the Academy, as did five international health care professionals. Fifty of these new members were approved by the AAO Board of Trustees at its March meeting at the 2015 Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky, while the remaining 37 were approved by the board at its July meeting at the AAO office in Indianapolis. The new members are as follows:

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Jeremy Dean Clark, DO, MS, Louisville, Kentucky
Jasmine Ruth Constanza, DO, New York City
Rebekah A. Costello, DO, MBS, Kalamazoo, Michigan
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Kendra C. Martin, DO, Kirksville, Missouri
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Arpit A. Patel, DO, East Meadow, New York
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Members in the News: Awards, Published Works and Even Twitter Chats

The ability to accurately determine asymmetry of the anatomic landmark levels of the right and left anterior superior iliac spine (ASIS) is critical in identifying muscle imbalance in the pelvic region and dysfunction of the iliosacral joints, as well as in selecting proper intervention with osteopathic manipulative treatment. However, studies have shown poor inter-examiner reliability in assessing ASIS anatomic landmarks. In the original research contribution “Accuracy of Anterior Superior Iliac Spine Symmetry Assessment by Routine Structural Examination,” Albert S. Lee, PharmD, DO; Casey W. Pyle, DO; and David Redding, DO, report their data on the influence of homogeneous training, years of experience, and eye dominance in correctly assessing ASIS. The research was conducted while the first two authors were members of the Nation Undergraduate Fellows Association during their undergraduate fellowships at the Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, California. For the study, five osteopathic physicians, 15 undergraduate fellows, 61 second-year students and 66 first-year students examined three plastic pelvis models with ASIS anatomic landmarks set at different levels: even, 5-mm discrepancy and 10-mm discrepancy. The participants used both their dominant and nondominant eyes to assess ASIS levels. The authors reported in their article in the August issue of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association that level of training was statistically significant only for the 5-mm ASIS discrepancy, for which participants with more experience were more accurate. In addition, no statistically significant differences were found in the percentage of correct results related to eye dominance.

In May, former AAO governor David D. Musgrave, DO, of West Des Moines, Iowa, 

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Have It Your Way: It’s Your Name

Does your name read the way you want it to on correspondence from the Academy and on the AAO’s “Find a Physician” service at www.FindOMM.org? Or does it have your full middle name when you prefer to use your middle initial? Does it have a hyphen between your two last names instead of the space you prefer? Is it missing one of your doctoral degrees or fellowship designations? If so, let the Academy know, and we will fix your name to your liking.

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received the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association’s Life Service Award. The award recognizes osteopathic physicians who have spent the greater part of their lives providing osteopathic health care to Iowa’s residents. Recipients are honored for modeling the highest ideals of the profession to their communities. Dr. Musgrave is a 1973 graduate of the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and he practices osteopathic manipulative medicine in West Des Moines. Dr. Musgrave served on the Academy’s Board of Governors from 2011 to 2013, and he has served on the AAO’s Osteopathic Education Service Committee since 2009.

On April 27, Tyler C. Cymet, DO, hosted a Twitter chat to discuss developments in osteopathic medical education, including technological advances in the classroom and distance learning. The associate vice president for medical education and the chief of clinical education at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Cymet engaged Twitter followers on topics covered in the April issue of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, the annual medical education issue for which Dr. Cymet was the guest editor. The Twitter conversation touched on using games in education, virtual patient simulations, ultrasonography, feedback and more. Read more online at The DO.

In the summer 2015 issue of AOMA Digest from the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, Douglas J. Jorgensen, DO, CPC, FAAO, FACOFP, of Manchester, Maine, asks readers whether they are ready for ICD-10, which goes into effect Oct. 1. In his article, titled “ICD-10 … Are Ya’ Ready?” Dr. Jorgensen recognizes the need for ICD-10, which he calls “the single largest change to the U.S. healthcare system since 1994.” Most of the international community has already adopted ICD-10 standards, which means that many countries are able to provide more up-to-date information to health-monitoring agencies than the United States can. Ebola, for instance, is not included in ICD-9, so health care professionals in the United States have not been able to accurately code cases of the disease. Dr. Jorgensen provides advice for preparing for and adopting the new system prior to Oct. 1, and he reminds readers that ICD-9 will not entirely disappear as “denials or delays in payment prior to October will still need to be … coded in ICD-9.”

An April article in The DO addresses the importance and significance of the white coat. Although some osteopathic physicians believe the white coat is still an important symbol of authority and expertise, others have opted to forgo the white coat for fear of exacerbating patients’ anxiety. Michelle J. Curtin, DO, of Louisville, Kentucky, told The DO, “Starting in residency, I was asked to never wear a white coat, since the kids in the hospital were already scared and vulnerable.” The article also notes that in
the United Kingdom, white coats and neckties have been banned to reduce hospital-acquired infections.

Former Academy president Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, FAAO, delivered the J.O. Watson Memorial Lecture on April 22 at the Ohio Osteopathic Association’s symposium in Easton, Ohio. In his lecture, which was titled “Leading the Medical Education Expedition,” Dr. Johnson called for creating a network-based academic health system that spans each state, that incorporates technology to transform care, that aligns with the rapidly improving public opinion about osteopathic care, and that reconsiders how much authentic practice is required before graduates are licensed. Such a system could improve the nation’s health care and allow new physicians to add more value, proposed Dr. Johnson, who serves as the executive dean of the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens.

AAO associate member David P. Yens, PhD, is one of the authors of “Funding and Other Resources for Beginning Researchers,” which was published on Pages 18-29 of the July-August issue of Osteopathic Family Physician. Although osteopathic medical research is vital to advancing the profession, not enough is being done. With this article, the authors complete a three-part primer designed to guide beginning researchers in launching their first studies. This installment provides information on resources, funding, grant writing, proposal writing and budget requirements. The other parts of the primer were published in the July 2013 and the January 2014 issues of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association. An associate professor of family medicine and educational development and assessment at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, Dr. Yens is the vice chair of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine’s Council of Researchers, which proposed creating the primer.

Craig De Chappell, DO, of Pleasant Grove, Utah, co-wrote “Assessing the Immediate Effect of Osteopathic Manipulation on Sports Related Concussion Systems,” which was published on Pages 30-35 of the July-August issue of Osteopathic Family Physician. Dr. De Chappell and his co-authors retrospectively examined the effect of osteopathic manipulative treatment in reducing concussive symptoms among athletes. Based on reviewing 26 patient charts, the authors found significant improvement in the following 10 symptoms after athletes received OMT: headache, pressure in the head, blurred vision, sensitivity to light, feeling in a fog, not feeling right, difficulty concentrating, fatigue or low energy, irritability and sadness.

John Meulendyk, DO, MPH, was interviewed for a July 13 article in The DO titled “DO Schools Revamp Efforts to Foster Well-rounded Medical Students.” According to the article, several osteopathic medical schools have initiated programs to “encourage students to embrace pursuits beyond math and science.” A co-director of the Leadership Academy for Compassionate Care at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Dr. Meulendyk observed, “Personal eye contact, touch and bodily awareness are often missing [in today’s technologically driven students]. These are the basic tools for showing compassion.”

At the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association’s annual convention, which was held May 6-10 in Phoenix, two members of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy were awarded first place and second place for their student research posters. First place went to Riley Ann Landreth, OMS V, for her poster titled “Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and the Diagnostic Implications of Anatomical Variation in the Brachial Plexus.” Anjali Taneja, OMS III, earned second place for her poster titled “Oxidative Stress Is Involved in the Sanguinarine-Mediated Sensitization of Cervical Cancer SiHa Cells to TRAIL.” Landreth and Taneja are students at the Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale. AAO members Lori Alane Kemper, DO, MS; Evelyn Ann Schwalenberg, DO, MS, FACP, FACOI; and Katherine A. Worden, DO, were among the judges for the competition.

Arizona Osteopathic Charities awarded a $500 scholarship to David Larsen, OMS IV, during the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association’s annual convention in May. The charity invited students from the Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (MWU/AZCOM) in August 2015 AAO Member News 21

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Pay Your Dues Online

If you have not had a chance yet to pay your 2015-16 Academy dues, you can get that out of the way today by logging in to your account on the AAO’s website and paying online. So far this year, approximately 60 percent of those who have paid their dues have taken advantage of the Academy’s online option.

Sarah Jean James-Miner, DO, of Verona, Wisconsin, found the online payment system easy to use, writing, “Just wanted to let you know that the online payment option worked SO well! Love it.”

If online payments are not for you, you can use the paper invoice the Academy sent to you in early June, or you can contact AAO Associate Executive Director and Accountant Sherri L. Quarles by calling (317) 879-1881, ext. 214, or by emailing squarles@academyofosteopathy.org.

Whatever your preferred means of submitting your dues payment, be sure to renew today to receive uninterrupted benefits like AAO Member News, The AAO Journal, and discounts on books and courses.

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Golden Ram Jump Starts 2015-16 Campaign

Donations to the Golden Ram Society’s 2015-16 campaign, which started on June 1, are off to a good start. As of July 31, contributions from 43 individuals totaling $10,633 had been received. With nine months to go, the 2015-16 campaign already has reached 30 percent of its $35,000 goal and nearly 60 percent of the total Golden Ram donations to the 2014-15 campaign.

Since 1987, AAO members’ generous contributions to the Golden Ram Society have augmented the Academy’s operating budget, enabling the AAO to keep dues and other fees lower. AAO member dues have remained the same for four years, and the Academy was able to reduce fees for the AAO’s Convocation by $100 in 2014.

Donations to the 2015-16 Golden Ram campaign can be made online by logging on to www.academyofosteopathy.org. Donations also may be mailed to the American Academy of Osteopathy, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 1100, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1136.

If you desire, you can set up recurring monthly donations of $25 or more. You can call AAO Associate Executive Director and Accountant Sherri L. Quarles at (317) 879-1881, ext. 214, or email her at SQuarles@academyofosteopathy.org to set up your recurring donation.

The following list summarizes the contributions made as of July 31 to the Golden Ram Society’s 2015-16 campaign:

**President’s Club—$2,500 or more**
- Damon Matthew Whitfield, DO

**A.T. Still Club—$1,000 to $2,499**
- Robert E. Kappler, DO, FAAODist, FCA
- Gary L. Ostrow, DO

**T.L. Northup Club—$500 to $999**
- Robert N. Agnello, DO
- Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO
- T. Reid Kavieff, DO

**Louisa Burns Club—$250 to $499**
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- Gregory Craddock, DO
- Sharon Gustowski, DO, MPH
- Sonia Rivera-Martinez, DO, FACOFP
- Ralph Schuerer, DOM (Germany)
- Sandra L. Slezynski, DO, FAAO
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- Michael J. Porvaznik, DO
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- Therese Marie Scott, DO
- Joel D. Stein, DO, FAAO
- David E. Teitelbaum, DO
- Piers N. Vigers, DO (United Kingdom)

**Vicki Dyson Club—$100 to $249**
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- Charles A. Beck, DO, FAAO
- Joel Berenheim, DO
- Thomas R. Byrnes, DO
- Hafifa Chen, DO
- Brian William Abbott, DO
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- Stamatia F. Gockel, DO
- John H. Juhi, DO
- R. Paul Lee, DO, FAAO, FCA
- Cathy R. Lindsay, DO, PS
- Meredith C. Norris, DO
- Ann M. Sousa, DO
The following list of webinars is provided as a courtesy to our readers. The AAO is not responsible for the content of these webinars.

**UPCOMING WEBINARS**

**American Osteopathic Association**

*and the American Osteopathic Information Association*

**Know Your Options: The Ideal Medical Practice**

Sept. 9—8 p.m. Eastern time

The ideal medical practice model improves efficiency, quality and physician-patient relationships. Practices following this model collaborate to invent, support and implement innovations. In such practices, relationship-based care thrives because the strength of physician-patient relationships is treated as the biggest determinant of patient outcomes. This program is anticipated to provide one credit of AOA Category 1-A continuing medical education.

**American Osteopathic Association**

*and the American Osteopathic Information Association*

**Know Your Options: Independent Versus Hospital/Foundation/University ... What Is Your Strategy?**

Sept. 23—8 p.m. Eastern time

The president of Practice & Liability Consultants LLC, Debra Phaiiras, will guide webinar participants in looking at their practice options. Phaiiras has experience with practice start-ups, practice assessments, mergers, financial analysis, revenue enhancement, overhead reduction and recruitment. This program is anticipated to provide one credit of AOA Category 2-B continuing medical education.

**American Osteopathic Association**

*and the American Osteopathic Information Association*

**Know Your Options: Merging Practices: Strategies to Remain Independent**

Sept. 30—8 p.m. Eastern time

The president of Practice & Liability Consultants LLC, Debra Phaiiras, will advise webinar participants on keeping their practices independent. Phaiiras has experience with practice start-ups, practice assessments, mergers, financial analysis, revenue enhancement, overhead reduction and recruitment. This program is anticipated to provide one credit of AOA Category 2-B continuing medical education.

**American Osteopathic Association**

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**Know Your Options: The Direct Pay Primary Care Practice**

Oct. 7—8 p.m. Eastern time

In a direct-pay primary care practice, patients pay a low monthly membership fee, and in return, get all of their routine primary care, as well as greater access to care, more time with their physicians, shorter wait times and same-day or next-day appointments. Learn how this type of practice will allow you to generate a steady income while seeing fewer patients. This program is anticipated to provide one credit of AOA Category 1-A continuing medical education.

Dozens of webinars that the American Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Information Association have conducted during the past three years are available on demand at [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org).

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**First International Conference on Research in Osteopathic Medicine**

Saturday, October 24, 2015 • Ghent, Belgium

Register online at [www.osteopathy.eu](http://www.osteopathy.eu).

Live streaming also available.

The subject of the conference is The Spine, and we’ve invited some very captivating speakers: Devan Rajendran (UK), MSc, DO; Helmut Diers (D), PhD; Andre Farasyn (B), PhD, DO; Lieven Danneels (B), PhD; Victor Celnacov (MOL), MD, DO; Rafael Zegarra-Parodi (US), DO; and Lino Cedros (US), ATC, SMT, SP, CAMTC.
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