Single GME System Makes Progress

February was a busy month for building critical aspects of the infrastructure for the proposed single accreditation system for graduate medical education (GME).

Early in the month, two representatives from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and two from the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) officially became members of the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The AOA is represented by Karen J. Nichols, DO, and David A. Forstein, DO, while AACOM is represented by Clint E. Adams, DO, and Gary L. Slick, DO.

To prepare yourself to cast your vote, take some time to read the candidate’s campaign statements on Pages 5-14. To help you determine which candidates you believe will serve the AAO best, we have added the following two sections to the candidate’s questionnaire:

- “Your vision for where the AAO should be headed.”
- “Your top contribution to the AAO to date and its significance.”

In addition, we reproduced the candidates’ responses verbatim to ensure that you would judge the candidates on their own words.

As it did last year, the AAO Nominating Committee will ask you to vote electronically for the candidates of your choice. So be sure to bring a mobile device with texting capabilities to the business meeting. Voting by cell phones, tablets and other mobile devices increases the speed at which the votes are counted and reduces the chances that anyone’s vote will be counted incorrectly.

In keeping with the Academy’s commitment to the democratic process, the Nominating Committee developed a slate with more candidates than open positions, ensuring a competitive election. In addition, we will continue our tradition of accepting nominations from the floor for any position.

Honoring Two Outgoing Leaders

Shortly after the March 12 elections, two valued leaders will be leaving the AAO Board of Trustees.
Message From the President
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David Coffey, DO, FAKAO, FCA, will be cycling off the board as I step down from the presidency to succeed David as immediate past president. During his 2013-14 presidency, David guided the Academy as it moved into a new office in The Pyramids in Indianapolis, as the AAO searched for its next executive director, and as the Academy began the work of developing a new strategic plan.

In addition, throughout the past year, David has been steadfastly available whenever I needed his advice and support during my presidency.

Also leaving the Board of Trustees is David C. Mason, DO, FACOFP, whose term is expiring. During his three years as a trustee, the board’s “second David” has been an excellent board liaison to our Education Committee, the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, the Publications Committee, the Bylaws Committee and the Student Academies Committee.

I am especially grateful to Dave Mason for organizing the leadership development retreat we held for AAO trustees and committee chairs at the Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition in Seattle in October 2014.

Moving on to Your Next President

I can assure you that the Academy will be in good hands when Doris B. Newman, DO, FAKAO, becomes its 2015-16 president.

Doris and I have worked side by side this past year as the Academy responded to one development after another related to the proposed single accreditation system for graduate medical education (GME). Together, we have represented the Academy’s interests at the annual meetings of the American Osteopathic Association’s Board of Trustees and House of Delegates in July 2014 and at the AOA Board’s midyear meeting this February.

I am especially pleased with Doris’ initiative to take the lead on finalizing the Academy’s 2015-18 strategic plan. In doing so, Doris went to great lengths to ensure that other trustees, the members of the Board of Governors and committee chairs could offer input on the plan.

For me, this has been a challenging, fast-paced and rewarding year as your president. Besides responding to the single GME-accreditation system and refining our next strategic plan, we have championed the interests of our members in many other ways.

For example, we drafted a policy statement that the AOA House of Delegates adopted on using osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) as first-line care for patients in pain. We commissioned a video on OMT for the TV program "American Health Front!" And we conducted a series of targeted public relations campaigns that promoted both the AOA’s new OMT policy and the AAO-commissioned video.

I am honored to have served as your president and to have worked with such a dedicated and loyal Board of Trustees. I look forward to supporting Dr. Newman during her presidency and to providing whatever other assistance I can to the Academy in the future.

Kenneth J. Lossing, DO
2014-15 AAO president
In addition, the ACGME board appointed John R. Leuenberger, DO, to serve as the resident representative on the ACGME’s Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal (ONMM) Review Committee. The 2013-14 council chair of the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy, Dr. Leuenberger was among the residents that the Academy nominated to serve on this review committee. He is currently serving a Plus One residency at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine.

At the same meeting, the ACGME board approved the program requirements written by the ONMM Review Committee and the osteopathic recognition requirements written by the ACGME Osteopathic Principles Committee (OPC). Both sets of requirements are scheduled to take effect July 1, 2015.

With the addition of Dr. Leuenberger to the ONMM Review Committee, six of the seven members of that committee belong to the Academy. Seven of the 15 members of the OPC are Academy members.

The Executive Committee of the AAO Board of Trustees submitted comments to the ACGME on both sets of requirements in December 2014. Before doing so, however, the Executive Committee gathered input from the AAO Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee and the American College of Osteopathic Physicians (ACOFP).

**Major Issue Addressed by ACGME**

At the end of February, the ACGME Family Medicine Review Committee and its Internal Medicine Review Committee agreed to accept AOA board certification as meeting the board certification requirements to serve as program directors of ACGME-accredited osteopathic-focused residencies in family medicine and internal medicine, respectively. As a consequence, osteopathic-focused residencies will not be required to have program directors or program co-directors who are certified by the family medicine and internal medicine boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

The board certification criterion of residency directors is an issue on which the Academy took a strong stance during the comment period for the requirements of the ACGME’s ONMM Review Committee, its OPC and its Family Medicine Review Committee.

In a letter to the Family Medicine Review Committee, for example, the Academy stressed, “[L]ike the AOA and the ACOFP, we strongly encourage the ACGME Family Medicine Review Committee…to explicitly state that certification by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) meets the board-certification requirement for program directors.”

That view was echoed in the Academy’s letter to the OPC, which stated, “While the OPC requirements say that AOA board certification in a specialty automatically meets the board-certification requirement for directors of osteopathic-focused GME programs in that specialty, the ACGME’s family medicine program requirements do not explicitly specify that AOA board certification in family medicine automatically meets the board-certification requirement of the directors of family medicine residencies.

“The Academy strongly supports the OPC’s language on AOA board certification and strongly opposes any language in any ACGME review committee’s program requirements that does not explicitly recognize AOA board certification for this purpose.”
AAO Calendar of Events

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

All times Eastern.

March 8-10  Pre-Convocation Course: Brain, Vision, Membranes and Cerebrospinal Fluid—Bruno J. Chikly, MD, DO (France)—Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville

March 8-10  Pre-Convocation Course: FDM of the Axial Spine—Todd A. Capistrant, DO, MHA—Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville

March 10  AAO Committee on Fellowship’s meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 11  AAO Board of Trustees’ meeting, 8 a.m. to noon—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 11  SAAO Board of Governors’ meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Kentucky International Convention Center

March 11  AAO Board of Governors’ meeting, 1 to 5 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 11  AAO Investment Committee’s meeting, 5 to 6 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 11-15  AAO Convocation—Life in Motion: The Science, Philosophy, and Art of Osteopathic Medicine—Richard G. Schuster, DO, program chair—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky and the Kentucky International Convention Center

March 12  AAO annual business meeting and luncheon, 12:15 to 2:30 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 13  Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee’s meeting, 6 to 8 a.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 13  AAO Membership Committee’s meeting, 6:30 to 8 a.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 13  AAO Publications Committee’s meeting, 6:30 to 8 a.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 13  AAO Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee’s meeting, 12:30 to 1 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 13  Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy’s annual business meeting and luncheon, 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 13  AAO Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee’s meeting, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 14  AAO Education Committee’s meeting, 6 to 8 a.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 14  AAO Board of Trustees’ meeting, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky

March 15  Residency Directors’ Workshop—Michael P. Rowane, DO, FAAO, workshop director—Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville

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Meet the Candidates

The members of the American Academy of Osteopathy will elect 2015-16 officers at the annual business meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 12:15 p.m. at the Louisville Marriott Downtown in Kentucky. The candidate campaign statements below are intended to assist members in choosing their representatives.

In addition to providing 100-word biographical sketches, all candidates were asked to describe their vision for where the AAO should be headed and their top contribution to the AAO to date and its significance. Responses provided below have not been edited so that you can judge the candidates based on their own words.

President-elect
(One-year term)

Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO

Vision: The Academy is poised to become the recognized leader in osteopathic education. Through the experience and dedication of our leadership and the expertise of our physicians, we could and should become the preeminent source of quality education, while also maintaining the service we provide our members and nurturing the young physicians and students who will be the future of our profession.

Contributions: Each position I’ve held in the AAO through the years has prepared me to take on this momentous responsibility and I can’t single one out as being more important than any other. My efforts on the Post-doctoral Standards committee have contributed to the strength of our residencies, which in turn ensures our stability and growth in the future.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Griffin graduated from 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 FP/NMM 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 at the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM). Dr. Griffin serves on the AOBNMM, as well as the AAO Board of Trustees. She is also a member of the Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation and Osteopathic Medical Economics Committees.

Board of Trustees
(Elect two for three-year terms)

Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO

Vision: The AAO is the osteopathic manipulative medicine brain trust for all in the practice of medicine. I want to see us continue to increase our influence and visibility within the medical community, as well as extend our outreach to the public via the internet, to let them know just how much an osteopathic physician has to offer them.

Contributions: My contributions have been and continue to be as an educator. From 1995-2005 I led nine 20 hour muscle energy tutorials. I served as program chair for the 1993 AAO program as the AOA convention in Boston. I served on the AOBSPOMM from 1996-1999 and AOBNMM from 1999-2008, chairing that organization from 2006-2008. I served as an SAAO Chapter advisor for seventeen years.

Biographical sketch: 1979 Graduate of PCOM, followed by internship and residency in Osteopathic Principles and Practice. I spent the next 17 years serving as faculty in the OMM Dept at PCOM. That was followed by 8 years in the private practice of the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine specialty. In 2005 I was offered the opportunity to move to Georgia and direct the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine program at Georgia Campus – PCOM. I’m still there. Somewhere in there I found time to serve as an OPP content expert for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, write a couple of articles, write a few book chapters and probably most importantly assist in the raising of three children.

Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO

Vision: The AAO should continue to strengthen its leadership position in the Osteopathic Profession as the premier Educational and Membership Organization in the world for the Science of Osteopathy and the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine. Our

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* incumbent

1 If Dr. Griffin is elected as president-elect, her name will be removed from the slate of candidates for trustee.

2 If Dr. Hagopian is elected to the Board of Trustees, his 2015-17 unexpired term on the Board of Governors will be filled during the 2015 election.
visibility and accessibility could be highlighted in ways that invite wider participation.

Contributions: Have devoted 3 decades to research, practice, and teaching in this Profession and have always enjoyed teaching the most. Have always felt a strong need for increasing the numbers and capabilities of teachers in our profession, and the significance of that goal is nothing less than fulfillment of the vision above.

Biographical sketch: Born and raised in Worcester, Massachusetts. Graduated Worcester Polytechnic Institute 1982 (BS), and University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine 1988 (DO). Currently Clinical Associate Professor of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, CA. AAO Board Certified AOBSPOMM 1994, Cranial Academy 1997, FAAO 2007, and currently serve on AAO Publications Committee, AAO Education Committee, and AAO Board of Governors. Have taught for nearly 3 decades at many Osteopathic Medical Schools and CME Programs. Areas of research include Clinical Gross Anatomy and Embryology - especially as they relate to the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine.

Richard G. Schuster, DO

Vision: I see the role of the AAO changing because of the merger with ACGME. Where before we have been the conscience of the osteopathic profession, I believe we will now be called to educate and inform the entire medical profession. It would be my hope to fulfill Dr. Still's original intent of "improving the system of medicine generally."

Contributions: I am currently the Chair of the Education Committee, having been a member for the past three years. I am striving to position the educational offerings of the AAO to achieve three goals: 1. Provide offerings appropriate to allow our members to grow in thought and skill; 2. To be seen as the authoritative provider for osteopathic manipulative training for both MDs and DOs; 3. To keep the AAO financially solvent.

Biographical sketch: I am currently the Chair of Primary Care medicine at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Director of Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education for Community Health Network. In both capacities I am trying to insure the presence of osteopathic thought across the educational spectrum. My interests include osteopathic history, sports medicine and the neurological integration of the body, with particular attention to musculoskeletal system. My passion is in the practice of osteopathic medicine, the education of our students, and the role of mentoring within them.

Board of Governors (Elect 10 for three-year terms)

Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP*

Biographical sketch: Dr. Buser is Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the University of Pikeville's Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Kentucky, where he also holds the rank of Professor of Osteopathic Principles and Practice and Professor of Family Medicine. He is a graduate of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, is dually board certified in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Family Medicine, and is a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. He is currently a member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Board of Trustees, chairs the AOA's Bureau of OGME Development and Council on Research, and is co-chair of the AOA/AACOM Blue Ribbon Commission on the Advancement of Osteopathic Medical Education. He has taught extensively both nationally and internationally in the field of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. Dr. Buser is a past Chairman of the Board of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners and was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Osteopathic International Alliance. He is a member of the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel. In 1995, Dr. Buser served as President of the American Academy of Osteopathy and was named Educator of the Year by the American Osteopathic Association and American Osteopathic Foundation in 1994. He twice received the Distinguished Service Award from the Maine Osteopathic Association, in 1996 and 2007. In March, 2010, Dr. Buser was awarded the A.T. Still Medallion of Honor by the American Academy of Osteopathy, and in 2013 he received the Riland Medal for Public Service from the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT). Dr. Buser is a member of the Kentucky Institute of Medicine and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO*

Vision: I would like us to focus on a long term plans to:

- Own our headquarters and possibly teaching facility.
- Reduce dues yet maximize member services. This will require us to utilize our

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CRANIAL: A SUTURAL APPROACH

Course Description
This introductory cranial course will focus on a biomechanical approach to cranial diagnosis and treatment that can be used to quickly and effectively treat patients for suture dysfunctions. Often when a key suture dysfunction is released, secondary sphenobasilar strain patterns resolve. This sequencing cranial approach has been effective in teaching osteopathic cranial manipulative medicine to osteopathic medical students, residents and practicing physicians. Unlike the membranous cranial approach, the suture approach is not hindered by suture dysfunctions. In addition, the suture approach can be integrated into a busy clinical practice. This course will address suture dysfunctions of the vault, base and facial bones.

Participants should have a basic understanding of osteopathic manipulative medicine prior to taking this course.

Program Chairs
As a student at what is now the A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri, Edward G. Stiles, DO, FAAO, was introduced to the sutural strategy by George Andrew Laughlin, DO, a grandson of Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO. Dr. Laughlin attended the first cranial course led by William G. Sutherland, DO. Dr. Stiles graduated from the Kirksville College in 1965 and worked in private practice in such places as Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Norman, Oklahoma. He has taught at the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Stiles 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 doctor of osteopathic medicine 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, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, the Touro University 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.

Course Location
Pyramid Three (two buildings away from the AAO’s offices)
3500 DePauw Blvd., lower level, Conference Rooms A and B
Indianapolis, IN 46268
(317) 879-1881, ext. 220

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

Continuing Medical Education
24 credits of NMM- and FP-specific AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated. Please note that this course does not count as a 40-credit basic course in osteopathic cranial manipulative medicine.

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.

CRANIAL: A SUTURAL APPROACH
July 24-26, 2015 • The Pyramids, Indianapolis

Registration Form
Cranial: A Sutural Approach
July 24-26, 2015

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By releasing your fax number and email address, you are giving the AAO permission to send marketing information regarding courses to you.

Click here to view the AAO’s cancellation and refund policy.

Click here to view the AAO’s photo release statement.

Registration Fees

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

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Meet the Candidates
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investment earnings instead of being wholly dependent on increasing member dues.
• Establish our top 5 goals.
• Focus on how the AAO can grow younger membership.

Contributions: Working within the AOA to maintain our specialty and our certification.

Changing our investment company and helping to create a profitable investment portfolio and management strategy.

Biographical sketch: I have been involved in AAO leadership for the past 25 years. I have had the honor of serving on the BOT, the BOG, strategic planning, numerous committees and 2 terms as secretary/treasurer. I presently serve as the chair of the Investment Committee. I currently serve on the AOA Board of Trustees thanks to the support of the Academy membership. I would be honored to continue serving the AAO as a member of the BOG.

David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA
Vision: My vision for the AAO sees a dynamic force for the propagation of osteopathic medicine throughout the world through teaching, education, research, and COMMUNICATION.

We must train our students to be advocates and support our physicians to use OMM first line for patient welfare.

Contributions: My top contribution has been as Immediate Past President of the AAO by supporting the Executive Committee and BOT through multiple monthly meetings that helped prepare the AAO to be a dynamic force through the formation of the ACGME and its union with the AOA and AACOMAS. Never has the relationship between the AOA and the AAO been stronger than this year. (Close second is hiring Mike Fitzgerald.)

Biographical sketch: Currently disciplinary chair of OMM/ONMM at the Edward Via COM/Auburn Campus and Chair of the Admissions Committee.


Wm. Thomas Crow, DO, FAAO*
Vision: I believe we should be the pre-eminent group teaching Osteopathy.

Contributions: Working with the Postdoctoral Standards committee,

Biographical sketch: Currently faculty at the University of North Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Author of multiple articles and books on Osteopathy. I am currently a FAAO, and a member of the new ACGME Residency Review Committee.

Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO*
See Dr. Ehrenfeucter’s statement under “Board of Trustees” on Page 5.

Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA
Vision: To do everything necessary to promote, improve, perfect and support the art and science of Osteopathy, particularly the use of OMT by all Osteopathic physicians and students.

Contributions: I provided leadership for 2 decades in the Academy. During my presidency we founded FORCE. I worked for many years on the FAAO and Investment Committees of AAO. Probably the best contribution was; we saved 40% of the AAO investment funds by exiting the stock market before the 2008 crash.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Feely is a KCOM graduate board certified in Family Practice, ABSPOMM, Acupuncture, Disability Evaluation, IME and Quality Assurance. He has received Fellowship status in; OMM, Cranial Osteopathy, Disability Evaluation and Medical Acupuncture. He is Adjunct Associate Professor in Osteopathic Medicine at MWU-CCOM and Adjunct Professor at Western U-COM. He has edited Clinical Cranial Osteopathy and authored Yamamoto New Scalp Acupuncture: Principles and Practice.

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Leigh “Jack” Forbush, DO

Vision: The osteopathic community is in dire need of a national advocacy organization to preserve our heritage, education and identity. The AAO is well-poised to be the leader of this movement given it’s historical significance in preserving the identity of osteopathy.

Contributions: I have yet to be given the opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity in the AAO

Biographical sketch: I currently serve as the President of the Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) as I have done for the past 2 years in conjunction with serving as the Chair of MOA’s Technology and Communications Committee and previous Chair of the Legislative Committee. In January 2014, I converted my general osteopathic practice to a direct care model. It is the one of only two such practices in the State and Eastern, Central and Northern Maine’s only direct care practice. In addition to this practice, I maintain an active role in the Andrea Ritz Clinics in Paraguay travelling annually to this nation offering a variety of general medical services and humbly acknowledge introducing it’s citizens to osteopathic medicine.

John C. Glover, DO, FAAO*

Vision: My vision for the AAO is to enable our students to use their diagnosis and treatment skills in the clinical years, integrate them into their residency programs and to reach out to our allopathic colleagues who wish to learn OMM and be involved in collaborative Osteopathic research.

Contributions: Serving as President and on a variety of AAO committees has allowed me to work with the very talented and dedicated members of the academy to develop policies and programs. Helping Osteopathic medical students attend the AAO Convocation has also been significant for both them and the AAO.

Biographical sketch: I have had the honor of serving the AAO as President, member of the Board of Trustees and Governors, Chair of the Membership Committee, member of the Education Committee, Professional Standards Committee, OPTI Liaison Committee and Undergraduate Academies Committee. Currently I serve on the Board of Governors, Chair of the Awards Committee and a member of the Committee on Fellowship and Nominating Committee. The success of the AAO as an organization is dependent of the strength of its leadership and I look forward to contributing to that critical process. Thank you for your support.

Sharon Gustowski, DO

Vision: The AAO should continue to serve as a primary leader in the field of osteopathic manipulative medicine and strengthen its contribution to the preservation and education of OMT. In light of the GME merger, this position is critical. It should also seek innovative and modern ways to integrate current members and identify and mentor a diverse leadership group.

Contributions:

2008-2011 Chair, Membership Committee, AAO
2005-2008 Member, Membership Committee, AAO
2005-2007 Member, Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, AAO
2004-2007 Member, Undergraduate Academies Committee, AAO

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Announcing Exciting and Innovative Opportunities for NMM Specialists in New Mexico

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University, in Las Cruces New Mexico, is seeking osteopathic physicians who are interested in becoming members of the founding faculty of a new, private college of osteopathic medicine with a mission to serve the population of the southwest United States and northern Mexico.

We are looking for visionary, creative, NMM board-certified specialists to impact the future of our profession through:

» developing and running an NMM residency program.
» developing and teaching all four years of a predoctoral, fully integrated OMM curriculum.
» developing an inpatient OMM service at a local medical center.
» bringing osteopathic manipulative medicine to the people of southern New Mexico and the surrounding region.

Competitive salary and benefits dependent on experience. The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information please contact:
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The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University is a free-standing, privately-funded, separately licensed and independently operated entity and is not a part of NMSU.
I enjoyed presenting and working with the various committee members and hope that my efforts contributed in some way to the organization as a whole.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Gustowski is a willing servant of the osteopathic medical profession. She is a 2001 graduate of UNTHSC-TCOM and completed NMM-OMM residency in 2004. As a career academic physician, she was a founding faculty member at Touro University Nevada COM from 2004-2011. From 2011-2014 she was Y2 OMM courses director at UNTHSC-TCOM. Her current position is Chair of the Osteopathic Principles, Practices and Integration Department at the University of the Incarnate Word proposed School of Osteopathic Medicine in San Antonio, TX. There, she is charged with ensuring that osteopathic content is positioned at the forefront of their modern and socially conscious curriculum. She serves on the TOMA board and is a past president of NOMA.

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**2014 AAO Convocation Workshop:** “Dental Trauma Associated with Tooth Extraction, An Osteopathic Approach”

**Kurt P. Heinking, DO, FAAO**

**Vision:** The American Academy of Osteopathy should be headed in the direction that using OMT and our osteopathic philosophic principles needs to be integrated into the history, physical examination and treatment of every patient. It should not be a “separatist movement” but a group that fosters, encourages and supports other disciplines.

**Contributions:** I have attended convocation since 1991, and participated as a lecturer since 1998. I attend all functions related to the FAAO and student education. I sit on the COFAAO committee. I have attended the yearly business luncheon and vote as a member. I was an editor for the JAOA.

**Biographical sketch:** I am a 1994 graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University (CCOM/MWU). I am currently board certified in Family Medicine, Sports Medicine and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. I am Chair and Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Family Medicine at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine / Midwestern University. I lecture at national and international programs and have numerous scholarly publications. I am an active researcher in both Osteopathic manipulative medicine and sports medicine. I am the director of Family Medicine & Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the new MWU Multispecialty clinic in Downers Grove, IL.

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**David C. Mason, DO**

**Vision:** The Academy will be the source of leadership and educational programming for the osteopathic profession for distinctive training in Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (ONMM) and its integration as we transition to a single postgraduate pathway.

**Contributions:** I have fostered relationships at two osteopathic medical schools to start and grow residencies in NMM/OMM, Plus one training in NMM/OMM and combined FM NMM/OMM raising interest and AAO membership in the students/residents and faculty. These efforts ensure sustained growth in AAO membership and provide future leaders in our profession who are committed to the Academy.

**Biographical sketch:** David C. Mason, DO has been the Chair of the department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at TCOM since joining the faculty in 2010. He has served as the NMM/OMM Residency Director, Year one OMM course director and Graduate Teaching Assistant director.

Dr. Mason graduated from UMDNJ-SOM in 1996 and completed a Family Medicine Residency in 1999. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine and OMT as well as NMM/OMM.

He has served the American Academy of Osteopathy on the Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors, The publications committee BOT liaison, the past Chair of the Education Committee, past member of Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation, and past Chair of the Undergraduate Academy Advisors Committee, past member of the OPTI Liaison and the Membership committees. Dr. Mason is a past Chair of the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles, a committee of AACOM and is involved in the ACOFP as a member of the OMM committee, Continuing Education and Evaluation Committee Resident in-service exam, and the publications committee.

Research interests are in the area of Osteopathic manipulation and aging, asthma, and gait. Dr. Mason is the Co-Author of the “5-Minute Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Consult” published in 2008 by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, this book is meant to bridge a gap between medical school teaching of osteopathic principles and techniques to the application in the clinical years of education and incorporation into medical practice.

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Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO* Vision: We should be protecting our unique identity as osteopathic physicians. We should tread carefully into this ACGME merger. We must continue to support research, remove redundancy and identify what are the problems we face as osteopathic physicians. We must clearly identify how and why we are unique.

Contributions: I have served as President of the AAO, as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors, and the Education Committee. I am currently the Chair of the Certifying Board for Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM). I also chaired the AAO program portion of the AOA Convention in 2005.

Biographical sketch: I am currently retired from active practice at this time. Currently treating my daughter who has MS. In the past I have taught in the Osteopathic Manipulative Departments at both NYCOM & UNTCOM. I have served the AOBNMM Board for many years as the AOBNMM representative to the Bureau of Specialists. Also serving on that Board as a member of the Executive Committee, the Appeals Committee, the Basic Documents Committee, and other AOA Committees. I am currently Chair of AOBNMM and strive daily to help our certified members meet all the Professional & governmental regulations. I also serve as an OPP rater for NBOME.

Stacey L. Pierce-Talsma, DO Vision: I wish to continue to assist the AAO in its mission to advocate for, teach and research osteopathic principles and practice and OMT. My vision is that we move forward as leaders defining distinctive osteopathic practice and create new and innovative ways to provide education and support to our members and community.

Contributions: I have been very involved with the PS&E Committee including assisting in the re-writing of the NMM/OMM +1 Basic Standards, assisting with the resident in-service exam, and as a member of the Program Directors Workshop Committee in which I have offered lectures for faculty development over the last several years. I am also the advisor for the PAAO and believe in helping our NMM/OMM Residents become leaders.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Pierce-Talsma is a graduate of MSUCOM and completed a NMM/OMM residency at UNECOM where she additionally obtained a MS in medical education and leadership. She is board certified in NMM/OMM and is currently the Program Director of the NMM/OMM +1 Residency Program and the Osteopathic Clinical Skills II Co-Course Director. She is involved in her OPTI as a member of the BOG and the Chair of the OGRE Committee. She is also a member of the Maine Osteopathic Associations Board of Directors and is the Chair of their Membership Committee. She is currently a 2014-2015 AOA Health Policy Fellow.

Richard G. Schuster, DO* See Dr. Schuster’s statement under “Board of Trustees” on Page 6.

Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO* Vision: The AAO serves two major functions: act as the sponsor of the osteopathic message and difference and be the leader in American Manual Medicine (OMT). We must continue the reinforcement of osteopathic philosophy and practice to our students and young physicians and spread the message about the usefulness and validity of OMT to all American physicians.

Contributions: The restoration and redevelopment of the original manipulative techniques of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still and presenting this material in publications and teaching.

Biographical sketch:
• PhD in Neuroscience with published research and teaching college and medical school.
• DO from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Residency training in family medicine.
• Private practice 25 years in Sarasota, FL.
• Multiple publications including 1 book (Still Technique Manual), chapters in osteopathy text books, articles in JAOA, JAAO.
• Teaching courses through the AAO and to foreign osteopaths.
• Member AAO Board of Governors.
• Committee member, committee on fellowship.

Nominating Committee
(Elect four for one-year terms)

Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOPF* See Dr. Buser’s statement under “Board of Trustees” on Page 6.

Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO See Dr. Cantieri’s statement under “Board of Governors” on Pages 6 and 8.

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Jane E. Carreiro, DO
Vision: To be the preeminent organization providing osteopathically focused training to physicians worldwide.

Contributions: President of AAO

Biographical sketch: Dr. Jane Carreiro is Professor and Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine U.S.A. She is Board Certified in both Osteopathic Family Practice and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. Dr. Carreiro holds visiting faculty positions at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Melbourne Australia, the European School of Osteopathy in Maidstone England, and the Winer Schule fur Osteopathie in Vienna, Austria. Since 2006 she has been Honorary Chief of Pediatric Manual Medicine for the Deutsche Geselshaft fur Osteopathische Medizin (German Society of Pediatric Manual Medicine). She was faculty and medical consultant at the London Osteopathic Centre for Children from it’s founding in 1991 through 1994. The World Health Organization has recognized Dr. Carreiro as an expert in Manual Medicine. She is Vice-Chairman of the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) and Past-President of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO). Dr Carreiro lectures throughout the U.S., Europe, and Australasia. Her research interests include pediatric manual medicine; innervation patterns of the sacro-pelvic area; functional anatomy of the spine and pelvis; and clinical biomechanics. She has published in Spine; Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine; and the Journal of the American Academy of Osteopathy. She is author of two books, Pediatric Manual Medicine; and An Osteopathic Approach to Children, both of which have been translated into multiple languages; and is section editor for Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine; and contributing author to several other medical texts. Dr. Carreiro has received numerous awards for teaching and service. Dr. Carreiro’s clinical practice focuses on osteopathic manipulative medicine and pain management.

Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO*
Vision: The AAO should and must be the international leader in providing osteopathic education to osteopathic physicians and others who qualify by nature of their licenses to practice.

Contributions: I feel that my top contribution has been to lead the organization during my tenure as president in 2003-2004.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Dowling is a 1989 graduate of the NYCOM. He is a contributing author and illustrator to several journals and textbooks and developed the PINS technique. He is a co-author of a JAOA Northup writing award-winning article on the effect of OMT on gait in Parkinson’s patients. Dr. Dowling has delivered the Heilig, Scott, Northup and Blood memorial lectures.

Dr. Dowling is a former professor and chairman of OMM at the NYCOM and is Clinical Professor at the MWU, PCOM and UNECOM. He has been in private practice in Syosset, New York beginning in 2003 and 2004, he has been a consultant and the Coordinator of OMM Assessment for the NBOME. Dr. Dowling has supervised residents in a clinic at the PM&R department at NUMC in East Meadow, Long Island since 1990. He is certified by the AOBFP and the AOBNNM and earned his F.A.A.O. fellowship in 1999. He has served on the AAO Board of Trustees, was AAO President, and as a member and chair on several other AAO committees.

Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA*
See Dr. Feely’s statement under “Board of Governors” on Page 8.

John C. Glover, DO, FAAO*
See Dr. Glover’s statement under “Board of Governors” on Page 9.

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Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO

Vision: As a member of the nominating committee, I feel we should strive to resurrect Dr. Eileen DiGiovanna’s proposal of forming an Osteopathic Hit Squad to “eliminate the disbelievers.”

Contributions: Past President of AAO, member of Board of Governors, Member of Bylaws Committee, Member of SAAO Advisors. I serve on AOBNNM. Past member and Chair of EDCOM, Past member of Post Doctoral Standards, Long Range Planning.

Top contribution- development of and course director of “OMT Update” for over 15 years.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Habenicht, a 1982 graduate of Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM). She is Chairman of the Department of OMM and a Professor of OMM at Marian University-College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Habenicht is a member of the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates and a Past President of the AAO. She is currently a member of the AAO Board of Governors, Bylaws Committee , Student American Academy of Osteopathy Advisor for MU-COM and a member of the Awards Committee and the AOBNMM.

Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO*

See Dr. McCarty’s statement under “Board of Governors” on Page 12.

OMM Video Available for AAO Members’ websites

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

Featuring AAO President Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, the video debuted as a two-minute segment of “American Health Front!” that ran on New York City’s WCBS-TV on Sunday, May 18, 2014, just before the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament.

As the sponsor of this “American Health Front!” segment, the Academy has obtained the rights to use the segment for whatever purposes the AAO sees fit. The Academy has posted the segment to the “About the AAO” page on the Academy’s website at www.academyofosteopathy.org so that patients around the country can access it. In addition, Academy members are free to add the segment on their practice websites using the hyperlink http://youtu.be/Py0H52pz2AU. The YouTube video has been viewed nearly 700 times since it was posted on July 23, 2014.

To make the segment even more widely available, the AOA Family Connections e-newsletter mentioned the segment in its Aug. 1, 2014, issue.

“This segment of ‘American Health Front!’ hits key points that the Academy believes the public needs to know about DOs and OMM,” Dr. Lossing explains. “For example, the segment describes DOs as ‘among the best-trained physicians in American medicine today.' And it quotes me as saying, ‘As an osteopathic physician, I focus on finding dysfunction that impedes the body’s self-healing system from working properly. This integrative method is one of the safest approaches to medicine today.’”

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

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

Besides linking to the OMM segment, Academy members can take advantage of the segment’s script when being interviewed by the media or speaking at public events.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

OSU Center for Health Sciences is located in Tulsa, the second-largest city in the Oklahoma with a population of 961,561 in the metropolitan area. Tulsa offers numerous entertainment venues, including the Philbrook and Gilcrease museums, the Brady Arts District, the Oklahoma Aquarium, the Performing Arts Center, Brady Theater, music venues including the BOK Center and Cain’s Ballroom, the Tulsa Zoo and local professional baseball, hockey, soccer and basketball teams.

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences’ College of Osteopathic Medicine is seeking to fill a full-time faculty position in the Department of OMM. This position is actively involved in patient care and teaching medical students and residents, as well as hospital inpatient services. The successful candidate must have earned a D.O. degree, be proficient in a variety of osteopathic manipulation techniques, eligible for licensure in the state of Oklahoma and possess a devoted interest in education. Board certification or eligibility by the AOBNMM or AOBSPOMM is preferred, but not required. Salary and faculty rank commensurate with experience and qualifications. May or may not be tenure track.

Located on historic Route 66 in Tulsa, OSU Center for Health Sciences is part of the Oklahoma State University System. OSU Center for Health Sciences provides both undergraduate and graduate medical education and trains osteopathic physicians, research scientists and other health care professionals with emphasis on serving rural and underserved Oklahoma. The academic health center operates OSU Physicians Clinics and is affiliated with OSU Medical Center managed by Mercy, the largest osteopathic teaching hospital in the nation.

Please send cover letter and curriculum vitae to tulsa.hr@okstate.edu.

Oklahoma State University is an EEO E-Verify employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.
NMM-OMM Residents to Take In-service Exam

As a way of measuring the quality of all AOA-approved residency training programs in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM-OMM), the vast majority of NMM-OMM residents are required to take this year’s AAO in-service examination.

The examination is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, during the AAO Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky. The exam’s written portion will be administered between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Eastern time, and practicals will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The AAO’s Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee oversees all AOA-approved NMM-OMM residencies, which currently consist of two-year NMM-OMM programs, Plus One NMM-OMM programs, three-year integrated family medicine and NMM programs, and a three-year integrated internal medicine and NMM program. All residents in the two-year and Plus One programs are required to take this year’s in-service exam, and those in the integrated programs are required to take the exam two out of their three years of training.

Museum of Osteopathic Medicine Opens Access to Osteopathic Literature

The Museum of Osteopathic MedicineSM in Kirksville, Missouri, has decided to provide free access to its digital collection of osteopathic medical literature.

Located on the campus of A.T. Still University, the museum has been converting the profession’s early journals and books to digital format since 2007, with the goals of aiding researchers and preserving the history of the osteopathic medical profession. Until Dec. 23, 2014, researchers and others had to pay a fee to access the museum’s online journal collection.

The digital collection was originally funded by the Académie d’Osteopathie de France when its members requested access to the Journal of Osteopathy, which is the first osteopathic medical school, the American School of Osteopathy (ASO), launched as the profession’s first journal in 2009, the museum received federal grant money to hire a full-time registrar. Since then, the museum’s staff has spent more than 40 hours a week building the online collection.

In addition to hosting digitized issues of the Journal of Osteopathy from 1894 to 1914, the museum’s online collection includes such other publications as The Osteopathic Physician (1898-1922), Osteopathic Truth (1916-1921), The Popular Osteopath (1899-1900), The Bulletin of the Atlas and Axis Club (1901-1922), and the constitution of the American Osteopathic Historical Society (1962). The collection also includes books by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO: two versions of his autobiography (1897 and 1908); Osteopathy, Research and Practice, Philosophy and Mechanical Principals of Osteopathy; and The Philosophy of Osteopathy. The files for the collection were created by scanning original documents, so quality varies.

In addition to providing researchers with background on osteopathic principles, the collection allows readers to watch history unfold. For example, Museum Director Jason Haxton notes, “People can read about the rivalry between the ASO and National school as it happens.”

In addition to scanning historic journals and osteopathic books, the museum staff is digitizing a large portion of the museum’s collection of artifacts, and the staff is recording interviews with older leaders in the osteopathic medical profession.

Undertaken in partnership with the International Center for Osteopathic History in Kirksville, the artifact digitization project has digitized more than 50,000 objects, photographs, documents and books, many of which were donated by Dr. Still’s daughter Blanche Laughlin, DO, and her family.

The Legacy Project has preserved the contributions of such luminaries as Academy

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LUCRATIVE NMM/OMM PRACTICE FOR SALE

Privately owned 100% neuromuscular medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine practice in northeast Ohio for sale.

- 950+ patients and growing.
- 4-day work week with an average of 24 hours of patient treatment per week.
- All records in Practice Fusion EHR.
- Very low office overhead.
- < 0.5% patient accounts receivable at any time.
- Predominantly cash self-pay patients, but the practice accepts traditional Medicare.

The current DO is willing to orient and train the incoming physician for up to six months.

For further information, contact Kenneth J. Klak, DO, at Kklak.DO@gmail.com or (440) 799-4433. Dr. Klak has 40 years of continuous experience providing osteopathic manipulative medicine.
The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is seeking a board-certified NMM/OMM physician to serve as Chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine for the Carolinas campus in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Spartanburg sits comfortably at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in upstate South Carolina. It’s nestled between both Atlanta and Charlotte and is only a short drive from Asheville. This beautiful community possesses a rich culture, delicious food and a breathtaking landscape.

**CLINICAL CHAIR POSITION**

**Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Chair:** The position of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Chair is one that organizes the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine department at the College and the College-affiliated practices. The position participates in the delivery of the educational and research programs related to osteopathic manipulative medicine and primary care. Teaching responsibilities would include conducting medical school courses using a blend of traditional lecture, innovative case-based student-directed and/or faculty lead presentations, clinical skill laboratories, and simulated medicine experiences. The position advises students on osteopathic manipulative medicine as a specialty and is expected to take part in the development of an NMM fellowship training program. Interviews are open immediately and will remain open until the position is filled. Board certification in OMM (either through residency or through the family medicine +1 OMM) is required. Pay commensurate with training and expertise.

**Inquiries:** Please visit our website at [www.vcom.edu](http://www.vcom.edu) and click on the Human Resources/Employment link for full details of this position. Often times clinical faculty have unique interests and varied questions. Therefore we welcome your inquiries concerning this position. Feel free to email Matthew D. Cannon, D.O., Chair of Family Medicine, VCOM Carolinas Campus at MCannon@carolinas.vcom.edu.

*VCOM is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and seeks a diverse faculty.*
Dr. Sally’s Cookbook to Fund Des Moines Students to Attend Convocation

The Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM) is selling copies of Dr. Sally’s Cookbook: With and Without Sin to fund osteopathic medical students’ attendance at the AAO’s Convocation.

The cookbook’s author, Sara E. Sutton, DO, FAAO, established DMU-COM’s chapter of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy in 1966. As the AAO’s 1969-70 president, Dr. Sutton invited two students to attend the Academy’s annual Convocation even though the meeting was only open to physicians. Since that time, the Academy has developed a student program for Convocation that runs concurrently with the physicians’ program. More than 650 students are anticipated to attend the 2015 Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Sutton was deeply involved with students at DMU-COM, and she often hosted students during rotations at her home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where her office was located. Dr. Sutton served on the faculty at DMU-COM from 1990 to 1995. Since she retired in 2014, Dr. Sutton has continued to mentor students, often meeting with them at her home in Des Moines, where she has lived since 1990.

Dr. Sutton has used many of the 800 recipes in Dr. Sally’s Cookbook to prepare food for the monthly lunches and training sessions she has held in her home for second-year students.

Board certified in both osteopathic manipulative medicine and family medicine, Dr. Sutton has always emphasized the need for thorough histories and physical examinations. She also has been a proponent of muscle energy, which she learned from former Academy president Fred L. Mitchell Sr., DO, FAAO.

Dr. Sutton was the American Osteopathic Association’s 2011 Mentor of the Year. And in 2013, she received the Pioneer in Osteopathy Award from the DMU Board of Trustees, on which Dr. Sutton served for 25 years.

Copies of Dr. Sally’s Cookbook can be ordered from the DMU-COM bookstore by visiting www.dmubooks.com or by calling (800) 377-0509.

LBORC to Conduct Research Forum

During the Academy’s 2015 Convocation, the AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC) will host a research forum to raise awareness of available resources for developing research proposals and conducting research. The forum will be held Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in meeting rooms 106 and 107 of the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville.

Brief presentations will be made by representatives of the LBORC, the Student Osteopathic Academic Research group, the Resident Osteopathic Academic Research group, the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education, the American Osteopathic Association’s Council on Research and DO-Touch.NET.

In addition, the LBORC will begin developing a database of research topics, mentors and mentees, and it will gather feedback for future research training conferences.

Join the LBORC for this convivial learning and social event with light refreshments. To ensure we have enough refreshments, please RSVP by emailing Debbie Cole at dcole@academyofosteopathy.org.

To complement the research forum, the LBORC will conduct two interactive training seminars on research at Convocation. The first will be held Friday, March 13, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Kentucky International Convention Center, and the second will be held Saturday, March 14, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the convention center.

Whether you are an experienced researcher or trying to figure out how to get started in research, you are welcome to attend these three sessions.
AOA Takes Stand on DO Day on Capitol Hill

On March 5, Washington, D.C., was flooded with the white coats of osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students participating in the American Osteopathic Association’s DO Day on Capitol Hill. For more than 10 years, DOs and students have taken time away from their practices and studies to meet with their U.S. senators, U.S. representatives and congressional staffers on key issues facing the osteopathic medical profession.

DO Day has grown from approximately 400 osteopathic physicians and students in 2003 to more than 1,200 in 2014.

Topics this year included physician payment reform, graduate medical education and veterans’ issues.

If you attended DO Day on Capitol Hill this year, AAO Member News wants to hear from you. Tell us how your visits to Capitol Hill went and share your photos of your meetings with members of Congress by emailing AAO Publications Liaison Lauren Good at LGood@academyofosteopathy.org.

Members in the News

The January and February 2015 issues of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association featured several articles written or co-written by Academy members. The chart below summarizes those articles.

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<td>January 2015</td>
<td>Identification of Musculoskeletal Disorders in Medically Underserved Regions of South America and Vietnam</td>
<td>Using a cross-sectional survey design, the authors assess the type of pain and the anatomical area of pain in patients who reported musculoskeletal pain. Factors such as sex and age were found to be important predictors of musculoskeletal disorder.</td>
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<td>Wolfgang G. Gilliar, DO, of Old Westbury, New York, and Lauren M. Iacono, OMS IV, of Locust Valley, New York</td>
<td>January 2015</td>
<td>Use of a Novel Assay to Measure Pre- to Posttraining Palpatory Skills of First-Year Osteopathic Medical Students</td>
<td>The development of palpatory skills can be difficult to assess in osteopathic medical students. In this study, the authors investigate changes in the palpatory skills of first-year osteopathic medical students, using an assay administered at the beginning and end of the first academic term.</td>
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<td>Murray R. Berkowitz, DO, MA, MS, MPH, of Lawrenceville, Georgia</td>
<td>January 2015</td>
<td>Resolution of Hypothyroidism After Correction of Somatovisceral Reflex Dysfunction by Refusion of the Cervical Spine</td>
<td>In this case study, a former scientific editor of The AAO Journal describes a 29-year-old woman with psychosis caused by hypothyroidism. Because the patient’s hypothyroidism resolved when failed C5-C6 and C6-C7 fusions were corrected, the author suggests that somatovisceral reflex caused the patient’s hypothyroidism.</td>
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members Doran A. Farnum, DO, FAAO; William L. Johnston, DO, FAAO; Harold I. Magoun Jr., DO, FAAO, FCA; and Viola M. Frymann, MB, DO, FAAODist, FCA, as well as Academy Award winner Irvin M. Korr, PhD. Copies of these records can be obtained by contacting the museum at (660) 626-2359 or museum@atsu.edu.

To support the museum’s growing online collection, the artifact digitization project or the Legacy Project, you can donate online, or send donations to the Museum of Osteopathic Medicine, A.T. Still University, 800 W. Jefferson St., Kirksville, MO 63501.
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<td>February 2015</td>
<td>Research in the Osteopathic Medical Profession: Roadmap to Recovery—Conundrums in Osteopathic Research Require Consensus and Collaboration</td>
<td>In this letter to the editor, the authors respond to an August 2014 JAOA article titled “Research in the Osteopathic Medical Profession: Roadmap to Recovery” by Brian Clark, PhD, and Jack Blazyk, PhD. While the authors of this letter agree that the osteopathic medical profession requires more research that substantiates the effectiveness of osteopathic medical care, the authors disagree on three cogent points in the August 2014 article.</td>
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<td>Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, of Pikeville, Kentucky</td>
<td>February 2015</td>
<td>Impact of the Single Accreditation Agreement on GME Governance and the Physician Workforce</td>
<td>In this letter to the editor, AOA trustee and former Academy president Dr. Buser responds to concerns that Arnold Melnick, DO, raised about the proposed single accreditation system for graduate medical education in a November 2014 letter.</td>
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<td>Thomas A. Quinn, DO, of Bradenton, Florida, and Thomas Fotopoulos, DO, of Yakima, Washington</td>
<td>February 2015</td>
<td>Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment for Self-Reported Fatigue, Stress, and Depression in First-Year Osteopathic Medical Students</td>
<td>Dr. Quinn and Dr. Fotopoulos are among five authors of this randomized controlled pilot study that evaluates the effect of osteopathic manipulative treatment on self-perceived fatigue, stress and depression among first-year osteopathic medical students.</td>
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<td>Theresa E. Apoznanski, OMS III, of Nesconset, New York; Reem Abu-Sbaih, DO, of Old Westbury, New York; Michael John Terzella, DO, of Smithtown, New York; and Sheldon C. Yao, DO, of Forest Hills, New York</td>
<td>February 2015</td>
<td>Resolution of Dacryostenosis After Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment</td>
<td>In this case study, the authors found that osteopathic manipulative treatment resolved the patient’s symptoms of dacryostenosis, eliminating the need for surgical probing.</td>
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AAO Trustee Kendi Lee Hensel, DO, PhD, of Fort Worth, Texas, and AAO member des Anges Cruser, PhD, of Arlington, Texas, are among the authors of “Pregnancy Research on Osteopathic Manipulation Optimizing Treatment Effect: The PROMOTE Study,” which was published in the January 2015 issue of the American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology. Supported in part with a grant from the Academy’s William L. Johnston, DO, FAAO, Research Fund, PROMOTE evaluated the efficacy of osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) to reduce low back pain and improve functioning during the third trimester of pregnancy and to improve selected outcomes of labor and delivery. The 400 women who participated in this placebo-controlled trial were randomly assigned to usual care only (UCO), usual care plus OMT (OMT) and usual care plus placebo ultrasound treatment (PUT). PROMOTE’s findings indicated that both the OMT group and the PUT group improved significantly compared with the UCO group.

The book that Thomas A. Quinn, DO, of Bradenton, Florida, published in 2011, The Feminine Touch: Women in Osteopathic Medicine, may be made into a one-hour documentary by a Florida public television station. According to a Jan. 6, 2015, article in The DO, the documentary would “profile significant female DOs from three historical periods and specific sectors such as osteopathic research and the uniformed services.” Dr. Quinn’s book can be purchased online at wwwacademyofosteopathy.org.
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Paul Evans, DO, FACOFP, the dean of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) in Indianapolis, was quoted in an article on Indiana’s physician shortage that ran on Dec. 26, 2014, in both The Times of Northwest Indiana and the Herald Times of Washington, Indiana. According to the article, physicians often practice in or near the communities in which they attended medical school or served their residencies. Although MU-COM and Indiana University anticipate having 500 graduates a year, only 400 residency positions are available in Indiana. That means Indiana graduates will move to surrounding states to serve their residencies, and most likely they will not return to practice in Indiana. Dr. Evans compared the situation to a “train wreck moving slowly down the tracks.” To outline the Academy’s role in the proposed single accreditation system for graduate medical education, the AAO piggybacked on the Dec. 26 article by submitting a letter to the editor to The Times of Northwest Indiana and posting a comment to the Herald Times’ version of the article.

The November 2014 issue of The Cranial Letter includes an article by AAO member Anthony D. Capobianco, DO. In “Osteopathy and Homeopathy: A Match Made in Heaven,” Dr. Capobianco discusses the similarities of these two approaches, and he proposes how integrating them can benefit patients.

In an editorial in the January-February 2015 issue of Osteopathic Family Physician, AAO member Merideth C. Norris, DO, FACOFP, reminds readers to strive for balance in caregiving. According to Dr. Norris, osteopathic physicians must use published guidelines, scientific evidence, personal experience and intuition when treating the patients in front of them.

AAO member Gregory W. Coppola, DO, co-wrote the article “Dietary Supplements: Navigating the Pharmacologic Influences of Nature’s Medicine,” which appears in the January-February 2015 issue of Osteopathic Family Physician. In the article, Dr. Coppola and his co-author address the growing use of dietary supplements, particularly vita-

Membership Announcements

Are you listed in the Academy’s “Find a Physician” Web page? This service allows patients to find Academy members near where they live. If you are not listed, log in to your profile at www.academyofosteopathy.org, uncheck the “Do Not Publish Info Online” box, and provide the 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.

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

Attention fourth-year osteopathic medical students. As you prepare to enter graduate medical education programs, consider staying connected to the Academy by joining the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (PAAO) after you graduate this spring. The membership in the Academy you currently enjoy as members of the Student American Academy of Osteopathy will 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 after you graduate, visit the PAAO website.

Osteopathy for the Over 50s, a recent book by Nicette R. Sergueef, DO (France), and her husband, Kenneth E. Nelson, DO, FAAO, FACOFPdist., is reviewed by fellow Academy member William Harry Stager, DO, MPH, FAAO, FACOFP, FAAFP, FAAMA, in the January-February 2015 issue of Osteopathic Family Physician. Dr. Stager describes Osteopathy for the Over 50s as an “easy-to-read textbook … with a logical progression of an up-to-date review of relevant anatomy and physiology with a special emphasis on the Osteopathic highlight and importance of the fascia, true to Dr. A.T. Still’s holistic vision.” Prolific researchers and internationally recognized educators and speakers, Sergueef and Dr. Nelson are on the faculty of the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Illinois. Dr. Stager serves on the Academy’s Osteopathic Education Service Committee, while Dr. Nelson frequently runs the Osteopathic Education Service at the AOA House of Delegates’ annual meeting.
An essential guide to the cranial nerves for osteopathic physicians and manual therapists, *Manual Therapy for the Cranial Nerves* incorporates new techniques that affect the most precious part of the cranium, the brain. *Manual Therapy for the Cranial Nerves* will teach you how to manipulate this delicate neural system safely, and it will make you aware of the brain as the primary target of your action as a clinician.

The book focuses on the practical application of cranial nerve manipulation. Thanks to its wealth of illustrations, it is also an excellent guide to visualizing the cranial nerves and to understanding their many functions.

By Jean-Pierre Barral, DO (France), Alain Croibier, DO (France), 320 pages, hardcover, $80.95

Jean-Pierre Barral, DO (France), and Alain Croibier, DO (France), introduce their new evaluation and therapy concept for the peripheral nerves in *Manual Therapy for the Peripheral Nerves*. Examination and treatment techniques are described step by step and are clarified with a multitude of photographs and illustrations. This book offers all osteopathic physicians and manual therapists the perfect guide to putting this new concept into practice.

By Jean-Pierre Barral, DO (France), Alain Croibier, DO (France), 288 pages, hardcover, $72.95

The techniques presented in *New Manual Articular Approach; Upper Extremity* are simple and precise, and they are not at all forceful. Entirely original, these techniques represent the fruit of many years of clinical experience. Derived from the rich experiences of its authors, this work presents a selection of effective techniques to help physicians and therapists bring relief to their patients. This book is for osteopathic physicians, osteopathic medical students, physiotherapists and manual therapists wishing to enrich their practices and broaden their skill sets.

By Jean-Pierre Barral, DO (France), Alain Croibier, DO (France), 263 pages, hardcover, $79.95

*At the Still Point of the Turning World* by Robert Lever, BA, DO (UK), is an important contribution to the ongoing debate on the scope and approach of osteopathy (mechanistic versus psychological). The author looks at the dichotomy between the spirit and the science within osteopathy and argues that the most effective care is given when a skilled clinician combines technical skill with empathy, compassion and a still, listening attitude. The author suggests that while hard research and clinical evidence provide important underpinnings, it is the human qualities of wisdom and compassion that can develop osteopathy into an art.

By Robert Lever, BA, DO (UK), 204 pages, paperback, $45
In memoriam: Donald Edmund Woods, DO, FAAO, FCA

One of the osteopathic physicians who worked to establish the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) in Yakima, Washington, Donald Edmund Woods, DO, FAAO, FCA, died Nov. 5, 2014. He was 77 years old.

The youngest child of two physicians and the younger brother of two physicians, Dr. Woods attended what is now the A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri. After earning his DO degree in 1962, Dr. Woods interned in Grand Junction, Colorado, and then opened a private practice in Grandview, Washington.

Dr. Woods’ efforts to establish a medical school in eastern Washington began in 2004. When PNWU-COM opened four years later, he joined the faculty as an assistant professor of osteopathic principles and practice. Dr. Woods loved his students, and he was honored to pass on to them his knowledge of osteopathic manipulative medicine. In 2012, his students honored him with a “Person I Most Wish to Emulate” award.

Whether baling hay, going on long-haul truck journeys, learning Hebrew or climbing mountains, Dr. Woods was always curious and interested in helping others.

Dr. Woods served the Academy as its 1972-73 treasurer, and he was inducted as an AAO fellow in 1978.

Dr. Woods is survived by his wife, Gail; his son, David; his daughter, Margaret Cummins; his son-in-law, Richard Cummins; and two grandchildren, Eleanor and Isaac.

Donations may be made in Dr. Woods’ memory to Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences at PNWU.edu/donate . Please specify that the gift is in memory of “Don Woods, DO.” Memorial gifts will be applied to a future scholarship fund in Dr. Woods’ name.

Adapted from Dr. Woods’ obituary in the Tri-City Herald of Kennewick, Washington.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) conducts a series of webinars to assist DOs on practice management issues. The following list of AOA webinars is provided as a courtesy to our readers. The AAO is not responsible for the content of these webinars.

2015 HIPAA Audits and Data Breaches
March 16, 2015, 1 p.m. CST
Learn the steps to prepare for the Office of Civil Rights’ 2015 HIPAA audits, including security risk assessment, HIPAA security and privacy policies, employee training and breach notification steps. This webinar will also discuss common causes of HIPAA-related breaches and steps organizations can take to prevent those breaches.

Annual Wellness Exams
March 18, 2015, 7 p.m. CST
The initial preventive physical exam, also known as the “Welcome to Medicare Preventive Visit,” and the annual wellness visit are services that require specific tasks to be completed before submitting claims to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Providing these services and completing the required tasks can benefit your patients and your practice’s bottom line. This webinar is approved for 1 credit of AOA Category 1-A continuing medical education.

Patient Portals: What You Need to Consider When Selecting One
March 24, 2015, 1 p.m. CST
By providing a patient portal, your practice can enhance physician-patient communication, empower patients, support care between visits and, most important, improve patient outcomes. The webinar will explain what portals are available and how to compare them, as well as outline the benefits of using a patient portal and common fears that physicians have about using a portal.

EHR Optimization
April 7, 2015, 1 p.m. CST
Are you using your electronic health record to its full potential? Learn how others have successfully optimized their EHR while seeing more patients in a shorter time.
Component Societies and Affiliated Organizations
Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 20-22, 2015
American Fascial Distortion Model Association
Introduction to the Fascial Distortion Model, Module 1
Course director: Gene Lenard, DO
Osteopathic Medical Center, San Diego
20 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at www.afdma.com.

April 8-12, 2015
The American Osteopathic Association of Prolotherapy Regenerative Medicine
Spring 2015 Training Seminar: Prolotherapy and Cadaver Conference
Program chair: Arden Andersen, DO
Naples Beach Hotel & Gold Club, Naples, Florida
24 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at www.prolotherapycollege.com.

April 17–19, 2015
The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
The Neurology of Posture—Maxillofacial Influences: Teeth, Eyes, Ears, Vertebrae
Course director: Maurice Bensoussan, MD, DO (France), FCA
Assistant director: R. Paul Lee, DO, FAAO, FCA
Embassy Suites Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia
(317) 581-0411  •  Fax: (317) 580-9299
Learn more and register at www.cranialacademy.org.

April 24-26, 2015
Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy
20-Hour Introduction to Visceral Manipulation
Course directors: Adrienne M. Kania, DO, and Dana C. Anglund, DO
Rocky Vista University, Parker, Colorado
20 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at rockymountain.wix.com.

May 4-8, 2015
Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy
40-Hour Introduction to Osteopathy in the Cranial Field
Course director: Adrienne M. Kania, DO
Rocky Vista University, Parker, Colorado
40 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at rockymountain.wix.com.

May 6–10, 2015
Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
93rd annual convention
Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix
35.5 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at www.az-osteo.org.

May 14-17, 2015
Michigan Osteopathic Association
116th annual spring scientific convention
Adoba HotelDearborn in Michigan
30 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at www.mi-osteopathic.org.

May 15-17, 2015
Ohio Osteopathic Association
Visceral Osteopathy Level I Course: Gastrointestinal
Course instructor: Bernhard Ewen, MD, DO (Germany)
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Athens, Ohio
17 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more at www.ooanet.org.

June 4, 2015
Indiana Osteopathic Association
Preconference OMT Workshop: “Counterstrain for the Upper Half of the Body”
Crowne Plaza at Union Station, Indianapolis
8 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
(317) 926-3009  •  www.inosteo.org

June 5-7, 2015
Indiana Osteopathic Association
118th Annual Spring Update
Crowne Plaza at Union State, Indianapolis
25 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
(317) 926-3009  •  www.inosteo.org