AAO President’s Message

**AAO Responds to Larry Nassar Abuse Case**

Like many of you, I have watched the coverage of the Larry Nassar abuse case with growing horror. Nassar molested patients and told them it was osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT). Every physician knows it wasn't. There was nothing medically accepted about his criminal acts. The crimes Nassar committed in the name of osteopathic medicine bore no resemblance to the techniques so many of us use every day to provide relief to patients.

Sadly, Nassar's notoriety may make it much harder for us to convince the public of the legitimacy of osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) and OMT. It is incumbent on all of us to ensure Nassar's legacy is not the legacy to define OMM. We must be the voice to advocate for our patients and our profession on the benefits of OMM/OMT.

The AAO, under the leadership of 2016-17 President Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, and the AAO Board of Governors, developed a position paper of the “Recommended Guidelines for Examination and Treatment of the Pelvis and Related Areas.” The AAO submitted Resolution H-336 to the American Osteopathic Association’s House of Delegates in July 2017 for consideration as “Recommended Guidelines for Pelvic Examination and Treatment.” After much discussion in subcommittees with the AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates, the recommendation was for the resolution to return to the AAO for the document to be refined and resubmitted.

The subcommittee discussions became an opportunity for the AAO to clarify why this year's business meeting will be held Thursday, March 22, from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Central time at the AAO Convocation at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. All full members of the Academy, including resident members, are eligible to vote during the business meeting, as are life members and honorary life members. Members must be present to vote.

Voting will be conducted digitally, so members will be expected to bring their cell

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guideline was introduced as a resolution in response to some confusion. It was apparent that the different groups did not realize that until the AAO developed a position paper, there was no comprehensive document by an osteopathic organization that addressed the appropriate application of OMT in treating conditions of the pelvic region. The AAO is working with multiple osteopathic specialty colleges to have a position paper for the profession to approve by the AOA House of Delegates in July 2018.

Adding insult to injury, many of you are aware that there was an op-ed piece in the Los Angeles Times on Jan. 26, 2018, by Virginia Heffernan that presented a negative view of the osteopathic profession. Ms. Heffernan recommended that the public view osteopathic physicians and those that utilize OMM/OMT as criminals. The osteopathic approach was deemed to represent quackery. All of this was due to the acts of one individual. The AOA is responding to this, but one letter has been sent to the Los Angeles Times’ editor-in-chief by one of our respected members, Kristine M. Rivera, DO. Dr. Rivera was kind enough to allow us to share her letter to Ms. Heffernan. Dr. Rivera’s response to reckless reporting was done in the most accurate and eloquent fashion.

It is important to understand that the AAO was responding to the Nassar case in an appropriate time frame. The initial response had to be from the AOA to ensure a consistent message to denounce Nassar for the damage done to innocent girls and women. Below is a statement about the case that was emailed to all Academy members on Wednesday, Jan. 31. It also was posted on the AAO’s website and shared on social media. I encourage all Academy members to engage with the AAO on social media, liking, commenting and sharing posts to spread the word about the benefits of osteopathic medicine in general and OMT in particular.

AAO Response Regarding Larry Nassar
Osteopathic physicians are trained to utilize osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) in the care of their patients. OMT offers an effective and nonpharmacologic option to treat a wide range of conditions, from common musculoskeletal disorders, such as low back and neck pain, to improving outcomes for elderly hospitalized patients admitted for pneumonia. OMT is a valuable tool for the health and well-being of patients who receive it. In the midst of an opioid crisis, there is a need for additional nonpharmacological treatment methods such as OMT to assist patients suffering from acute and chronic pain.

It is disheartening when a valuable treatment option for patient care is not used in an appropriate manner. It is reprehensible that a predator hid behind the guise of OMT to prey on young girls and women. Mark Baker, DO, the president of the American Osteopathic Association, expressed the same emotion that many of us share after hearing the stories of abuse to over 150 female patients. These brave girls and women have publicly described in detail what should never happen to a patient under the trusted care of any health care provider.

The abuse perpetrated by Larry Nassar violates every acceptable practice of osteopathic physicians everywhere. Such actions were counter to the Osteopathic Oath every osteopathic physician is committed to:

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who
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phones, tablets or other devices with texting capability.

Please note that the candidates whose names are followed by asterisks in the list below are incumbents in those offices.

President-elect
(Elect one for a one-year term, which will be followed by a one-year term as president and then a one-year term as immediate past president)

Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD

Vision: I envision the AAO as the leader in education in the philosophy, practice, and science of osteopathic medicine. I would like to see us build collaborations throughout the medical profession to broaden our membership and educational outreach and to work towards the goal of all patients having access to osteopathic medical care.

Contributions: I’ve served on the Board of Governors since 2006, and the Board of Trustees since 2011. Through this, I’ve been a liaison to multiple committees, and have worked to advance the AAO and its mission.

Biographical sketch: I received my DO from OSU-COM. After completing a traditional internship in Oklahoma City, I moved to the UNECOM in Biddeford, Maine, and was one of the first graduates from a combined FP/NMM residency. After achieving board certification in both specialties, I returned to my native Texas in 2004 to join the faculty of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. In 2006, I became the first DO to receive a K23 Grant Award from the NIH-NCCAM. This project studied the effects of OMM on pregnant women. I received my PhD in OMM Clinical Research and Education in 2009 from the UNTHSC Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. I am currently involved in clinical, educational and research activities at TCOM and in national efforts to improve the evidence base and utilization of OMT in patient care.

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

Millicent King Channell, DO, FAAO

Vision: I envision galvanizing the collective expertise of our membership to more clearly define the osteopathic identity to the American public. We need to engage more physicians, advocates and patients through compact, relevant online experiences and locally led events that bring the most innovative and effective osteopathic care to our audience.

Contributions: In 2016, I was honored to chair our AAO Convocation, “Somatic Dysfunction and Emotional Well-Being: An Osteopathic Approach to Mental Health.” This program re-emphasized a critical component of our profession’s philosophy: mental and spiritual health. It organized great resources on the ways we as osteopathic physicians can promote holistic well-being.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Channell is a graduate of PCOM and is board certified in both family medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM). She has been actively involved in the AAO, serving on the AAO’s Education Committee (EdCom), as the National SAAO Advisor Committee Chair, on the Membership Committee and the Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee. She is currently on the Board of Governors.

Additionally, Dr. Channell is a member of the Board of Directors for the NBOME and a member of the ACGME’s Osteopathic Principles Committee, and she is the assistant dean for curriculum at RowanSOM and a professor of OMM.

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AAO Calendar of Events

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

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Feb. 19  AAO office closed—Presidents Day

March 18-20  Pre-Convocation course—Introduction to the Fascial Distortion Model—Todd A. Capistrant, DO, MHA, course director—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 18-20  Pre-Convocation course—Osteopathic Management of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Multiple Sclerosis—Bruno Chikly, MD, DO (France), course director—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 18-20  Pre-Convocation course—The Twig Unbent: An Osteopathic Approach to Common Orthopedic Problems in Children—Heather P. Ferrill, DO, MS MEdL, and Lisa Ann DeStefano, DO, course directors—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 18-20  Pre-Convocation course—Visceral Motility and Visceral Chains—Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, course director—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 20  Committee on Fellowship in the AAO’s interviews and meeting—8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 20  AAO Board of Trustees’ meeting—6 to 9 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 21  AAO strategic planning meeting—8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 21  AAO Board of Governors’ meeting—2 to 5 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 21  AAO Investment Committee’s meeting—5 to 6 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 21-25  2018 Convocation—Osteopathic Legends: Their Legacies Live On—David R. Boesler, DO, program chair—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 22  AAO annual business meeting and luncheon—11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee’s meeting—6:30 to 8 a.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO Membership Committee’s meeting—6:30 to 8 a.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  PAAO annual business meeting and luncheon—12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO Osteopathic Education Service Committee’s meeting—12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee’s meeting—12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO Publications Committee’s meeting—12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO Postdoctoral Standards and Accreditation Committee’s meeting—3:30 to 5 p.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO Informational Technologies Committee’s meeting—6:30 to 8 a.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 23  AAO International Affairs Advisory Council’s meeting—6:30 to 8 a.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 24  AAO Student Academies Committee’s meeting—6:30 to 8 a.m. Central—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 24  AAO Board of Trustees’ meeting—11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

March 25  Post-Convocation course—Residency Program Directors Workshop—Stephen I. Goldman, DO, FAAO, FAOASM, course director—Hilton Anatole in Dallas

April 20-22  Muscle Energy for the Total Body—Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO, course director—The Pyramids, Indianapolis

June 7-9  Prolotherapy and Platelet-Rich Plasma—Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO, and George J. Pasquarrello, DO, FAAO, course directors—Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis
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Should Dr. Channell be elected to the Board of Trustees, the remaining year of her unexpired 2016-19 term as a governor will be filled during the 2018 election.

Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO*

Vision: The AAO should continue to lead the osteopathic profession as envisioned by A.T. Still. Our adherence to his original teachings should enable us to remain the gold-standard for growing and promoting osteopathic medicine. Our success in this effort can then be measured in the results obtained by our students and our physicians in service to suffering patients.

Contributions: After three decades of research, practice and teaching, I continue to perceive a strong need for increasing the capabilities of teachers and numbers of practitioners in our profession. While my research, along with political efforts, are also important, I focus on teaching because I have seen our osteopathic approach succeed in practice whenever it is excellent.

Biographical sketch: Born in Massachusetts. Graduated Worcester Polytechnic Institute 1982 (BS) and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine 1988 (DO). In private practice since 1989 in Southern California, and also clinical associate professor of neuromusculoskeletal medicine at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California.

AAO board certified AOBSPOMM 1994, Cranial Academy 1997, FAAO 2007, AOA House of Delegates 2015-17 representing California and OPSC. Currently serve on AAO Board of Trustees and as board liaison on AAO committees. Have taught for three decades at osteopathic medical schools and CME. Research includes clinical gross anatomy and embryology—especially as related to osteopathic medicine.

Should Dr. Hagopian be elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for Governor.

Richard G. Schuster, DO*

Vision: The Academy is nearing a crossroads where we must decide what we will be not only today, but five, 10 and 20 years from now. We will not be the same organization we currently are. I still believe that we are here “to improve the system of medicine generally,” and we must be prepared to do so as we move forward.

Contributions: I am a member of the Board of Trustees, Education Committee, and teach in our AAO OMM curriculum. It is our responsibility to grow as an organization to meet our members’ needs and the needs of the profession. To do so, we must remain fiscally responsible while still being agile and responsive to changing landscapes. I have attempted to achieve these goals the past three years as a member of the BOT.

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Biographical sketch: I am currently an associate program director for Community South Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency, recently completing my tenure as interim program director with the responsibility of guiding the program through ACGME accreditation. I continue to attempt 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 the musculoskeletal system. My passion is in the practice of osteopathic medicine, the education of our profession, and the role of mentoring within it.

Karen T. Snider, DO, FAAO

Vision: AAO is uniquely suited to be able to provide faculty development and resident training in osteopathic principles and practice to osteopathically recognized residency programs. By providing on-demand education programs in addition to traditional conferences, AAO can reach across specialties to provide OPP training to the next generation of physicians.

Contributions: My career has been dedicated to the mission of the AAO. I have worked to advocate for the clinical integration of OPP through OMM curricular development and delivery, clinical practice and mentoring, performance and publication of OMM research, and integration of OPP on national licensure examinations and ACGME residency programs.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Snider is professor and assistant dean for OPP Integration at ATSU-KCOM where she works to integrate OPP throughout the continuum of osteopathic medical education. She serves on many national committees including the AAO Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, AAO Board of Governors, the NBOME Board of Directors, and the ACGME Osteopathic Principles Committee. Dr. Snider graduated from WVSOM in 1997. She is actively involved in osteopathic research and has published and presented widely. Her research interests revolve around the basic science, clinical outcomes, practice management, and educational methodologies involving OMM.

Should Dr. Snider be elected to the Board of Trustees, the remaining two years of her unexpired 2017-20 term as a governor will be filled during the 2018 election.

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

Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP*

Vision:

1. Take advantage of the opportunities created by the single accreditation system for GME; advocating for programs to seek Osteopathic Recognition, and developing and promoting educational programming for MDs who want osteopathic training.
2. Continue advocacy for OMT payment.

Contributions: Dr. Buser served as the 120th president of the American Osteopathic Association. He is the VP for Health Affairs and Dean of the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Pikeville. He previously served as AAO president (1995-96), secretary-treasurer (2000-06) and chair of the Nominating Committee (2000-15) and has been a member of the AAO Board of Governors since 1991. Dr. Buser is a graduate of DMU-COM. He served 14 years as chair of the OMM Department at UNECOM in Maine and mentored many AAO leaders. In 2010, Dr. Buser was awarded the A.T. Still Medallion of Honor by the AAO.

Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO*

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

• Own our headquarters and possibly teaching facility.
• Reduce dues yet maximize member services. This will require us to utilize our investment earnings instead of being wholly dependent on increasing member dues.
• Establish our top five 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 Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors, strategic planning, numerous committees and two 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.

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Convocation Mobile App

In 2017, the AAO released its first mobile application for Convocation. More than 46 percent of attendees downloaded it, so we’re doing it again!

The mobile app will allow users to stay updated on everything happening at the AAO’s 2018 Convocation.

The AAO Convo18 app provides:

- **Up-to-date scheduling.** If there is any change to an event (such as location change or cancellation), the information will be updated in the app as soon as possible.
- **Customized scheduling.** Mark as favorites those sessions you plan to attend, and you can see your personalized schedule. To see your favorites, click on the profile icon at the top right of the mobile app.
- **Notifications.** If there is a change to any session you’ve marked as a favorite, you may receive notifications if there is any change to the schedule.

- **Professional networking.** Users with profiles in the app can send direct messages to other attendees. So if you enjoyed talking with Dr. Jones during the morning lecture, you can send Dr. Jones a message to meet up later to continue the conversation!
- **Group discussion.** If something you learned piqued your interest, start a discussion about it!
- **Frequently Asked Questions.** The app’s FAQs cover a range of topics, including where to find presentations, how CME is reported and the Hilton Anatole’s parking options.

The app will be released in mid-February, and an email will be sent to all registered attendees with the access code. For the privacy of all attendees, please do not share this access code.

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**R. Todd Dombroski, DO**

**Vision:** I would like to see more research into quantifying the superb results we have with our patients when using OMM.

**Contributions:** As an active member of the AAO since 1995, I have demonstrated OMM expertise to many medical students, residents and military patients in wartime and peace time. I continue at TCOM to teach and research OMM benefits.

**Biographical sketch:** A Kirksville grad from 1987 and certified in OMM since 1994. Also completed a residency in family medicine and fellowship in sports medicine. Research areas using OMM include: concussions, infant feeding and degenerative arthritis. I wish to assist in cooperative efforts in multi-site studies in OMM.

**Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO**

**Vision:** The AAO is the osteopathic manipulative medicine brain trust for all in the practice of medicine. I would like 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 a medical educator. From 1995-2005, I led nine 20-hour muscle energy tutorials. I served as program chair for the 1993 AAO program at the AOA convention in Boston. I served on the AOBSPOMM from 1996-99 and AOBNMM from 1999-2008, chairing that organization from 2006-08. I served as an SAAO chapter advisor for 17 years, and have served as a member of the Committee on Fellowship of the American Academy of Osteopathy since 2012.

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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 Department at PCOM. That was followed by eight years in the private specialty practice of osteopathic manipulative medicine. In 2005, I was offered the opportunity to move to the Atlanta region and direct the OMM 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, and write a few book chapters, and proudly mentor members of the next generation of practitioners of neuromusculoskeletal medicine.

William M. Foley, DO, MSc

Vision: The AAO is the leader in osteopathy and OMT. I believe the AAO should continue to expand OMT courses to give members what they need to succeed in an osteopathic practice. We also need to support novel research in OMT to prove its value to insurance companies for better reimbursement.

Contributions: For many years, I have been vice chair of the Membership Committee. Over the past few years, we have created and distributed surveys to ascertain how to better serve the osteopathic community. With these results, the AAO has been better able to successfully target the needs of DOs.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Foley graduated from UNECOM in 2001 and founded Boston Osteopathic Health in 2008. He is board certified in family medicine and NMM/OMM. He holds academic titles at UMass Medical School, UNECOM, and Tufts School of Medicine. He is the immediate past president of the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society.

Dr. Foley has lectured at local, national, and international medical conferences for such groups as the AOA, the AAO, Harvard Medical School, and the OCA. He has also conducted research using OMT for carpal tunnel and TMJ syndrome.

Rebecca E. Giusti, DO

Vision: Greater exposure of osteopathic medicine to the general public.

A national campaign of sorts or YouTube videos of what an

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Convocation Deadlines

Regular Registration Rate Expires Feb. 28
Be sure to register for the AAO’s 2018 Convocation no later than Feb. 28 to avoid a late fee. On March 1, rates will increase $50. On-site registration will be charged at the late rate plus $150. To receive the regular rate, all online orders must be paid by midnight Eastern time on Feb. 28, and mailed registration forms must be postmarked Feb. 28.

Register online now, or complete the order forms on Page 11 or 17 of the 2018 Convocation brochure.

AAO’s Hilton Anatole Room Block Closes Feb. 19
Make your Hilton Anatole hotel reservations by Feb. 19 to take advantage of the AAO’s negotiated rate. Rates start at $199 per night. Although no more rooms are available at the discounted student rate, students can still reserve rooms at the physician rate.

The Hilton Anatole normally charges a $25 per day resort fee for overnight guests. This fee can be waived at check-in upon request. The resort fee includes discounts on parking; internet access in sleeping rooms (not meeting rooms); pool recreation; health club, classes and courts; 15% off spa services; two kids dinners in Media; two Starbucks coffees; dessert with dinner at Media or SER; and local/toll-free calls.

Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon
Register by March 15 to ensure your reservation for the AAO’s annual business meeting and luncheon. Members who register after March 15 are invited to attend the meeting, but they will not be served a meal.

Members not attending Convocation but wishing to attend the business meeting should email AAO Executive Director Sherri L. Quarles at SQuarles@academyofosteopathy.org by March 7.

President’s Banquet
Tickets for the AAO’s annual president’s banquet, which will take place on Saturday, March 24, are not included in your Convocation registration. All tickets for the president’s banquet must be purchased separately. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, March 21.

At the president’s banquet, honorees are recognized, and the incoming president is inaugurated.

The president’s banquet is a formal event.

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orthopaedic physician is so that our students can articulate this clearly (3 things—a fully qualified physician who is trained within a framework of a patient centered philosophy and who possesses diagnostic and therapeutic hands-on skills).

Contributions: I have assisted with the educational mission of the AAO by table training at several courses offered by the AAO and providing lectures and workshops at several AAO Convocations.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Giusti is currently the chair and the OMSI course director of the NMM/OMM Department at COMP, Western University in Pomona, California. She is double boarded in family practice and NMM/OMM and has been certified as competent by the Orthopaedic Cranial Academy. She has co-authored several chapters in the Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine textbook. She is passionate about fitness and is a certified Pilates instructor and fitness instructor.

Editor’s note: Dr. Giusti will chair the AAO’s 2019 Convocation in Orlando, Florida.

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 orthopaedic research.

Contributions: Serving as 2001-02 AAO 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 orthopaedic 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 the Board of 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 the Awards Committee, and I am a member of the Committee on Fellowship and the Nominating Committee. The success of the AAO as an organization depends on the strength of its leadership, and I look forward to contributing to that critical process. Thank you for your support.

Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO

Vision: The AAO needs to continue its focus on education for all levels from novice to expert. We should be seen as the experts in the profession so that we can help all specialties with their educational needs. Getting and retaining members is also key, but we need to provide them with the best service we can for their membership dollar.

Contributions: I am just completing my year as immediate past president. I would love to continue using all the knowledge and experience I gained over these last nine years to continue to move the Academy forward.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Griffin graduated from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996 after completing a one-year predoctoral anatomy/osteopathic principles and practices 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, Michigan, from 2001 to 2008 and the FP/NMM program at Pikeville Medical Center from 2008 to 2015. She is a professor and the chair of the Osteopathic Principles and Practices Department at the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM). Dr. Griffin has served on the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, as well as the American Academy of Osteopathy (continued on Page 10)
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**Sharon Gustowski, DO, MPH**

**Vision:** The AAO should be the leader in osteopathic manipulative medicine education and facilitate the networking of osteopathic physicians who utilize OMT in their practices.

**Contributions:** Chair, membership committee (mid-2000s), actively participates as a Board of Governors member, attends all meetings.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Gustowski graduated from the University of North Texas Health Science Center-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNTHSC-TCOM) and the School of Public Health in 2001. She completed a residency and was board certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine in 2004. She was a founding faculty member at the Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2004-11, and from 2011-14 was faculty at UNTHSC-TCOM. Dr. Gustowski is a trustee for the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and is a past president of the Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association. Most currently, she serves as the vice chair of the AOA’s Bureau of Scientific Affairs and Public Health and is collaborating with the AAO for the 2018 OMED program. She is a native of San Antonio and has two lovely cats (Betty and Lucky).

**Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO**

See Dr. Hagopian's statement under “Board of Trustees” on Page 5. Should Dr. Hagopian be elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for Governor.

**Brian E. Kaufman, DO, FACP, FACOI**

**Vision:** The AAO’s tradition of excellence should serve to provide leadership and guidance throughout the osteopathic and non-osteopathic medical community, allowing for osteopathic medicine to flourish, in our turbulent healthcare environment. I will use my experiences as a board member of the Maine Osteopathic Association, chair of payor/payee committee and private practitioner to provide a voice with those goals in mind.

**Contributions:** As editor-in-chief of the AAOJ, I provided thought and opinion on subjects impacting the health care culture. I believe the quality of our published research and literature has increased. This aids in preparing for increased visibility, and leadership, within the medical community at large. This is paramount for our future.

**Biographical sketch:** A lifelong New Yorker, I have now settled in Maine. My degree in physical chemistry helped me understand complex forces influencing our universe. UNECOM provided me an appreciation of the universe within our bodies. As an undergraduate fellow, I experienced the powerful influence osteopathic medicine has on our health. Internal medicine training expanded this knowledge and my NMM+1 year catalyzed integration of the visceral and musculoskeletal systems. I blend all these aspects of my training in my private practice.

I compose and perform music, enjoy hiking and have an active family life. I am never bored!

**Polly E. Leonard, DO, MS, FNAOME**

**Vision:** I support our current mission. I want to see us develop additional ways to welcome all physicians to our (treatment) table, and maintain the skills of DO students in their third and fourth years. The AAO has expertise, resources, and knowledge that should be more prominent in the healthcare discussion.

**Contributions:** Education Committee plans and develops the curriculum for the AAO CME events. I am honored to be a member of this hard-working committee and contribute the perspective of an educator, former administrator, and private practice physician.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Leonard is a clinical professor at UNECOM. She is certified in both family practice and neuromusculoskeletal medicine and is in private practice. She was the founding DME for the Kent Hospital Residencies in Warwick, Rhode Island. She holds two fellowships in the National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators: Medical Education Leadership in 2012 and Teaching and Evaluation in 2014. She is president of the NEOMEN OPTI and the chairperson of the Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators (SOME) within AACOM. She is a master teacher with the Training of Osteopathic Primary Care Educators (TOPCE) consortium.

**J’Aimee Anne Lippert, DO**

**Vision:** In this challenging time in the national discussion of health care, preservation of and respect for osteopathic tenets is critical. As health care becomes more complex, and access to quality care continues to
present very real concerns for many citizens, focusing on the health of the person and the innate healing ability of the body may be left aside in favor of targeting disease and narrowing resources; we as osteopathic physicians are uniquely challenged in this critical health care environment to keep the discussion focused on health, well-being, individualized care and prevention. The AAO is the standard-bearer in safeguarding patients’ health and influencing policy. Our role as an organization must include engaging in awareness, advocacy, education and reform.

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Do from all specialties are invited to volunteer to demonstrate their palpatory and treatment skills at the OES. Volunteers receive 0.5 credit of AOA Category 1-B CME for each demonstration. In addition, for each demonstration a physician provides during the 2018 Convocation, his or her name will be entered into a drawing for complimentary registration for the 2019 Convocation at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando.

After the 2017 Convocation, Debra “Brooks” Conforti, DO, won the raffle for complimentary registration to the 2018 Convocation. Dr. Conforti provided nine demonstrations at the 2017 Convocation.

Contact Bev Searcy, the AAO’s finance and membership liaison, at (317) 879-1881, ext. 212, or at BSearcy@academyofosteopathy.org to volunteer in advance for the OES at the 2018 Convocation.

This is a great opportunity for DOs to share valuable skills and experiences with their peers in a relaxed setting.

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have previously served on the AAO’s Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee. I have assisted with the resident in-service exam at Convocation for many years. I currently serve as a member of the Bylaws Committee and am working with AAO leadership and the NBOME on developing the CORRE exam. I look forward to more leadership roles with the AAO in the future, and I am very interested in health policy and advocacy, as well as providing residents more opportunities for residency training and continuing medical education.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Lippert is a 2000 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and she completed her family medicine/neuromusculoskeletal medicine integrated residency training in 2004 at Metro Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She served as a residency program director at Metro Health for several years prior to moving with her husband and three children to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she serves in an integrated family medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine practice affiliated with Prevea Health. She continues to serve as an assistant professor at MSUCOM and teaches in both the Statewide Campus System for family medicine residents and in the Department of Continuing Medical Education with the manual medicine series. Additionally, she is a member of the Prevea Health Concussion Team, providing osteopathic care to patients with head injuries. She very much enjoys precepting osteopathic students and residents for rotations and sharing osteopathic medicine with her community, giving lectures and workshops. Dr. Lippert’s passion is sharing osteopathy with others, and she hopes to continue to serve the AAO’s efforts with regard to influencing health policy and graduate medical education.

Volunteers must have their own professional liability coverage. Demonstrations are for educational purposes only.

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Make a Difference in the AAO: Serve on a Committee

The AAO relies on volunteer leaders like you. President-elect Catherine M. Kimball, DO, is hard at work recruiting members to serve on 10 different committees from Awards to Publications. No experience is necessary. Many members have used their experiences on AAO committees to launch careers throughout the osteopathic profession.

Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, who served as the 2016-17 president of the American Osteopathic Association, previously served as the Academy’s 1995-96 president. In a 2015 interview, Dr. Buser told AAO Member News that working on AAO committees allowed him to understand the different constituencies within the profession, and he encourages anyone who cares about the future of osteopathic medicine to get involved.

If you are interested in serving on a committee of the AAO, please review the list at www.academyofosteopathy.org/committees and download the committee application. Return the application to AAO Boards and Committees Liaison Debbie Cole at DCole@academyofosteopathy.org.

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David C. Mason, DO, MBA, FACOFP*

Vision: The AAO needs to be leading the integration of osteopathic principles into the ACGME accredited residencies for ONMM, combined FMJ/ONMM and osteopathically recognized residency programs. We also need to explore improvements in our CME content and delivery for our members and other DOs looking to maintain osteopathic distinctiveness.

Contributions: My greatest contributions to the AAO have been to our student and resident members. They are the future of our organization and profession. I have served in several roles including chairing the SAAO advisors committee, but more importantly, people I have mentored are now in leadership roles in our organization, a proud culmination of tenacious hard work.

Biographical sketch: I have committed myself to osteopathic academic education, serving nearly two decades between two of our osteopathic schools. I have maintained a connection and leadership roles in both the AAO and the ACOFP as a way to facilitate continued educational programming in each. Both groups are important to the livelihood of osteopathic medicine. Our AAO is a keystone in the profession delivering the content and forum for osteopathic tradition and specialty practice. Primary care has the potential to lead the largest reform of health care in this country by continuous integration of osteopathic principles and practice. The new opportunity with the ACGME common pathway is now ours to capitalize on. If we do not embrace and drive this wave of change we will become an afterthought and swallowed up in insignificance. I do not intend to stand idle and watch that occur. We must band together and demonstrate the commodity that differentiates us, proves our worth, and cares

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for our patients. I am hopeful to be given the opportunity to continue to serve our members as a governor.

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 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 served several terms and chaired 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, treating my daughter who has MS. In the past I have taught in the Osteopathic Manipulative Departments at both NYITCOM and UTHSC/TCOM. I have served the AOBNMM Board for many years as the AOBNMM representative to the Bureau of Specialists and as a member of the Executive Committee, the Appeals Committee, the Basic Documents Committee, and other AOA Committees. I also serve as an OPP rater for NBOME.

Stacey L. Pierce-Talsma, DO, MD-EdL, FNAOME

**Vision:** The AAO should be positioned to continue to provide quality educational programs as a leader in osteopathic practice and focus. We must continue to support our ONMM residency programs as well as continue to support appropriate reimbursement for OMT services provided.

**Contributions:** I have assisted yearly with the resident’s in-service exam, lectured at OMED and convocation, and assisted NMM/OMM programs with accreditation questions. I represent our programs at the PTRC and have assisted with AAO responses during the transition to single accreditation and ACGME.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Pierce-Talsma is an MSUCOM graduate who completed residency at UNECOM and a master’s in medical education and leadership. She is an associate professor and chair of the OMM Department at Touro University California. Dr. Pierce-Talsma serves the AAO as a member of the Board of Governors, advisor to the PAAO, member of the Postdoctoral Training Committee (PTC), vice chair of the Postdoctoral Standards & Accreditation Committee (PSA), and the AAO representative to the Postdoctoral Training & Review Committee (PTRC) of the AAO. Dr. Pierce-Talsma is a Health Policy Fellow Graduate and a Fellow in the National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators (FNAOME).

Richard G. Schuster, DO*

See Dr. Schuster’s campaign statement on Page 5 under “Board of Trustees.” Should Dr. Schuster be elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for Governor.

Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO

**Vision:** The AAO is not just the “keeper of the flame” of osteopathic tradition nor should it be only the home of manual medicine. It should develop and promote the future of physicians as complex systems analysts and treatment providers in an evolved model of disease and health involving the entire person.

**Contributions:** Osteopathic innovator, writer, teacher. Rediscovered and redeveloped the Still technique. Introduced the nociceptive and integrative neuromusculoskeletal healing models of somatic dysfunction. Active in the Committee on Fellowship and Board of Governors.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Van Buskirk is an internationally recognized osteopathic physician in private practice in Sarasota, Florida, for 27 years. He is board certified in and practices family medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine. Before graduating from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, he was an associate professor in physiology and neuroscience, with a PhD from Duke University. Dr. Van Buskirk is a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy and has served 16 years on the Board of Governors of the AAO. He is the published author of books, medical and scientific articles and has given lectures and courses in North America, Europe and Japan.

Col. Ralph C. Walsh Jr., DO

**Vision:** We’re finally on a long-fought journey to being a louder and stronger voice within the AOA. For me, this has been due to the tireless efforts of our colleagues who strive to stay true to the principles that Dr. Still has given us, providing increased awareness and opportunities to continue the art, philosophy, and integration of OMM principles through teaching, research and advocacy. It is now my turn to step up and push forward.

**Contributions:** I have had an active role in what is now called the Osteopathic Education Service Committee since 2005, serving
as chair since 2011, expanding physician participation and establishing and incorporating OES goals into the last two AAO strategic plans.

I also have participated in the AAO Leadership Forums the past four years.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Walsh is a 1992 graduate of the University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship and family medicine residency in Ohio and an NMM plus-one residency in Texas. From 1996 to 2009, he was in private practice in Ohio providing integrative medicine and OMM in both the clinical and hospital setting. In 2009 thru 2011, as a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, he took a leave of absence from private practice to perform Flight Surgeon duties in the war on terror with deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and Oklahoma. From April 2011 to April 2015, Dr. Walsh was a member of the OMM Department at UNTHSC/TCOM; he was an outpatient clinical provider of OMM, hospitalist, Year III OMM course director, supervised a hospital OMM curriculum and provided monthly lectures for hospital interns and residents. Dr. Walsh was the faculty advisor for the SAAO as well as an assistant faculty advisor to the student military club. He is an active member in good standing of the AAO. Dr. Walsh is currently serving a military tour as the chief medical review officer for the Air National Guard Drug program.

Nominating Committee
(Elect four for one-year terms)

Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOPF*
See Dr. Buser’s statement under “Board of Governors” on Page 6. Candidates may serve on the Board of Governors and the Nominating Committee simultaneously.

Jane E. Carreiro, DO*
Vision: The AAO will be looked at as the leader in the education and practice of manual medicine diagnosis and treatment, and the application of osteopathic philosophy and practice within the health care system.

Contributions: Currently serving as an AAO Governor, Dr. Carreiro was the 2012-13 AAO president, served on the Nominating Committee, Board of Trustees, and Education Committee, chaired and served on the International Affairs Committee; founded and chaired the AAO international forums; and was the AAO program director for the 2004 Convocation and 2010 AOA conference.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Carreiro is VP of health affairs and dean of the COM at University of New England. She has served as director of GME and is a tenured professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine. She serves on the Osteopathic Recognition Committee for ACGME. She has published in Spine, Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine and The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association. Dr. Carreiro has authored Pediatric Manual Medicine and An Osteopathic Approach to Children. She holds board certifications from both the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

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Funding Announcement for Traumatic Brain Injury Research

A new grant opportunity from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at the Administration for Community Living (ACL) has been announced under the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects Program (DRRP) for the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model System Centers Collaborative Research Project.

The purpose of the DRRP program is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities (including international activities) to develop methods, procedures and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities.

DRRP Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model System Centers Collaborative Research Project

The purpose of this project is to improve the lives of people with TBI through a multisite collaborative research project on a topic related to rehabilitation. It will leverage the capacities of the TBI Model Systems Centers and contribute to the advancement of evidence-based rehabilitation interventions. Eligible applicants must provide a continuum of care for people with TBI, including emergency medical services, acute care services, acute medical rehabilitation services and post-acute services.

Please visit www.grants.gov/web/grants/ for more details about the grant opportunity and application process. This grant opportunity closes on March 13, 2018.

To stay current on NIDILRR grant opportunities, visit www.grants.gov and search: NIDILRR or 93.433.
Did you know members of the AAO can look up your member information online? In addition to the Find a Physician page, members can use the Member Directory to get in touch with you.

To find the Member Directory, log in to the AAO’s website at www.academyofosteopathy.org. Once you’re logged in, go to Profile > Member Directory Search. You can search for members by name or location.

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4. Click Save All Changes.

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Nonmembers who wish to contact AAO members should use the Find a Physician search at FindOMM.org.

**Connect With Academy Members**

**Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO**

**Vision:** The AAO must remain and place itself forward as the leader in providing osteopathic education and leadership to osteopathic physicians and others who qualify by the nature of their licenses to practice.

**Contributions:** I feel that I have led the organization as president in 2003-04 and continue to do so as a member and current chairman of the Nominating Committee to advance the organization by addressing the continuing need for leaders.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Dowling is a 1989 graduate of the NYITCOM and 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 and is a recipient of the A.T. Still Medallion.

Dr. Dowling is a former professor and chairman of OMM at the NYITCOM and is clinical professor at the MWU, PCOM and UNECOM. He was in private practice from 2003 to 2016 and has been a consultant and the coordinator of OMM assessment for the NBOME since 2004. Dr. Dowling has supervised residents in the PM&R Department at NUMC in East Meadow, Long Island, since 1990 and is currently working in the family medicine department at that hospital. He is certified by the AOBFP and the AOBNMM and earned his FAAO in 1999. He has served on the AAO Board of Trustees, AAO Board of Governors, is a past AAO president, and has been a member and/or chair on several other AAO committees.

**John C. Glover, DO, FAAO**

See Dr. Glover’s statement under “Board of Governors” on Page 9. Candidates may serve on the Board of Governors and the Nominating Committee simultaneously.

**Kenneth J. Lossing, DO**

**Vision:** We shall provide the nucleus for osteopathic manipulative medicine becoming the standard of conservative care in the USA.

**Contributions:** AAO 2014-15 president.

**Biographical sketch:** I have been in private practice since 1997, and have been teaching OMM around the world since that time.

**Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FFAFP, FAAO (ex-officio)**

As the AAO’s 2018-19 immediate past president, Dr. Rowane will automatically serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee for one year.

**Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO (ex-officio)**

See Dr. Griffin’s statement under “Board of Governors” on Page 9. Candidates may serve on the Board of Governors and the Nominating Committee simultaneously.
In Memoriam: Patricia A. Cottrille, DO

Patricia A. Cottrille, DO, 90, of Seminole, Florida, passed away Nov. 24, 2017. Dr. Cottrille was a 1951 graduate of what is now the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa. She was in general practice in Erie, Pennsylvania, before she went to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine to complete a residency in pediatrics in 1959. In 1974, she relocated to Des Moines to join the osteopathic medical school faculty. She served in many positions at the college before retiring in 1993, including associate dean of student affairs, assistant dean of clinical affairs, and interim dean of academic affairs.

In addition, Dr. Cottrille was the recipient of numerous awards, and she authored countless articles in pediatric publications. She served as the president of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians in addition to serving on national advisory boards.

Committee Corner

We will do our best to keep members updated on committee activities in this recurring section.

See a complete list of committees at www.academyofosteopathy.org. Do not hesitate to contact the committee’s staff liaison or the committee chair with any questions or concerns.

Members in the News

In a story from Dec. 20, The DO recommends Inner Strength: Osteopathic Medical Students Reflect on Resiliency edited by Tyler C. Cymet, DO. It is a collection of essays from the 2015-16 Student DO of the Year honorees, examining the field of emotions to understand the medical school experience. This book is an asset for medical students’ battle to know they are not alone.

Giovanny Richard Destin, OMS II, shared his story of switching from teaching high school to attending medical school at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. His students lacked nutrition and preventive health care and were tired from working late night jobs to support their families. Those factors sparked his interest in UNTHSC’s commitment to producing health care providers who care for underserved patient populations.

In an article published in the January 2018 issue of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, Tyler James Fleming, OMS IV, and Martha Guadalupe Benitez, OMS IV, assessed the practicality of one-on-one conversations to increase colorectal cancer screening in a community-based clinical setting. The authors concluded that patients were more likely to complete at-home fecal immunochemical tests (FITs) to screen for CRC if they were able to discuss the need for screening and the screening process itself with their physicians.

Kristen Diana de Vries, DO; Sheldon C. Yao, DO; and Michael John Terzella, DO, were among the authors of “Effect of Ultrasonography on Student Learning of Shoulder Anatomy and Landmarks,” which was published in the January 2018 issue of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association. The authors concluded that using ultrasonography as an educational supplement may improve medical students’ confidence in and accuracy of palpating four specific anatomical landmarks.

The January 2018 issue of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association includes an e-supplement by AAO members Nicole Jeanine Peña, DO; Helena Prieto, OMS IV; and Stacey L. Pierce-Talsma, DO, MS-EdL, FNAOME. The authors describe how osteopathic manipulative treatment can benefit patients with cancer who have undergone bowel resection surgery. In the accompanying video, Dr. Peña demonstrates the applicable treatment methods.

In an article published in the February 2018 issue of The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, Jane T. Balbo, DO, and her three coauthors discuss relevant (continued on Page 17)
2017-18 Golden Ram Campaign Exceeds Goal

In just under nine months, the Golden Ram Society has reached its goal for the 2017-18 campaign year! The campaign launched on June 1, 2017, and 68 donors have contributed a total of $26,839 as of Jan. 20, 2018. These contributions exceed our $20,000 goal by 34 percent. Let’s not stop now. Please keep giving to make it a great year.

Established in 1987, the Golden Ram Society is the primary fund that supports the Academy’s mission. Because the Academy cannot operate on dues revenue alone, generous contributions to the Golden Ram Society allow the AAO to offer quality educational programs at reasonable rates, develop new programs using new technology and expand the AAO’s public education efforts.

Donations to the 2017-18 Golden Ram campaign can be made online by logging on to www.academyofosteoopathy.org. Donations also may be mailed to the Golden Ram Society, American Academy of Osteopathy, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 1100, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1136.

You can set up recurring monthly donations of $25 or more. Call AAO Executive Director Sherri L. Quares at (317) 879-1881, ext. 214, for more information.

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literature on the neurobiologic changes that occur as a consequence of sexual assault, such as how the brain responds during a traumatic experience and the impact of trauma on memory.

Danielle Kurtz Emmet, OMS IV; Victor Nuñó, DO; and Stacy L. Pierce-Talsma, DO, MS-EdL, FNAOME, contributed to the February 2018 OMT Minute in The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association. The article discusses using osteopathic manipulative treatment to address physiologic effects of stress. In the accompanying video, Dr. Nuñó demonstrates the suboccipital decompression technique, which can improve parasympathetic tone by reducing heartrate variability.
Course Description
Sometimes referred to as module 1, this introductory course is an excellent starting point on the journey of learning the fascial distortion model (FDM).

Attendees will be introduced to the theory of FDM while focusing on the shoulder, ankle and knee regions. Learn how FDM ties into traditional osteopathic education and expands the toolbox you use to help more patients.

This is an excellent opportunity for physicians just learning about FDM or for physicians who are familiar with it but want to dive a little deeper.

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

Course Times
Sunday through Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meal Information
Breakfast and lunch are on your own. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Course Location
Hilton Anatole Dallas
2201 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207
Make hotel reservations now: click here.
To make your reservations by phone, call (214) 748-1200 and provide the group code (AAO for physicians, AAS for students).

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

Course Director
Todd A. Capistrant, DO, MHA, earned both his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree and his master in health administration degree in 1997 from the Des Moines (Iowa) University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is one of only three physicians in the United States who are currently certified to teach seminars on the FDM, and he is the president of the American Fascial Distortion Model Association.

Dr. Capistrant specializes in OMM, and he is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. He is a member of the growing OMM department at the Tanana Valley Clinic in Fairbanks, Alaska, and he serves as a regional dean for the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Yakima, Washington.

Registration Form
Introduction to the Fascial Distortion Model
March 18-20, 2018

Name: ___________________________ AOA No.: __________
Nickname for badge: ___________________________
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☐ I am a practicing health care professional.
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☐ I will attend the AAO’s 2018 Convocation.

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

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View the AAO’s cancellation and refund policy.

Register online at www.academyofosteopathy.org, or submit this registration form and your payment by email to GWatts@academyofosteopathy.org; by mail to the American Academy of Osteopathy, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 1100, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1136; or by fax at (317) 879-0563.
Osteopathic Management of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Multiple Sclerosis

A Pre-Convocation Course • March 18-20, 2018 • Hilton Anatole in Dallas

Course Description
A growing number of people are diagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia and other chronic pain conditions. These patients need effective, noninvasive treatment that doesn’t aggravate their conditions. This course will provide participants the tools to recognize these conditions and to effectively treat those patients.

The assessment and treatment will be done over six specific key lesions (three in the front of the body and three in the back). The treatment will be a blend of Dr. Chikly’s lymph and brain techniques.

The lymph techniques will include lymph mapping and some specific viscera work using a lympho-fascia release approach to viscera such as the liver, pancreas, heart, etc. The brain techniques will include intracranial membranes using curved biotensegrity, brainstem, etc. Specific sacrum techniques also will be presented.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to identify several chronic pain conditions; describe the comorbidity, known causes, and differential diagnoses of these conditions; and explain the importance of the lymphatic system in addressing these conditions.

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

Course Times
Sunday and Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meal Information
Breakfast and lunch are on your own. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Course Location
Hilton Anatole Dallas
2201 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207
Make hotel reservations now: [click here].
To make your reservations by phone, call (214) 748-1200 and provide the group code (AAO for physicians).

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

Course Director
Bruno Chikly, MD, DO (France), is a graduate of the medical school at St. Antoine Hospital in Paris, where his internship in general medicine included training in endocrinology, surgery, neurology and psychiatry.

Dr. Chikly also has the French equivalent of a master’s degree in psychology. In 2009, he received a doctorate in osteopathy from CROMON (Holistic Research Center for Osteopathic and Natural Medicine) and AIPRO (Italian Association for Postural Occlusion Re-education) in Italy, and he is on the French National Registry of Osteopathy.

Dr. Chikly is an internationally renowned educator, lecturer and writer. He is the author of the book Silent Waves: The Theory and Practice of Lymph Drainage Therapy, as well as the creator of a DVD titled Dissection of the Brain and Spinal Cord, and he is working on a book about osteopathic manipulation and the brain. He lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, with his wife and partner, Alaya.

Registration Fees

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¹ Registrations received after March 2 will be processed on-site, incurring a $150 late fee. ² The AAO’s associate members, international affiliates and supporter members are entitled to register at the same fees as full members. This course is not appropriate for students.

Registration Form

Osteopathic Management of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Multiple Sclerosis
March 18-20, 2018

Name: ________________________ AOA No.: ____________

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City: __________________ State: ______ ZIP: ______

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☐ I am a practicing health care professional.
☐ I am a resident or intern.
☐ I will attend the AAO’s 2018 Convocation.

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

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Course Description
This program is designed to focus on treating children with common pediatric orthopedic complaints using osteopathic manipulative treatment within the larger context of medicine. Attendees will learn a variety of approaches to treating upper and lower extremity dysfunctions, as well as scoliosis and headaches. Attendees will practice moving attention through bone, fluid and membrane to augment perception ability and treatment effectiveness.

Modalities include balanced ligamentous tension (BLT), balanced membranous tension (BMT), facilitated positional release (FPR), muscle energy technique (MET) and intraosseous techniques.

Continuing Medical Education
19 credits of NMM-specific AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated.

Course Times
Sunday and Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Meal Information
Breakfast and lunch are on your own. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Course Location
Hilton Anatole Dallas
2201 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207
Make hotel reservations now: click here.

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

Registration Form
The Twig Unbent: An Osteopathic Approach to Common Orthopedic Problems in Children
March 18-20, 2018

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Course Description
In this course, attendees will explore the inherent motions, or motility, of the viscera of the thorax, abdomen and pelvis. These motions are not to be confused with the motility of the gastrointestinal tract as described in gastroenterology books, nor with mobility, which is movements caused by respiration. Visceral motility occurs at a rate of 5 to 7 cycles per minute, concurrent with a visceral motility of the brain. As the organ moves away from the midline, it is called *inspir*, and when returning to the midline it is called *expir*. This motion is three-dimensional. Its amplitude is small enough that it can’t be measured or seen radiographically, but it is palpable. In organs that are weak or strained, the motility is less. In addition to being palpable, the strength of motility can be palpated in the corresponding meridian. The motions reproduce the embryological development.

Visceral chains connect the cranium, the viscera, the upper and lower extremities and the spine. We find these chains in patterns, which allows us to be able to more precisely understand, diagnose and treat what appear to be cranial, musculoskeletal and visceral problems, in a more effective sequence.

“Central sag phenomenon” is a recent clinical discovery that connects Sutherland’s idea of sacral sag with spinal ligaments, visceral ptosis and prolapse, with the hips, psoas, and iliacus muscles. This sag phenomenon occurs quite frequently and is connected with recurrent low back pain, SIBO, bladder problems, urinary frequency and incontinence, BPH, fatigue, and difficulty standing for prolonged periods.

Course Times
Sunday and Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are on your own. Coffee will be provided.

Continuing Medical Education
22 credits of NMM-specific AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated.

Registration Form
Introduction to the Fascial Distortion Model
March 18-20, 2018

Name: ___________________________ AOA No.: ________

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Muscle energy technique consists of at least six different subtypes of technique all connected by patient cooperation contracting and relaxing muscles when instructed to do so.

It is extremely gentle and versatile and can be used for acute, subacute and chronic musculoskeletal conditions. It can be used by physicians of all sizes, shapes, and strengths, utilizing balance and leverage to control the techniques.

Physicians attending this course will learn how to perform muscle energy technique and learn how to apply these technique to the management of headache, neck pain, acute torticollis, shortness of breath, respiratory pain, low back pain, osteoarthritis of the spine, and a number of other conditions.

Continuing Medical Education
20 credits of NMM-specific AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated.

Course Director
Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO, has chaired the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) at the Georgia campus of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM-GA) since 2005.

As a 1979 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pennsylvania (PCOM), Dr. Ehrenfeuchter was the profession’s first resident in OMM. He taught for 17 years in the OMM department at PCOM, and then he operated a private practice for eight years before moving to Georgia.

In 1990, Dr. Ehrenfeuchter became a fellow of the AAO. He is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in OMM, and he has taught in North America, Europe and Asia.

In spite of all his years in academia, Dr. Ehrenfeuchter thinks of himself primarily as a clinician, actively involved in patient care, who just happens to teach.

Registration Fees

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Registration Form
Muscle Energy for the Total Body
April 20-22, 2018

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☐ I am an osteopathic or allopathic medical student.

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Course Description
Designed for both beginner and advanced students in regenerative injection techniques, this course will include a series of lectures that review foundational principles, anatomy, biomechanics, diagnostic testing, specific injection techniques for regions of the body and osteopathic manipulative treatment to complement injection techniques.

We will discuss the rationale for using prolotherapy or platelet-rich plasma injection in improving stability and integrity of ligaments, tendons and joints. Diagnostic evaluation of joint instability and enthesopathy will be a focus and will be included in the hands-on portion of the course.

Attendees will receive a copy of Principles of Prolotherapy by Dr. Cantieri, Dr. Pasquarello, and Thomas H. Ravin, MD. Injections will be performed on cadavers in a cadaver lab.

Course Times
Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Continuing Medical Education
20 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated.

Meal Information
Morning coffee, tea and juice will be provided. Dinner will be provided on Thursday. Lunch will be provided Friday and Saturday. Notify AAO Event Planner Gennie Watts of any special dietary needs no fewer than seven days in advance.

Course Location
Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences (30th St.)
3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46222-1997

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

Registration Form
Prolotherapy and Platelet-Rich Plasma Course
June 7-9, 2018

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Component Societies and Affiliated Organizations
Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb. 9-12, 2018
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Principles of Manual Medicine
Course director: Lisa Ann DeStefano, DO
East Lansing, Michigan
28 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at com.msu.edu/cme.

Feb. 17-18, 2018
Osteopathy’s Promise to Children
Introductory Course:
A.T. Still’s Approach to the Foot and Ankle
Course directors: Rue Tikker, DPM, and Charles A. Beck, DO, FAAO
Osteopathic Center San Diego
12 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at the-promise.org/cme/.

April 20-24, 2018
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Muscle Energy: Part I
Course director: Carl Steele, DO
East Lansing, Michigan
34 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at com.msu.edu/cme.

May 4-6, 2018
Osteopathy’s Promise to Children
A Dental Course: Expanding the Osteopathic Concept—Beyond the Basics
Course directors: Raymond J. Hruby, DO, MS, FAAODist, and Darick Nordstrom, DDS
Osteopathic Center San Diego
24 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at the-promise.org/cme/.

May 4-8, 2018
Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation
2018 Basic Course: Osteopathy in the Cranial Field
Course director: Hugh M. Ettlinger, DO, FAAO, FCA
New York Institute of Technology
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Old Westbury, New York
Learn more and register at www.sctf.com.

June 1-3, 2018
Still Exaggeration Technique, LLC
Introductory Exaggeration Course
Course director: Jerry L. Dickey, DO, FAAO
New York Institute of Technology
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Old Westbury, New York
25 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at stillexaggeration.com.

July 13-17, 2018
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Craniosacral Techniques: Part III
Course director: Barbara J. Briner, DO
East Lansing, Michigan
35 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at com.msu.edu/cme.

July 25-29, 2018
Osteopathy’s Promise to Children
Foundations of Osteopathic Cranial Manipulative Medicine
(The 40-Hour Basic Course)
Course director: R. Mitchell Hiserote, DO
Osteopathic Center San Diego
40 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at the-promise.org/cme/.

Aug. 3-4, 2018
Osteopathy’s Promise to Children
Advancing the Sequential Approach to Pediatric Osteopathy
Course directors: Mary Anne Morelli Haskell, DO, FACOP, and Julie Mai, DO
Osteopathic Center San Diego
16 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at the-promise.org/cme/.

Sept. 8, 2018
Osteopathy’s Promise to Children
OMT for Systemic Disorders and Physiological Functions:
Cardiopulmonary and Immune Systems
Course director: Hollis H. King, DO, PhD, FAAO
Osteopathic Center San Diego
8 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME anticipated
Learn more and register at the-promise.org/cme/.

Visit www.academyofosteofopathy.org/affiliate-cme for additional listings.