

**March 17, 2016**

Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, Florida

## **Call to Order**

The AAO's 2015-16 president, Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO, welcomed the members and called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Eastern time.

## **Invocation**

AAO Trustee Catherine M. Kimball, DO, gave the invocation.

## **Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment**

Dr. Newman led the members in the Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Newman stated a change has been made to the agenda for AOA President John W. Becher, DO, to speak earlier than scheduled. Dr. Newman then entertained a motion to accept the agenda for the March 17, 2016, annual business meeting of the AAO's members.

<b>Motion</b>	<i>It was moved to approve the agenda as amended.</i>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Approved</b>

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Newman entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the AAO's March 12, 2015, annual business meeting.

<b>Motion</b>	<i>It was moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015, annual business meeting of the American Academy of Osteopathy.</i>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Approved</b>

Dr. Newman entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the AAO's June 11, 2015, web conference meeting.

<b>Motion</b>	<i>It was moved to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015, web conference meeting of the American Academy of Osteopathy.</i>
<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Approved</b>

## **Greetings from the American Osteopathic Association**

Dr. Newman introduced American Osteopathic Association President Dr. Becher to the podium to provide an update from the AOA. Dr. Becher stated the osteopathic profession is growing and striving to meet the changes in the health care industry. He continued stating that there are major changes in the demographics of DOs and osteopathic medical students and that with more than 53 percent of osteopathic physicians below the age of 45 years, the AOA is developing its connection with those DOs.

Dr. Becher indicated the AOA is focusing on the following areas.

- Building membership in osteopathic organizations
- Developing leadership skills and active involvement by all members including younger members
- Identifying leaders for the profession
- Enhancing advocacy for osteopathic medicine
- Branding of the DO degree
- Focusing on the value of AOA membership

52 Dr. Becher stated the AOA is continuing its research initiative to show evidence of the impact of osteopathic  
53 medicine on health care in the United States. He stated the AOA is providing collaborative funding for  
54 research in the following focus areas.

- 55 • Chronic diseases and conditions
- 56 • Pain management
- 57 • Musculoskeletal injuries and prevention
- 58 • Osteopathic manipulative medicine and osteopathic manipulative treatment
- 59 • Osteopathic philosophy

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61 Dr. Becher indicated the AOA continues working toward the development of the single accreditation system  
62 and is reviewing osteopathic board certification to ensure that those allopathic physicians trained  
63 osteopathically have the opportunity to be AOA board certified.

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65 Dr. Newman presented Dr. Becher with a ram statue, the Academy's traditional gift to AOA representatives.  
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## 67 **Elections**

68 Dr. Newman called on Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO, the chair of the AAO Nominating Committee, to  
69 present the Nominating Committee's report and to conduct the annual elections.

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### 71 **Nominating Committee Report**

72 Dr. Dowling summarized how the Nominating Committee develops the slate of candidates. He indicated the  
73 Nominating Committee begins its work in the summer after the Academy staff surveys AAO leaders for  
74 suggestions of nominees for the various offices. The staff collects and compiles the suggestions received and  
75 then distributes the information to the Nominating Committee.

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77 Via teleconference, the committee reviews the geographic characteristics, gender, age, specialties and  
78 colleges of graduation of the candidates and takes those factors into account when developing the slate of  
79 nominees. The committee also reviews the attendance records of incumbent members of the Board of  
80 Governors to determine whether those candidates have been fulfilling their duty of regularly attending the  
81 governors' meetings.

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83 Before completing the slate, the committee approaches the individuals it intends to recommend to determine  
84 their willingness to serve. The committee then forwards its initial slate to the Academy's Board of Trustees  
85 for its review and comments.

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87 To prepare for the elections, Dr. Dowling reviewed the provisions in the AAO's Constitution and Bylaws for  
88 voting privileges, noting that active members, including interns and residents; life members; and honorary life  
89 members are eligible to vote, provided their membership dues are in good standing. He further indicated that  
90 members with voting privileges would have received in their registration packet a blue ribbon which identifies  
91 them as a voting member.

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93 Dr. Dowling further stated that an electronic balloting system will be used for the 2016 elections. He stated  
94 that eligible members could use cell phones, tablets and other electronic devices to cast their votes via text  
95 messages. In explaining how the system would work, Dr. Dowling noted that a device will only be able to  
96 cast one text message vote per office. Dr. Dowling indicated that paper ballots will be provided to those  
97 members who cannot vote by text on a mobile device.

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### 99 **President**

100 Dr. Dowling explained that in accordance with the AAO constitution and bylaws, the president-elect  
101 automatically succeeds to the Office of President. Therefore, Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, is to become the

102 Academy's 2016-17 president during the March 19, 2016, president's banquet, at which time Dr. Griffin will  
103 be administered the oath of office.

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105 President-elect  
106 Dr. Dowling announced that for the office of president-elect, the Nominating Committee places in nomination  
107 Catherine M. Kimball, DO, and Michael P. Rowane, DO, FAAFP, FAAO.

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109 Dr. Dowling then asked for nominations from the floor for president-elect, and none were made.

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111 **Motion** *It was moved to close nominations for the Office of President-elect.*  
112 **Seconded** **Approved**

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114 The nominees for president-elect were invited to the podium to give a short speech concerning their vision for  
115 the Academy as president-elect.

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117 Dr. Kimball indicated she started coming to Convocation as a student and has returned ever since. She stated  
118 she wants to provide students the opportunities to practice OMM their entire lives.

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120 Dr. Rowane stated the Academy and the profession has a tremendous opportunity to present resources and to  
121 advocate for osteopathic medicine throughout the health care profession. He indicated he will fully promote  
122 the Academy's advocacy efforts in presenting osteopathic medicine to the world.

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124 Dr. Dowling reviewed the step-by-step instructions for electronic voting for president-elect. Those members  
125 who indicated the need for paper ballots were provided the opportunity to vote and their ballots were collected  
126 to be counted.

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128 After the ballots were tallied, Dr. Dowling announced that Michael P. Rowane, DO, FAAFP, FAAO, was  
129 elected to serve a one-year term as AAO president-elect.

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131 Secretary-treasurer  
132 Dr. Dowling informed the members that the Nominating Committee places Judith A. O'Connell, DO, MHA,  
133 FAAO, in nomination as the sole candidate on the ballot for secretary-treasurer. Dr. Dowling asked for  
134 nominations from the floor, and entertained a motion to close the nominations.

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136 **Motion** *It was moved to close nominations for the AAO Secretary-treasurer.*  
137 **Seconded** **Approved**

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139 Dr. Dowling announced by that virtue of no opposition, Dr. O'Connell will now serve a three-year term as the  
140 AAO secretary-treasurer.

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142 Board of Trustees  
143 Dr. Dowling informed the members that two three-year terms were open on the Board of Trustees. He stated  
144 the Nominating Committee places in nomination for trustee Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD; Paul R. Rennie, DO,  
145 FAAO; and Sheldon C. Yao, DO. Dr. Dowling noted that with Dr. Rowane's election to president-elect, his  
146 name is to be struck from the ballot for trustee. He asked for nominations from the floor, and there were none.

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148 **Motion** *It was moved to close nominations for the AAO Board of Trustees.*  
149 **Seconded** **Approved**

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151 Following the tally of the votes, Dr. Dowling announced the results of the membership vote for Board of  
 152 Trustees. For a three-year term each, Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, and Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, were  
 153 elected.

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 155 Board of Governors  
 156 Dr. Dowling announced that the Nominating Committee nominates the following members as candidates for  
 157 the AAO Board of Governors:

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 159 • Millicent King Channell, DO, FAAO  
 160 • David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA  
 161 • Guy A. DeFeo, DO  
 162 • William H. Devine, DO  
 163 • Raymond J. Hrubby, DO, MS, FAAODist  
 164 • Hollis H. King, DO, PhD, FAAO  
 165 • Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO  
 166 • Polly E. Leonard, DO, MS  
 167 • Kenneth J. Lossing, DO  
 168 • Michael A. Seffinger, DO  
 169 • William Harry Stager, DO, MS, MPH, FAAO, FACOFP, FAAFP, FAAMA  
 170 • R. Clay Walsh Jr., DO  
 171 • Sheldon C. Yao, DO

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 173 Dr. Dowling noted that with Dr. Rowane's election to president-elect and with Dr. Hensel's election to  
 174 trustee, their names are to be struck from the ballot for governor. Dr. Dowling indicated that because Dr.  
 175 Rennie was elected to the Board of Trustees, the last one year of his unexpired term would need to be filled  
 176 and so he instructed the members they would be voting for up to 11 candidates. Candidates with the top 10  
 177 votes would serve three-year terms, and the candidate in 11th place would fill Dr. Rennie's unexpired term.

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 179 Dr. Dowling asked whether there were any nominations from the floor for governor. Sajid Surve, DO, was  
 180 nominated from the floor, and Dr. Surve indicated he was willing to serve if elected. There was a nomination  
 181 to add Janice U. Blumer, DO, as a candidate, which was seconded, and she indicated her willingness to serve.

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 183 **Motion** *It was moved to close the nominations for the AAO Board of Governors.*

184 **Seconded** **Approved**

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 186 After the voting was started, Dr. Dowling indicated there was a need to have another vote due to some  
 187 technical issues. He stated a new electronic ballot had been presented on the screen and the members were to  
 188 submit their votes again.

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 190 Upon tallying the votes, Dr. Dowling announced that the following were elected to three-year terms: Dr.  
 191 Channell, Dr. Coffey, Dr. DeFeo, Dr. Devine, Dr. Hrubby, Dr. King, Dr. Kuchera, Dr. Lossing, Dr. Seffinger,  
 192 and Dr. Yao. Dr. Leonard was elected to serve a one-year term.

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 194 Nominating Committee  
 195 Dr. Dowling noted that four candidates are elected each year for one-year terms on the Nominating  
 196 Committee and that as immediate past president, Dr. Newman would serve as an *ex officio* member of the  
 197 committee by virtue of her office. Dr. Dowling stated the Nominating Committee places in nomination the  
 198 following candidates:

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 200 • Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP

- 201 • Jane E. Carreiro, DO
- 202 • Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO
- 203 • Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA, FAAMA, FAADEP, CIME
- 204 • John C. Glover, DO, FAAO
- 205 • Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, CS
- 206 • Kenneth J. Lossing, DO

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208 Dr. Dowling asked whether there were any nominations from the floor, and none were made.

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210 **Motion** *It was moved to close the nominations for the 2016-17 Nominating Committee.*

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**Seconded****Approved**

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213 Dr. Dowling instructed the members to cast their ballots for up to four candidates for a one-year term each.

214 After the votes were counted, Dr. Dowling announced that Dr. Buser, Dr. Carreiro, Dr. Dowling and Dr.

215 Glover had been elected to one-year terms on the Nominating Committee.

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217 Dr. Dowling indicated that the Nominating Committee's report was concluded.

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### 219 **Presentation of the Academy Award**

220 Dr. Newman presented the 2016 recipient of The Academy Award, Paul R. Standley, PhD, stating that he is

221 the assistant dean of medical affairs and a professor of basic medical sciences and physiology at the

222 University of Arizona College of Medicine.

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224 Dr. Standley stated that his interest in osteopathy started with a conversation on the biomechanics of cells,

225 specifically with William H. Devine, DO, and the fellows at the Arizona College of Osteopathy. He

226 encouraged AAO members to speak with the researchers at their academic institutions about how those

227 researchers can contribute to osteopathic medicine.

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229 Dr. Standley stated that his current work involves bioengineering of tissue and measuring the results of

230 biomechanical strains to that tissue. He stated that he compares the measurements of injury to the tissues and

231 the measurements of OMT to the tissue in modeling myofascial release and other OMTs on the cellular and

232 molecular level to give DOs an evidence base and a point of reference to convince people that OMT matters

233 and has a mechanism. Dr. Standley stated that he is working to unravel these molecular signals which can be

234 at the heart of OMT, to expand the evidence base, which has been peer reviewed to support the work of

235 osteopathic medicine as a first line of medical treatment.

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237 Dr. Standley stated he presents this research at an allopathic school and is encouraged that the opportunities

238 for promoting osteopathic medicine have expanded with the development of the single accreditation system.

239 He challenged the members to think about how they can bring their skills to bear to further this profession in

240 what they do and to encourage students to develop the evidence base for those techniques that need them.

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### 242 **Officers' Reports**

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#### 244 **President's Report**

245 Dr. Newman summarized her president's report, stating she thanked the AAO Executive Committee and the

246 AAO staff for their work this year. Dr. Newman indicated the strategic plan is listed on the AAO website and

247 is updated as goals are met. She stated as part of this plan, the AAO website is being redesigned, led by a task

248 force with input from the committee chairs. Dr. Newman added that the Education Committee has been

249 working to meet the education goals of this strategic plan including the three well-attended pre-Convocation

250 courses. She thanked the 2016 Convocation program chair, Millicent King Channell, DO, FAAO, for this  
251 great program.

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253 Dr. Newman encouraged members to become involved in mentoring younger physicians in training,  
254 especially in the Stars and Stripes events at Convocation. She indicated the Academy is working toward the  
255 goals of advocacy and partnership by reaching out to other osteopathic organizations in building bridges and  
256 developing partnerships for a strong osteopathic household.

### 257 **President-elect's Report**

258 President-elect Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, expressed her gratitude for the training and mentorship that Dr.  
259 Newman has provided throughout the year in preparing her to step into the presidency.

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261 Dr. Griffin thanked those members who sent her information and pictures of people involved in service  
262 activities and encouraged the members to get involved. She looks forward to the next year and the work that  
263 is to be accomplished.

### 264 **Secretary-treasurer's Report**

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266 In summarizing her report, AAO Secretary-treasurer Judith A. O'Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO, stated that the  
267 Academy unfortunately had a loss this year. She encouraged the members to contribute financially to the  
268 Academy by attending CME programs and to donate to the Golden Ram. She stated the Board of Trustees are  
269 fiscally responsible in the decisions they make and continue to work to meet the goals of the strategic plan.

### 270 **Interim Executive Director's Report**

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272 Sherri L. Quarles, as the interim executive director, presented her report to the membership and summarized  
273 this past year's events. She thanked the members for their participation in the Academy.

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275 Ms. Quarles elaborated on the partnerships the Academy has with other organizations both within and outside  
276 of the osteopathic medical profession. She stated the staff and committee members are using the strategic plan  
277 every day as the roadmap to accomplish the AAO's mission and vision.

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279 Ms. Quarles introduced each staff member, indicating each one is willing to assist members with any issues,  
280 and she welcomed the members' comments and suggestions.

### 281 **FORCE Report**

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283 As the president of the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education (FORCE), Richard A.  
284 Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA, stated that FORCE is supporting this year's students and residents' research poster  
285 presentations. He asked that the members support FORCE with a donation and to visit the FORCE booth in  
286 the exhibit hall.

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288 Dr. Feely presented an Irish blessing in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

### 289 **Old Business**

#### 290 **AAO Component Societies**

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292 Dr. Newman announced those component societies that have submitted annual reports to the Academy. In  
293 accordance with the AAO constitution and bylaws, the following AAO component societies met the  
294 requirements to be recertified:

- 295 • American Academy of Pediatric Osteopathy
- 296 • Arizona Academy of Osteopathy
- 297 • Florida Academy of Osteopathy

- 301 • Indiana Academy of Osteopathy
- 302 • Iowa Academy of Osteopathy
- 303 • New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy
- 304 • Northern California Academy of Osteopathy
- 305 • Northwest Academy of Osteopathy
- 306 • Ohio Academy of Osteopathy
- 307 • The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
- 308 • Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy
- 309 • Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy
- 310 • Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy
- 311 • Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation

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313           **Motion**           *It was moved to recertify the above-listed component societies of the American*  
 314                                 *Academy of Osteopathy.*

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**Seconded****Approved**

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## 317 **New Business**

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### 319 **Resident of the Year**

320 Dr. Newman announced that the Academy selected Kristie M. Petree, DO, as the AAO's 2016 Resident of the  
 321 Year. Dr. Newman stated that Dr. Petree was nominated by the Michigan State University College of  
 322 Osteopathic Medicine's residency program director, Jonathan N. Bruner, DO, and by Lisa Ann DeStefano,  
 323 DO, chair of the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Department.

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325 Dr. Newman presented Dr. Petree with the Resident of the Year plaque.

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### 327 **Golden Ram Lifetime Donors**

328 Dr. Newman recognized the lifetime donors to the Golden Ram Society, stating there are three levels of  
 329 lifetime donations. Donations from individuals that have reached \$5,000 are recognized with a ruby lapel pin.  
 330 Those individuals who have donated more than \$10,000 are recognized with a diamond lapel pin, and those  
 331 who have donated more than \$20,000 receive a double diamond lapel pin.

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333 Dr. Newman explained that donations to the Golden Ram are unrestricted and support deficits in the  
 334 Academy's annual budget. She stated the AAO continues to support osteopathic research, but the funding to  
 335 support those programs is limited. Dr. Newman indicated that the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and  
 336 Continuous Education was established to provide support to research and education of research opportunities.  
 337 She added that as FORCE continues to grow, it will partner with other foundations in supporting osteopathic  
 338 research.

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340 Dr. Newman presented ruby lapel pins to Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO; Richard C. MacDonald, DO;  
 341 and Akiyoshi Shimomura, DO (Japan), for their lifetime contributions to the Golden Ram of at least \$5,000.

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### 343 **Leadership Service to the Academy**

344 Dr. Newman stated that this year, the AAO would like to recognize Sherman Gorbis, DO, FAAO, for his  
 345 continuous service on the Committee on Fellowship in the American Academy of Osteopathy. She stated he  
 346 has served on that committee since 1998.

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348 **Announcements**

349 Dr. Newman announced that the 2017 AAO Convocation will be held Wednesday, March 23, through  
350 Sunday, March 26, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. The Convocation program is tentatively titled  
351 “The Balance Point: Bringing the Science and Art of Osteopathic Medicine Together,” with Natalie Ann  
352 Nevins, DO, MSHPE, as the program chair.

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354 Dr. Newman reminded the members that the Academy’s next business meeting will be held Thursday, March  
355 23, 2017.

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357 Dr. Newman asked the members to review the committee descriptions in the business meeting’s resource  
358 guide and to contact committee chairs or the Academy office should they be interested in serving on any  
359 committees. She encouraged members to become involved on those committees they may find of interest.

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361 Dr. Newman indicated that the proposed changes to the AAO’s Constitution and Bylaws were reviewed by  
362 the AAO Board of Governors and due to some changes, these amendments will be presented at a later  
363 meeting.

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365 **Adjournment**

366 With the Academy’s business concluded, Dr. Newman adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.