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52 continue to campaign for board certification exams that contain osteopathic content and is working to make
53 OPP more accessible to students on rotation and to residents. She stated that Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS,
54 FAAFP, FAAO, is developing a set of videos to be made available for programs that have ACGME approval
55 with osteopathic recognition in support of osteopathic content for all specialties. She asked that the members
56 encourage the residents to review these resources, to identify opportunities to brush up on OPP and OMM and
57 to encourage them to take the more rigorous examination and be certified in their area of specialty with
58 osteopathic content.

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60 Dr. Kimball implored the members to become more active, to make a change, to seek out opportunities to
61 help teach, to promote scholarly activity to conduct research, to support and help the AAO advocate for the
62 integration of osteopathic principles and practice and manipulative treatment in patient care and to make
63 osteopathic medicine the best medicine in the world.
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Greetings from the American Osteopathic Association

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66 Dr. Kimball introduced American Osteopathic Association President William S. Mayo, DO, and welcomed
67 him to the podium to provide the annual update from the AOA.
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69 Dr. Mayo stated that the osteopathic profession is undergoing a tremendous change and the AOA is working
70 very hard to make sure it is keeping osteopathic medicine at the forefront of the profession. He explained that
71 there are about 145,000 doctors of osteopathic medicine (DOs) and DOs in-training in the United States, with
72 one in four medical students is in an osteopathic medical school. He indicated that in this profession 65% are
73 under the age of 45. He added that DOs practice in all specialties with almost 70% of DOs practicing in
74 primary care specialties consisting of emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and
75 gynecology, and pediatrics.
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77 Dr. Mayo spoke about the AOA board certification, stating that six of ten DOs either trained in ACGME or
78 are training now and that from the AOA's research it was indicated that new physicians want more choices.
79 He indicated that in response, the AOA board made the decision to develop two pathways for certification. He
80 explained that the first pathway would continue to test physicians across all aspects of their practice of
81 osteopathic medicine in their particular specialty, and that the second pathway will evaluate physicians in
82 their specialty in the holistic concepts, in their osteopathic approach to the patient, mind, body and spirit but
83 not test them specifically on their skills in osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT). He indicated that one
84 of the hallmarks of AOA osteopathic board certification has been that the content for the written exams has
85 been provided by practicing physicians for practicing physicians and the AOA wants to continue that practice
86 and so has formed a steering committee to work on this project with initial representation from the AAO, the
87 American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM), the American College of
88 Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF), and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians
89 (AOBFP).
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91 Dr. Mayo stated that another item identified in the research is the importance of testing convenience and it
92 was indicated that offering exams four times a year is an appropriate option. He explained that the AOA is
93 developing opportunities for physicians to take the written exam at vendor examination sites and to provide
94 an option for those boards that give oral exams, to offer in-home exams. He added that osteopathic continuous
95 certification (OCC) is also being reviewed for improvements to provide more frequent preparation questions
96 customized to the physician's practice that would be available on a mobile device to then be answered in the
97 convenience of the physician's day with a learning opportunity if the question is not answered correctly.
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99 Dr. Mayo stated that the transition to the ACGME single accreditation system is almost complete with the
100 intention to preserve osteopathic identity and principles in graduate medical education (GME). He indicated
101 that there are now 56 DOs serving in the ACGME in some capacity on a board or on a residency review
102 committee with six DOs serving on its board of trustees, three chairs of review committees (RCs) and four
103 vice chairs. He explained that former AOA president Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, CS, is the chair-
104 elect and that she will become chair of ACGME and serve for two years as chair. He indicated that 89% of the

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105 AOA programs that applied to get ACGME accreditation are accredited, as well as new programs started by
106 the colleges of osteopathic medicine. He added that about 15% of the programs which were historically
107 ACGME programs not affiliated with the AOA, have gotten osteopathic recognition because they recognize
108 the value of osteopathic manipulative medicine.

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110 Dr. Mayo stated that the AOA is also focusing on member services and retooling its member model to make
111 sure that it is offering what DOs want at each stage of their career: students, residents, new physicians in
112 practice and age-gifted. He indicated that the AOA continues its advocacy efforts at the state, at the national
113 and international levels for physician members, for their practice, and most importantly for patients. He added
114 that the AOA has been working internationally with the Association of Medical Councils of Africa
115 (AMCOA) which consists of 20 different countries who collectively do licensure for physicians to have them
116 recognize the US-trained DO as equivalent to the doctor of medicine (MD) for licensure purposes. He added
117 that through the AOA’s work with the International Labor Organization (ILO), ILO issued a letter which
118 identified a new definition for a physician as a US-trained DO or MD.

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120 Dr. Mayo indicated that the AOA brand campaign is now in its fourth year with over 2 million accessing the
121 Doctors that DO website and almost 650,000 going on to look for a DO, indicating that with the combination
122 of social media, digital ads, print ads, they have had over a billion ad impressions. He added that the AOA
123 recognizes the need for more research to document the efficacy of osteopathic medicine and has granted more
124 than a million dollars a year since 2015, with the results of more funding from the National Institutes of
125 Health (NIH) and other sources for DOs and osteopathic institutions. He stated that the AOA has focused on
126 the following five areas of where it is believed osteopathic medicine makes the greatest difference: chronic
127 diseases and conditions, musculoskeletal injuries and prevention, osteopathic manipulative
128 medicine/osteopathic manipulative treatment, osteopathic philosophy, and pain management.

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130 Dr. Mayo closed by stating, “I believe it’s never been a better time to be a DO with our growth, with our
131 diversity, with our strong core in our beliefs and the things that we know work for our patients.” He
132 encouraged the AAO members to be involved in their specialty and to be involved in the AOA. He
133 emphasized that the members should be involved with the next generation of the osteopathic family so that
134 they may take the flame forward and continue the great vision that Dr. Still saw in the inception of
135 osteopathic medicine.

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137 Dr. Kimball presented Dr. Mayo with an iconic ram statue acknowledging his position as the AOA president
138 and thanking him for his contributions to the osteopathic profession.

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Approval of Agenda

141 Dr. Kimball entertained a motion to accept the agenda for the March 14, 2019, annual business meeting of the
142 AAO’s members.

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144 **Motion** *It was moved to approve the March 14, 2019, agenda of the AAO annual business*
145 *meeting as presented.*

146 **Seconded** **Carried**

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Approval of Meeting Minutes

149 Dr. Kimball entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the AAO’s March 22, 2018, annual business
150 meeting.

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152 **Motion** *It was moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018, annual business meeting*
153 *of the American Academy of Osteopathy as presented.*

154 **Seconded** **Carried**

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Elections

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157 Dr. Kimball called on Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO, the chair of the AAO Nominating Committee, to
158 present the Nominating Committee’s report and to conduct the annual elections.

159 160 **Nominating Committee Report**

161 Dr. Dowling explained that the Nominating Committee is charged with developing the best panel of
162 candidates to be presented on the ballot for each elected office. He thanked the members of the committee for
163 their diligent work in developing this list of candidates: Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP dist.; Jane E. Carreiro,
164 DO; Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO; and Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO. He stated that at this
165 meeting the members will be electing a president-elect for the 2019-2020 position, a secretary-treasurer,
166 trustees, governors, and the members of the Nominating Committee and that the biographies of the candidates
167 have been published in the *AAO Member Newsletter* and are in the annual business meeting information book.

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169 Dr. Dowling stated that the voting will be conducted according to Robert’s Rules and the AAO Constitution
170 and Bylaws. He reviewed the provisions in the AAO bylaws for voting privileges, noting that active
171 members, including interns and residents, life members, and honorary life members are eligible to vote,
172 provided their membership dues are in good standing. He further indicated that members with voting
173 privileges would have received in their registration packets a blue ribbon which identifies them as a voting
174 member, stating that those who are entitled to vote can vote. Dr. Dowling continued stating that an electronic
175 balloting system will be used for these elections and eligible members are encouraged to use cell phones,
176 tablets and other electronic devices to cast their votes via text messages. In explaining how the system would
177 work, Dr. Dowling noted that a device will only be able to cast one text message vote per office. He added
178 that a limited amount of paper ballots will be available to those who are not able to text.

179 180 President

181 Dr. Dowling explained that in accordance with the AAO Constitution and Bylaws, the president-elect
182 automatically succeeds to the office of president, therefore, Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, will be
183 inducted as the Academy’s 2019-20 president during the March 15, 2019, president’s banquet, at which time
184 Dr. Hensel will be administered the oath of office.

185 186 President-elect

187 Dr. Dowling announced that for the office of president-elect, the Nominating Committee places in nomination
188 Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, and Richard G. Schuster, DO.

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190 Dr. Dowling then asked for nominations from the floor for president-elect. With no requests received, he
191 asked for a motion to close the nominations.

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193 **Motion** *It was moved to close nominations for the office of president-elect.*
194 **Seconded** **Carried**

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196 After the ballots had been counted, Dr. Dowling announced that Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, was elected to
197 serve a one-year term as AAO president-elect.

198 199 Secretary-treasurer

200 Dr. Dowling informed the members that this year there is an open position for the secretary-treasurer for a
201 three-year term. He stated the Nominating Committee presents the following nominees for secretary-treasurer:
202 Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO, and Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO. He asked for
203 nominations from the floor and with no eligible nominations being received, a motion to close the
204 nominations was presented.

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206 **Motion** *It was moved to close nominations for the AAO Secretary-treasurer.*
207 **Seconded** **Carried**

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209 Dr. Rowane addressed the members, indicating that he was withdrawing as a candidate for the position of
210 AAO secretary-treasurer so that he may concentrate on the AAO’s project and the AACOM’s project for
211 ACGME Osteopathic Recognition support and training programs. He explained that these projects are
212 important for the osteopathic profession at this time. He thanked the members for the nomination and stated
213 his support of Dr. O’Connell in serving another term as the AAO’s secretary-treasurer.

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215 Dr. Dowling acknowledged Dr. Rowane’s comments as his official resignation as a candidate for this position
216 and asked for a motion to approve Dr. O’Connell as the AAO’s secretary-treasurer for the term 2019-2022.

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218 **Motion** *It was moved that Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO, serve as the AAO*
219 *Secretary-treasurer for the term 2019-2022.*

220 **Seconded** **Carried**

Board of Trustees

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223 Dr. Dowling informed the members that there were two open positions on the Board of Trustees, each for a
224 three-year term. He stated the Nominating Committee presents the following nominees for trustee: R. Todd
225 Dombroski, DO; Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO; Kurt P. Heinking, DO, FAAO, and Paul R. Rennie, DO,
226 FAAO. Dr. Dowling indicated that with Dr. Rennie being elected to the position of president-elect, his name
227 will be removed from the list of candidates and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no
228 nominations from the floor and a motion was made to close the nominations for the Board of Trustees.

229
230 **Motion** *It was moved to close nominations for the AAO Board of Trustees.*

231 **Seconded** **Carried**

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233 Following the tally of the votes, Dr. Dowling announced that the members elected to the Board of Trustees to
234 serve three-year terms: Dr. Stefan Hagopian and Dr. Kurt P. Heinking.

Board of Governors

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237 Dr. Dowling indicated the membership would be electing members to serve as AAO governors. He stated that
238 the instructions are to vote for 10 people; however, George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO, has resigned from the
239 Board of Governors and because Dr. Heinking was elected to the Board of Trustees, their unexpired one-year
240 terms would need to be filled. Dr. Dowling explained that the members would be voting for up to 12
241 candidates with the top 10 vote getters serving three-year terms, and the candidates with the next two highest
242 vote getters will fill Dr. Heinking’s and Dr. Pasquarello’s one-year unexpired terms. He added that Dr.
243 Hagopian’s, Dr. O’Connell’s and Dr. Rennie’s names will be struck from the ballot since they have been
244 elected to serve positions on the Board of Trustees.

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246 Dr. Dowling noted that this year an unprecedented situation was presented where a number of the incumbents
247 who are automatically placed on the ballot decided not to renew their term as a governor. He stated that these
248 governors are AAO past presidents who stated that they would like to see new people on the board so that it
249 may continue to develop strong leadership in the Academy. He explained that those presidents will still be
250 involved and available to provide their counsel and he thanked them for their service on the Board of
251 Governors.

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253 Dr. Dowling stated that the Nominating Committee presents the following members as candidates for the
254 AAO Board of Governors:

- 255 • Juan F. Acosta, DO, MS
- 256 • Robert N. Agnello, DO, FACOFP
- 257 • Kelly A. Busby, DO
- 258 • Michael S. Carnes, DO, FAAO
- 259 • William H. Devine, DO
- 260 • Raymond J. Hruby, DO, MS, FAAODist

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- 261 • Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO, FNAOME
- 262 • J' Aimee Anne Lippert, DO
- 263 • Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO
- 264 • William H. Stager, DO, MS, MPH, FAAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOFP dist.
- 265 • Jonathan W. Torres, DO
- 266 • Col. Ralph C. Walsh Jr., DO
- 267 • Damon M. Whitfield, DO

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269 Dr. Dowling asked for nominations from the floor and the following members were nominated, seconded and
270 indicated their willingness to serve a three-year term on the AAO Board of Governors: Janice Upton Blumer,
271 DO, FAAO; Leslie M. Ching, DO; John C. Coppinger, DO; Heather P. Ferrill, DO, MS MEdL; Jan T.
272 Hendryx, DO, FAAO; David M. Kanze, DO; Brian Loveless, DO; Kristie Petree, DO; Elias J. Ptak, DO; Eva
273 B. Shay, DO; Charles J. Smutny III, DO, FAAO; and Michael John Terzella, DO.

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275 **Motion** *It was moved to close the nominations for the AAO Board of Governors.*
276 **Seconded** **Approved**

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278 Due to time constraints, the announcement of the results of the election for AAO Board of Governors, was
279 presented after the close of this meeting. Upon the tally of the votes the following members were elected to
280 each serve a three-year term: Dr. Busby, Dr. Carnes, Dr. Ching, Dr. Devine, Dr. Ferrill, Dr. Hruby, Dr.
281 Kuchera, Dr. Lippert, Dr. Loveless, and Dr. Rowane; with Dr. Stager and Dr. Walsh elected to serve a one-
282 year term each.

283 Nominating Committee

284 Dr. Dowling indicated that the tally of the votes for governor would not be completed prior to the end of the
285 allotted meeting time and indicated that the members still needed to elect the members for the Nominating
286 Committee. He stated that there are no constraints with nominees for the Nominating Committee explaining
287 that four candidates are elected each year to serve one-year terms on this committee and added that as
288 immediate past president, Dr. Kimball would serve as an *ex officio* member by virtue of her office. Dr.
289 Dowling stated the Nominating Committee places in nomination the following candidates:

- 291 • Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP dist.
- 292 • Jane E. Carreiro, DO
- 293 • Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO
- 294 • John C. Glover, DO, FAAO
- 295 • Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO
- 296 • Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, CS
- 297 • Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO

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299 Dr. Dowling asked whether there were any nominations from the floor and David M. Kanze, DO, and
300 William H. Devine, DO, were each nominated, seconded and indicated their willingness to serve.

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302 **Motion** *It was moved to close the nominations for the 2019-20 Nominating Committee.*
303 **Seconded** **Carried**

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305 Dr. Dowling instructed the members to cast their ballots for up to four candidates for a one-year term each.
306 The tally of the votes for the Nominating Committee were presented after this meeting with Dr. Buser, Dr.
307 Carreiro, Dr. Dowling and Dr. Griffin being elected to serve a one-year term.

308 Presentation of the Academy Award

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311 Dr. Kimball introduced the 2019 recipient of the Academy Award, Robert Orenstein, DO, FIDSA, FACP,
312 AAHIVS, and asked him to step to the podium. She stated that Dr. Orenstein has served as the editor-in-chief

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313 of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* (JAOA) since 2013, and that he's a reviewer for a
314 number of other medical journals and publications in his area of expertise. She continued stating that he
315 received his bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut and his
316 DO from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery (DMUCOM) in 1987. She
317 added that he is board certified in infectious diseases, internal medicine, HIV medicine, and is a fellow of
318 both the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American College of Physicians. She presented Dr.
319 Orenstein stating that he is currently a professor of medicine in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and
320 Science, and Chair of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Mayo Clinic Arizona where he sees complex
321 inpatient and outpatient infectious diseases.

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323 Dr. Orenstein expressed his gratitude for the award, noting that he was joining a prestigious group of giants in
324 the art and science of osteopathic medicine who are honored for their significant contributions to the
325 osteopathic medical profession. He stated that this award enforces the need to be inclusive in osteopathic
326 medicine and that it takes a diverse team of not just DOs, but DOs, scientists, and others that work to make it
327 a great profession.

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329 Dr. Orenstein shared some highlights of his osteopathic journey, indicating that his osteopathic roots were
330 planted, nurtured and developed through his experiences and with his mentors. His stated that some very
331 persuasive mentors, Dr. Hugh Scott, Dr. Philip Pumerantz and Dr. Viola Frymann encouraged him to explore
332 the field of osteopathic medicine, to learn all that he could and so he started by reading the *JAOA* and in 1983
333 started his training in osteopathy, its philosophy, principles and practice at what is now called DMUCOM. He
334 was married by DMUCOM's president, J. Leonard Azneer, PhD, to a fellow DO, Amy Fox, a
335 gastroenterologist and they moved to Detroit for internships. He stated that under the mentorship of Jerry
336 Blackburn, DO and Wylie Phan, DO, during the dawn of the AIDS epidemic he developed a passion for
337 infectious diseases. He explained that like AT Still who witnessed the ravages of untreatable infectious
338 diseases in the 19th century in America, he witnessed the ravages of a 20th century infectious disease,
339 Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), where young men and young women were suffering from
340 both illness, social injustice and isolation. He stated that he was eager to find new solutions to help these
341 patients, to care for them, to develop new ideas and new ways to manage these patients, adding that this
342 experience, helping to develop and run clinical trials, and creating new solutions fertilized the seeds of his
343 osteopathic training. He stated, "What better place for the tools of an osteopathic physician, a compassionate,
344 hands-on, patient-centered and holistic approach?"

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346 Dr. Orenstein indicated that a decade later, he and his wife moved to the next phase of their careers at the
347 Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He explained that Mayo intrigued him as a place where people came for solutions
348 when they had none and its primary value was that the needs of the patient come first, which was truly an
349 osteopathic value. He indicated that he was inspired to write a paper for the *JAOA* called Andrew Taylor Still
350 and the Mayo brothers convergence and collaboration in 21st century osteopathic practice, a comparative
351 analysis of the emergence of two practices of medicine in the United States in the 21st century. He stated that
352 both entities shared a similar philosophy but arrived there by very different paths and that the article laid out a
353 roadmap of where he thought osteopathic medicine should go, where it was headed in patient care, research
354 and education, and the challenges that lay ahead. He stated this prompted Dr. Felix Rogers to invite him to
355 help develop a new section for the *JAOA* called evidence-based medicine, which launched the journal on a
356 new path. He stated that when former JAOA editor-in-chief, Gilbert E. D'Alonzo Jr, DO, indicated that he
357 would be retiring from that position, they discussed the challenges facing the journal profession and Dr.
358 Orenstein felt that the *JAOA* needed disruptive change. He explained that the profession was growing and
359 experiencing unprecedented growth, there was a need to better convey the message of osteopathic physicians,
360 who they are, what they do, and how to teach what's distinctive about osteopathic medicine and the evidence
361 there is to support that message.

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363 Dr. Orenstein stated that it has been his goal at the *JAOA* to energize the osteopathic profession, to continue to
364 understand what osteopathic physicians do and how it impacts communities. He added that there is a need to
365 invigorate the community colleges, researchers and clinicians to showcase what osteopathic physicians do and

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366 what their value is to society. He explained that as a team, the AOA media team, *JAOA* editors, and the
367 editorial staff put together numerous initiatives to reach these goals, teams were reorganized, international
368 board members were included, there was a switch to a new more interactive electronic format and new
369 sections were developed.

- 370 • *JAOA* ACCOM medical education series with an independent editor to engage the colleges of
371 osteopathic medicine (COMs) and educators.
- 372 • SURF section to bring on student editors and student peer reviewers.
- 373 • Health Policy section to try to highlight osteopathic health policy.
- 374 • Engage initiative to highlight the research at all of the COMs.
- 375 • Still Relevant series to invigorate the interest in osteopathic history which many had forgotten.
- 376 • In My View section to try to highway views of people within the osteopathic profession to all the
377 changes that were occurring.
- 378 • The Art and Science of Osteopathic Medicine which will be out in the May edition.
- 379 • A new series on musculoskeletal reviews to illustrate advances in research in that field.
- 380 • The OMT Minute to bring video of osteopathic techniques to the osteopathic profession and to the
381 rest of the world.

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383 Dr. Orenstein exclaimed that the results have been a marked increase in the *JAOA*'s readership, an increase in
384 the profession's visibility and an increase in the quality and quantity of research regarding who osteopathic
385 physicians are, what they do and how they teach. He concluded stating that the osteopathic medical profession
386 remains uniquely positioned to meet the needs of patients for the future, to look at the role of structure and
387 function on health dynamics in society, to understand the role of community violence, domestic abuse and the
388 breakdown of the family; to develop nonpharmacologic approaches to managing chronic pain and to develop
389 an integrated health policy for the entire nation.

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391 Dr. Kimball presented the Academy Award to Dr. Orenstein, stating that he is most deserving of this
392 recognition for consistently demonstrating his commitment to osteopathic principles and to the osteopathic
393 medical profession, for making special contributions to promote osteopathy and for having a vision that
394 compliments the Academy's mission.

395 **Officers' Reports**

396 **President's Report**

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398 Dr. Kimball summarized her president's report, stating that she proposed and the board agreed that a task
399 force should review, update and streamline the Academy's committee structure over the next year which will
400 most likely become her legacy project.

401 **President-elect's Report**

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403 Dr. Kimball asked President-elect Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, to present her annual report. Dr. Hensel
404 stated one of the highlights of her report is with regard to updating and including osteopathic terms in
405 SNOMED (Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine). She stated her appreciation of Sandra L. Sleszynski,
406 DO, FAAO, former chair of the AAO's Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC) and
407 committee members for identifying the need for osteopathic terms to be recognized and used in worldwide
408 health care terminology. She stated that with the information provided by the LBORC, she encouraged the
409 American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine's (AACOM) Educational Council on Osteopathic
410 Principles (ECOP) as the keepers of the Glossary of Osteopathic Medicine to coordinate this project which is
411 now under the direction of Deborah Schmidt, DO, and John Garlitz, DO. She explained that they presented at
412 the international SNOMED conference on the osteopathic experience with updating that terminology in
413 SNOMED. Dr. Hensel thanked these dedicated osteopathic physicians for this huge undertaking and
414 explained that hopefully will it be completed in the near future.

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417 Dr. Hensel introduced the program chair for the 2020 AAO Convocation, J'Aimee Anne Lippert, DO. She
418 concluded by thanking the staff and residents at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for their support
419 throughout the year. She expressed her appreciation of the AAO staff, stating that they are a tremendous
420 resource and blessing to the profession.

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422 **Secretary-treasurer's Report**

423 In summarizing her report, AAO Secretary-treasurer Judith A. O'Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO, stated that the
424 Academy ended the year in the negative. She explained that it was a confluence of a number of incidents
425 which included the downturn of the investment market and the decline in AAO membership. She applauded
426 AAO Executive Director Quarles and the AAO staff in keeping the office tightly run and ensuring that the
427 Academy's activities go on smoothly.

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429 Dr. O'Connell stated that membership will continue to be a challenge with the various changes at the AOA
430 with regard to requirements for CME and osteopathic board certification. She indicated that it is important for
431 AAO members to show their allegiance to the Academy because it is the home of osteopathy and it is the
432 keeper of the flame. She challenged the members to find their friends and those who enjoy or will enjoy the
433 members' collegiality and the AAO's educational offerings to come join them to become members and to
434 participate and to be involved in the Academy.

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436 Dr. O'Connell added that another means for people to participate is by donating to the Golden Ram fund. She
437 strongly suggested that members contribute to this fund as it supports the general operating of the Academy in
438 presenting them with a Convocation, in providing services at the home office, in championing osteopathy in
439 various arenas from the federal level to their state level. She implored the audience to support the organization
440 which supports them and osteopathy. She thanked the members for re-electing her as secretary-treasurer,
441 stating it is truly a labor of love and that she truly appreciates the opportunity.

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443 It was noted that Boyd Buser, DO, and Mark Cantieri, DO, FAAO, as AOA Board of Trustees members,
444 indicated their availability to answer questions about the changes at the AOA.

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446 **Executive Director's Report**

447 Dr. Kimball asked Executive Director Sherri L. Quarles to give the annual executive director's report. Ms.
448 Quarles thanked each of the members for being a part of the organization, in supporting the cause and purpose
449 of the Academy.

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451 Ms. Quarles addressed the challenges of ending the fiscal year in a deficit, stating that the AAO's pride and
452 determination are stronger than ever, that these challenges are being faced head-on and that the Academy will
453 to continue to move forward and fulfill its mission. She emphasized that as in the poem Still I Rise, by Mia
454 Angelo, the AAO and its leadership will overcome anything, that nothing can get them down and that they
455 will rise to any occasion and nothing will stop them. Ms. Quarles explained that President Kimball, President-
456 elect Hensel, Secretary-treasurer O'Connell and Immediate Past President Rowane have worked with her to
457 address the members' issues and needs. She expressed her appreciation of the leadership, stating that the full
458 Board of Trustees have listened to everything that the members have shared, that they have been diligent in
459 their processes, taking on extra meetings, working tirelessly through phone calls and email communication on
460 behalf of the AAO. She indicated that the Academy has a fantastic Board of Governors that ensure that the
461 policies are being followed and reviewed on a timely basis.

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463 Ms. Quarles thanked the leader volunteers who have given of their time, talents and energy to the Academy.
464 She introduced the AAO staff, stating her appreciation of their support and teamwork: Taylor Bridgeforth in
465 communications, Debbie Cole, Lauren Good for her work on the Convocation app, website and AAO print
466 communications, Amber Rausch who takes care of the postdoctoral education and CME, Bev Searcy in
467 finance, and Gennie Watts the AAO's event planner. Ms. Quarles asked that the members thank the staff
468 when they see them during this Convocation. She encouraged the members to look at the AAO's website and

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469 to provide their suggestions and feedback, stating that money is allocated every year to continue to make
470 efficient changes and improvements to the face of the Academy.

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472 **FORCE Report**

473 Dr. Kimball introduced the president of the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education
474 (FORCE), Virginia M. Johnson, DO, FAAO, to provide an update on the foundation's activities.

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476 Dr. Johnson thanked the Academy for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Foundation for Osteopathic
477 Research and Continuous Education. She expressed her gratefulness for osteopathic medicine as a patient and
478 as a practicing physician for the benefits she sees in her patients when nothing else has worked. She explained
479 that there are some patient conditions that only osteopathic manipulative treatment can address and that if the
480 physician is truly addressing causes, the physician needs the perspectives and skills offered by osteopathic
481 medicine. She added that in the patient with a mechanical anatomic dysfunction, that patient requires a
482 mechanical anatomic intervention, that it's a mechanical problem and it requires a mechanical solution,
483 stating that is why we DOs must use our hands.

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485 Dr. Johnson stated that osteopathic manipulative treatment offers the answers that so many patients seek,
486 however, patients ask why aren't more DO's using their hands, where are these DO's and where is the
487 research to support the difference a DO makes? She indicated that the Foundation for Osteopathic Research
488 and Continuous Education (FORCE) was founded in 2011, with generous donations from many dedicated
489 DOs to address those patient's questions. She explained that FORCE was ready with funds to help launch the
490 Empathy project, a landmark project that provided critical scientific foundation for osteopathic manipulative
491 medicine. She stated that the research was able to demonstrate that DO training truly produces that
492 distinctively different kind of a doctor. She added that this research provided background information during
493 the beginning of negotiations with the ACGME for the development of a single accreditation system for
494 graduate medical education (GME).

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496 Dr. Johnson explained that FORCE is the only private 501(c)(3) membership foundation solely dedicated to
497 OMM research with a revitalized mission with the goal to attain a self-sustaining corpus to keep fueling
498 clinical OMM research into the future. She added that a new website was developed which features the rich
499 legacy of osteopathic research. She indicated that FORCE sponsors the prizes for the Louisa Burns
500 Osteopathic Research Committee's poster presentation during the AAO Convocation, exclaiming that the
501 posters in the exhibit hall are outstanding and that the student presentations are absolutely amazing. She
502 indicated that FORCE also sponsors prizes at the AOA's OMED student research poster competition in the
503 OMM category.

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505 Dr. Johnson indicated that the need for OMM research has never been greater with the call for evidence-based
506 best practices in medicine as a basis for insurance payment. She explained that FORCE fundraising activities
507 have increased with the launching of the friends of FORCE project so that grateful patients and other
508 interested parties who want to support the foundation's work can participate. She encouraged the attendees to
509 stop by the FORCE booth in the exhibit hall to participate in several donation opportunities.

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511 **New Business**

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513 **AAO Component Societies**

514 Dr. Kimball announced that the following component societies, in accordance with the AAO Constitution and
515 Bylaws, have submitted annual reports to the Academy's Board of Trustees and have met the requirements to
516 be recertified:

- 517 • Arizona Academy of Osteopathy
- 518 • Florida Academy of Osteopathy
- 519 • Indiana Academy of Osteopathy
- 520 • Iowa Academy of Osteopathy

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- 521 • New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy
- 522 • Northwest Academy of Osteopathy
- 523 • Ohio Academy of Osteopathy
- 524 • The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
- 525 • Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy
- 526 • Resident American Academy of Osteopathy
- 527 • Rocky Mountain American Academy of Osteopathy
- 528 • Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation

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530 It was noted that the Resident American Academy of Osteopathy (RAAO) was presented as the Postgraduate
531 American Academy of Osteopathy (PAAO). Dr. Kimball recognized that this component society had changed
532 its name with the approval of last year's changes to the AAO Constitution and Bylaws.

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

536 **Seconded** **Carried**

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538 Dr. Kimball called for a motion to recognize and certify the new chapters of the Student American Academy
539 of Osteopathy component society.

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541 **Motion** *It was moved to certify the following chapters of the Student American Academy of*
542 *Osteopathy component society.*

- 543 • Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM)
- 544 • New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine-Arkansas campus
545 (NYITCOM-Arkansas)
- 546 • Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn campus (VCOM-Auburn)

547 **Seconded** **Carried**

548 549 **Resident of the Year**

550 President Kimball introduced the 2019 AAO Resident of the Year, Melinda Mindy Hansen, DO, stating that
551 she is finishing a combined family medicine and osteopathic neuromuscular medicine residency at the
552 University of North Texas Health Sciences Center. Dr. Kimball continued stating that prior to medical school
553 Dr. Hansen played Division I athletics and started a business where she trained athletes across the spectrum of
554 sports and competitive activities. She added that Dr. Hansen went to graduate school for a master's degree in
555 exercise physiology and ultimately to medical school at the AT Still University School of Osteopathic
556 Medicine in Arizona.

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558 Dr. Kimball presented Dr. Hansen with the Resident of the Year award plaque stating that the Academy
559 acknowledges her as an exceptional resident who exemplifies the opportunities and abilities of the youth of
560 the osteopathic profession to ensure the legacy of Dr. Still.

561 562 **Golden Ram Lifetime Donors**

563 Dr. Kimball stated that the Academy appreciates the support received through the Golden Ram Society and
564 recognized two lifetime donors to this fundraising campaign: Akiyoshi Shimomura, DO (Japan) with a
565 diamond lapel pin for his cumulative contributions of more than \$10,000, and Damon Matthew Whitfield,
566 DO, for his generous contributions of more than \$20,000, with a double diamond Golden Ram lapel pin.

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568 Dr. Kimball explained that since 1987, donations to the Golden Ram have provided the Academy and its
569 leadership opportunities to grow the AAO and to develop and maintain leadership positions on behalf of the
570 osteopathic profession. She explained that this funding mechanism allows the Academy and its members the
571 ability to ensure that OPP and OMM are integrated into the future of the osteopathic profession through
572 numerous activities such as partnering with the AOA to include providing input to policy-setting at the AOA,

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573 at the American Medical Association (AMA) and at state osteopathic associations. She added that the AAO
574 represents and promotes the agenda of osteopathy in multiple arenas including membership on ACGME
575 taskforces and its committees.
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577 **Leadership Service to the Academy**

578 Dr. Kimball stated that members of the AAO are recognized for their lifetime of service with an A.T. Still
579 service lapel pin. She presented lapel pins for: Kenneth Lossing, DO, as a small token of appreciation for his
580 service to the Academy as an AAO past president and a long-term member of the AAO Board of Governors;
581 to Guy A. DeFeo, DO, FAAO, AAO past president who has served on several committees both as a member
582 and as a chair as well as serving as a governor since 2011; and to David Coffey DO, FAAO, FCA, for his
583 dedicated service to the Academy as a governor, for his service at The Osteopathic Cranial Academy and as
584 the 2013-14, AAO president.
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586 **ACGME Representation**

587 The members at the meeting asked questions about osteopathic recognition at the ACGME. It was noted that
588 the AAO has been represented at ACGME in the development of the osteopathic recognition training
589 programs since the beginning of the transition to a single accreditation system for GME.
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591 Dr. Kimball indicated that the AAO continues to have a voice in suggesting members for positions within the
592 ACGME and that the members' additional suggestions and comments presented during this meeting will be
593 submitted to the Board of Trustees for its consideration.
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595 **Announcements**

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597 Dr. Kimball encouraged members to consider providing their time and talent on an Academy committee by
598 completing the committee member application and submitting it to the AAO staff no later than March 30, for
599 consideration by the president-elect. She indicated that applications are located at the AAO registration area
600 and at the Osteopathic Education Service area in the exhibit hall, as well as for nomination forms for the AAO
601 Resident of the Year and for the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor awards.
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603 Dr. Kimball announced that the 2020 AAO Convocation will be held Wednesday, March 11, through Sunday,
604 March 15, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, stating the Convocation program is tentatively
605 titled "*Extending Osteopathic Medicine: Innovation and Expansion in Patient Care and Education*," with
606 J' Aimee A. Lippert, DO, as the program chair.
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608 Dr. Kimball reminded the members that the Academy's next business meeting will be held Thursday, March
609 12, 2020.
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611 **Adjournment**

612 With the Academy's business concluded and the tally of votes for the Nominating Committee still pending,
613 Dr. Kimball asked for a motion to adjourn and declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.