

1 **March 12, 2015**

2 Louisville Marriott Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky

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4 **Call to Order**

5 The AAO's 2014-15 president, Kenneth J. Lossing, DO, welcomed the members and called the meeting to  
6 order at 12:24 p.m. Eastern time.

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8 **Invocation**

9 Dr. Coffey gave the invocation.

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11 **Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment**

12 Dr. Lossing led the members in the Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment.

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14 **Approval of Agenda**

15 Dr. Lossing entertained a motion to accept the agenda for the March 12, 2015, annual business meeting of the  
16 AAO's members.

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18 **Motion** *It was moved to approve the agenda as presented.*  
19 **Seconded** **Approved**

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21 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

22 Dr. Lossing entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the AAO's March 20, 2014, annual business  
23 meeting.

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25 **Motion** *It was moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014, annual business meeting*  
26 *of the American Academy of Osteopathy.*  
27 **Seconded** **Approved**

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29 **Elections**

30 Dr. Lossing called on Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP, the chair of the AAO Nominating Committee, to present  
31 the Nominating Committee's report and to conduct the annual elections.

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33 **Nominating Committee Report**

34 Dr. Buser summarized how the Nominating Committee develops the slate of candidates. He stated that the  
35 members of the Nominating Committee serve one-year terms, with four members elected every year at the  
36 business meeting and with the immediate past president serving as an *ex officio* member. Dr. Buser indicated  
37 the Nominating Committee begins its work in the summer after the Academy staff surveys AAO leaders for  
38 suggestions of nominees for the various offices. The staff collects and compiles the suggestions received and  
39 then distributes the information to the Nominating Committee.

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

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

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51 To prepare for the elections, Dr. Buser reviewed the provisions in the AAO constitution and bylaws for voting  
52 privileges, noting that active members, including interns and residents; life members; and honorary life  
53 members are eligible to vote, provided their membership dues are in good standing.

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55 Dr. Buser further stated that an electronic balloting system will be used for the 2015 elections. He stated that  
56 eligible members could use cell phones, tablets and other electronic devices to cast their votes via text  
57 messages. In explaining how the system would work, Dr. Buser noted that a device will only be able to cast  
58 one text-message vote per office. Dr. Buser also explained that members who did not have mobile devices  
59 will be allowed to use paper ballots.

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61 President  
62 Dr. Buser explained that in accordance with the AAO constitution and bylaws, the president-elect  
63 automatically succeeds to the Office of President. Therefore, Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO, is to become the  
64 Academy’s 2015-16 president during the March 15, 2015, president’s banquet, at which Dr. Newman will be  
65 administered the oath of office.

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67 President-elect  
68 Dr. Buser announced that for the office of president-elect, the Nominating Committee places in nomination  
69 Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO. Dr. Buser then asked for nominations from the floor for president-elect, and  
70 none were made.

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

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75 **Motion** *It was moved and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for Laura E. Griffin, DO,*  
76 *FAAO, as the President-elect.*  
77 **Seconded** **Approved**

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79 Dr. Buser announced that Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, was elected to serve a one-year term as AAO  
80 President-elect.

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82 Board of Trustees  
83 Dr. Buser indicated that before proceeding with the remainder of the nominations, and since a ballot election  
84 for Trustee will be conducted, he reviewed who was eligible to vote, stating this is noted on the Business  
85 Meeting Agenda. “Voting privileges are held by active (includes interns and residents), life and honorary life  
86 members whose dues accounts are in good standing. Retired, associate, international affiliate, honorary,  
87 supporter, and student members do not hold voting privileges.” He further indicated members with voting  
88 privileges would have received in their registration packet, a blue ribbon which identifies them as holding  
89 voting privileges.

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91 Dr. Buser informed the members that two three-year terms were open on the Board of Trustees. He stated the  
92 Nominating Committee places in nomination for trustee Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO; Stefan  
93 Hagopian, DO, FAAO; and Richard G. Schuster, DO. Dr. Buser noted that with Dr. Griffin’s election to  
94 president-elect, her name is to be struck from the ballot for trustee. He asked for nominations from the floor,  
95 and there were none.

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

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100 Following the tally of the votes, Dr. Buser announced the results of the membership vote for Board of  
101 Trustees – for a three-year term each: Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO and Richard G. Schuster, DO.



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- 153 • Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP
- 154 • Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO
- 155 • Jane E. Carreiro, DO
- 156 • Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO
- 157 • Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA
- 158 • John C. Glover, DO, FAAO
- 159 • Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO
- 160 • Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO

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162 Dr. Buser asked whether there were any nominations from the floor, and none were made.

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164 **Motion** *It was moved to close the nominations for the 2015-16 Nominating Committee.*  
165 **Seconded** **Approved**

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167 Dr. Buser instructed the members to cast their ballots for up to four candidates. After the votes were counted,  
168 Dr. Buser announced that Dr. Buser, Dr. Carreiro, Dr. Dowling, and Dr. Glover had been elected to one-year  
169 terms on the Nominating Committee.

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171 Dr. Buser indicated that the Nominating Committee’s report was concluded.

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173 **Presentation of The Academy Award**

174 Dr. Lossing announced that the 2015 recipient of The Academy Award is Diana L. Finley, CMP, the 2009-14  
175 executive director of the American Academy of Osteopathy and the American Osteopathic Board of  
176 Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. Ms. Finley received the award and expressed her appreciation to the  
177 Academy by stating, “This is your award as much as it is mine. I would not be accepting an award such as this  
178 without the wisdom and confidence you have imparted to me.”

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180 **Greetings from the American Osteopathic Association**

181 Dr. Lossing asked Mark. S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO, to the podium to provide an update from the American  
182 Osteopathic Association. Dr. Cantieri reviewed the AOA’s strategic plan with a slide presentation, pointing  
183 out the five major areas to be addressed: expense control and revenue enhancement; increase osteopathic  
184 medical research impact; expand OGME, and enhance quality (under Advocacy); enhance public policy  
185 impact and the visibility campaign.

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187 Dr. Cantieri indicated the AOA is focusing on research in the following areas.

- 188 • Exploring osteopathic approaches to chronic pain management that improve patient outcomes, enrich  
189 quality of life, and demonstrate cost effectiveness.
- 190 • Examining the effect of osteopathic medicine on the prevention, diagnosis and/or treatment of chronic  
191 diseases and conditions.
- 192 • Improving the understanding of the consequences and impact of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine  
193 (OMM) and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT).
- 194 • Examining the influence of osteopathic medicine on management of musculoskeletal injuries and  
195 prevention that covers the spectrum from sport injuries in children to degenerative joint disease in adults.
- 196 • Assessing the impact of osteopathic philosophy on physician training, patient health outcomes, quality of  
197 care and patient satisfaction on the patient first philosophy through preventative versus curative care.

200 Dr. Cantieri explained the AOA will be enhancing the public policy impact with patients by emphasizing  
201 patient-centered care and prevention and wellness; and through physicians by insuring the workforce  
202 continues to grow with further development of osteopathic education, and by advocating for physician  
203 practices as small businesses. He stated this public policy will include improvements in health care delivery to  
204 special populations and the development of delivery models that emphasize cost efficient, high quality  
205 coordinated care.

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207 Dr. Cantieri introduced the AOA Brand Campaign by listing the milestones for this campaign starting with  
208 focus groups to determine the current view of osteopathic medicine. This will then be following up with a  
209 strategic planning session and then with a launch of the campaign in October. He encouraged the Academy  
210 members to visit the AOA website, indicating it has been enhanced and updated, and is a good resource for  
211 practicing physicians.

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213 Dr. Cantieri stated the osteopathic medical profession is a growing profession along with the entire medical  
214 profession. He stated there are major changes in the demographics of DOs and osteopathic medical student  
215 and suggested the Academy plan for these changes. Dr. Cantieri indicated that consumers recognize and  
216 appreciate doctors of osteopathic medicine with their high tech, high touch and high empathy in building a  
217 strong patient-physician relationship. He encouraged members to be involved at the state level through local  
218 government and in improving osteopathic medical education to enhance OMM's visibility and influence.

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220 Dr. Lossing presented Dr. Cantieri with a ram statue, the Academy's traditional gift to AOA representatives.

## 221 **Officers' Report**

### 222 **President's Report**

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224 Dr. Lossing summarized his president's report, highlighting the AOA House of Delegates passage of the  
225 AAO's resolution he championed which states that osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) is a safe  
226 intervention and should be considered as first-line treatment for patients with pain associated with somatic  
227 dysfunction and other appropriate conditions. He indicate the HOD endorsed this resolution whole-heartedly.

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229 Dr. Lossing indicated the main topic throughout this year has been the transition to a combined graduate  
230 medical education system with the ACGME. He stated there have been challenges but believes this is a  
231 golden opportunity for the Academy and osteopathic medicine. The Academy leadership have developed and  
232 now approved the strategic plan which incorporates the future

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234 Dr. Lossing concluded by thanking the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees for the Academy's  
235 accomplishments during his presidency.

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

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238 President-elect Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO, expressed her gratitude for the training and mentorship that  
239 Dr. Lossing provided throughout the year in preparing her to step into the presidency. She stated it was a very  
240 busy year with regular Executive Committee meetings and sometimes more. The committee was responsive  
241 in reviewing and providing support to the developments of the single accreditation system. The officers  
242 insured the Academy was well represented and has a voice on the Osteopathic Principles Committee and on  
243 the NMM Review Committee. Dr. Newman encouraged the members to speak with these Academy  
244 representatives if they have any questions or concerns about the implementation of the single accreditation  
245 system.

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247 Dr. Newman spoke about the strategic plan, inviting the members to provide their comments concerning this  
248 plan and encouraged them to get involved by joining an AAO committee. She stated a new vision statement  
249 has been created and it will be posted on the Academy's website along with the strategic plan.

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253 **Secretary-treasurer’s Report**  
254 In summarizing her report, AAO Secretary-Treasurer Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO, stated that the  
255 Academy had a good year financially but that the Academy needs to continue to build to be financially sound.  
256 She asked the members to continue to support the AAO’s programming and to donate to the AAO’s various  
257 funds and to its foundation.

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259 **Executive Director’s Report**  
260 Michael A. Fitzgerald presented his report to the membership and elaborated on this past year’s events,  
261 stating the Academy was well represented at the AOA House of Delegates and at the OMED conference. He  
262 confirmed the Academy leadership has been responsive to the developments of the proposed single  
263 accreditation system for graduate medical education. Mr. Fitzgerald stated the AAO has been strengthening  
264 its relationships with the AOA, other specialty societies and state associations. The Academy has also been  
265 expanding its reach through social media by building a YouTube collection and targeted public relations  
266 campaigns.

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268 **FORCE Report**  
269 As the president of the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education (FORCE), George J.  
270 Pasquarello, DO, FAAO, reminded the members that FORCE was established to support the Academy’s  
271 mission by conducting research that can be translated into educational programming. Dr. Pasquarello  
272 encouraged the members to fulfill their pledges to FORCE and to continue to support the foundation’s  
273 initiatives.

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275 **Old Business**

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277 **AAO Component Societies**  
278 Dr. Lossing indicated which component societies had submitted annual reports to the Academy.

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280 In accordance with the AAO constitution and bylaws, the following AAO component societies met the  
281 requirements to be recertified:

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283 • American Academy of Pediatric Osteopathy  
284 • Arizona Academy of Osteopathy  
285 • Florida Academy of Osteopathy  
286 • Indiana Academy of Osteopathy  
287 • Iowa Academy of Osteopathy  
288 • New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy  
289 • Northern California Academy of Osteopathy  
290 • Northwest Academy of Osteopathy  
291 • Ohio Academy of Osteopathy  
292 • The Osteopathic Cranial Academy  
293 • Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy  
294 • Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy  
295 • Puget Sound Academy of Osteopathy  
296 • Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy  
297 • Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation  
298 • Upper Mississippi River Osteopathic Study Group

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

302 **Seconded** **Approved**

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304 **New Business**

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306 **Resident of the Year**

307 Dr. Lossing explained that the Academy confers the Resident of the Year award on a resident who has  
308 contributed to the Academy and who has participated in Academy events, including but not limited to the  
309 AAO Convocation, the AOA's Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition, and AAO educational  
310 programs. The individuals nominated for the award should use osteopathic principles and practices in their  
311 residency programs, and they should encourage other residents, faculty and students to use OPP.

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313 Dr. Lossing introduced the 2015 Resident of the Year award recipient, Catherine B. Donahue, DO, from  
314 Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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316 In thanking the Academy for her award, Dr. Donahue told Academy members that she looks forward to  
317 continuing to serve the Academy.

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319 **Golden Ram Lifetime Donors**

320 Dr. Lossing recognized the lifetime donors to the Golden Ram Society, William J. Garrity, DO and Tim  
321 Mosomillo, DO, for their contributions of at least \$5,000. He additionally stated that Robert E. Kappler, DO,  
322 FAAODist, FCA, was honored for reaching the diamond level of cumulative giving of over \$10,000.

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324 **Leadership Service to the Academy**

325 Dr. Lossing stated that this year the AAO would like to recognized those Academy members who are on the  
326 front lines of advancing osteopathic tenets in the proposed single accreditation system for graduate medical  
327 education.

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329 Dr. Lossing asked the members to review the committee descriptions in the business meeting's resource guide  
330 and to contact committee chairs or the Academy office should they be interested in serving on any  
331 committees. He asked the members of the ACGME's Osteopathic Principles Committee to stand and be  
332 recognized. This included the following members: OPC Chair Robert A. Cain, DO; Juan F. Acosta, DO; Jane  
333 E. Carreiro, DO; Millicent King Channell, DO, FAAO; George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO; Michael P.  
334 Rowane, DO, FAAO; and Karen Teten Snider, DO.

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336 Dr. Lossing then asked the Academy members of the ACGME Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine  
337 Review Committee to stand: ONMM Chair Lisa Ann DeStefano, DO; ONMM Vice Chair Eric Hunter Sharp,  
338 DO; Natalie Ann Nevins, DO; Guy A. DeFeo, DO; Wm. Thomas Crow, DO, FAAO; and the committee's  
339 newest member, resident member John R. Leuenberger, DO.

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341 Dr. Lossing also recognized the AOA Nominating Task Force for the Osteopathic Principles Committee and  
342 asked that the following AAO members stand: Dr. DeFeo, Doris B. Newman, DO, FAAO; and Wolfgang  
343 Gerhard Gilliar, DO.

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345 **Announcement**

346 Dr. Lossing announced that the 2016 AAO Convocation will be held Wednesday, March 16, through Sunday,  
347 March 20, at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. The Convocation will focus on the osteopathic approach to  
348 mental well-being with Millicent King Channell, Do, FAAO, as the program chair.

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350 **Adjournment**

351 With the Academy's business concluded, Dr. Lossing declared the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.