

2018-19 PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

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This past year as the American Academy of Osteopathy's president-elect, I have represented the AAO at various events.

In April 2018, I continued my service as chair of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles (ECOP) at our meeting at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. ECOP worked hard to finalize the second edition of the *A Teaching Guide for Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine*, and that is now available on Amazon. We had our meeting in September at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. ECOP also finalized a formal relationship with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners that will allow for better communication and increased collaboration between our organizations. Our hope is for increased clarity of information between COMs and with our students. ECOP is also continuing to revise osteopathic terminology in SNOMED, a comprehensive international clinical health care terminology. This is a much-needed process that was brought to light by AAO's Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC). I will conclude my term as ECOP chair at our meeting in Washington, DC, in April.



In July 2018, I attended the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) annual meeting and House of Delegates meetings after the AAO Board of Trustees meeting in Indianapolis. I was an alternate delegate and watched closely as our president, Catherine M. Kimball, DO, worked to advocate for osteopathic medicine and the AAO. The AAO was recognized by the AOA with the Strategic Team Award and Recognition for our collaboration with the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners in developing the Core Osteopathic Recognition Readiness Examination.

I attended in AAO Board of Trustees meetings in July and October 2018, and I participated by teleconference in February 2019. The Executive Committee met by teleconference in May, July, October, December and January.

AAO leadership is frequently asked to represent our profession at state and regional conferences, and I had the privilege to present at AOA's Regional Osteopathic Medical Education–New England in August, at the Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine in January, and at the University of Pikeville–Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine in February. Additionally, I also presented on the AOA's Osteopathic Research Model in Dubai, UAE, in September, and I've been invited to present similarly at the Jaseng Conference in Seoul, South Korea, in May 2019.

As president-elect, I have the opportunity of selecting one of my colleagues to chair Convocation, and I selected J'Aimee Lippert, DO. Dr. Lippert is a graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and is well-versed in family, osteopathic, and integrative medicine. She's putting together what promises to be an outstanding program for Convocation 2020.

Your AAO leadership represented you at the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation meeting in December, at the AOA's LEAD conference in January, and at the AOA Midwinter meeting in February.

In my "real job" at the University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, I have been proud to serve as associate program director for our ONMM programs and as mentor to our exemplary residents, two of whom have won national awards this year for being outstanding residents. (Congrats, Matt Barker and Mindy Hansen!!) Additionally, I've had the honor of representing the osteopathic profession as a member of the National Institutes of Health's National Advisory Council for Complementary and Integrative Health.

We are certainly in interesting times with our profession. We have many challenges ahead, but 147 years of an amazing profession and a history of persevering through difficult times behind us. We have some great leaders in service to our beloved profession, and I have complete faith that osteopathic medicine will prosper.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kendi L. Hensel DO PhD FAAO". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "DO", "PhD", and "FAAO" written in a slightly larger, more distinct font than the first name.

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