Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment

As members of the osteopathic medical profession, in an effort to instill loyalty and strengthen the profession, we recall the tenets on which this profession is founded – the dynamic interaction of mind, body, and spirit; the body’s ability to heal itself; the primary role of the musculoskeletal system; and preventive medicine as the key to maintain health. We recognize the work our predecessors have accomplished in building the profession, and we commit ourselves to continuing that work.

I pledge to:

• provide compassionate, quality care to my patients;
• partner with them to promote health;
• display integrity and professionalism throughout my career;
• advance the philosophy, practice and science of osteopathic medicine;
• continue life-long learning;
• support my profession with loyalty in action, word and deed; and
• live each day as an example of what an osteopathic physician should be.

Mission Statement
(Adopted by the Board of Governors in March 2003)

The mission of the American Academy of Osteopathy is to teach, advocate, and research the science, art and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the integration of osteopathic principles, practices and manipulative treatment in patient care.

Vision Statement
(Adopted by the Board of Governors in March 2015)

All patients are aware of and have access to osteopathic medical care and osteopathic manipulative medicine for optimal health.
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Annual Business Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019

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<td>New Business:&lt;br&gt;Recertification of existing AAO component societies:&lt;br&gt;• Arizona Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Florida Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Indiana Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Iowa Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Northwest Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Ohio Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• The Osteopathic Cranial Academy&lt;br&gt;• Resident American Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy&lt;br&gt;• Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation&lt;br&gt;Student American Academy of Osteopathy chapters&lt;br&gt;• Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM)&lt;br&gt;• New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine-Arkansas campus (NYITCOM-Arkansas)&lt;br&gt;• Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn Campus (VCOM-Auburn)</td>
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Announcements

2020 AAO Convocation
The next Convocation will be held from Wednesday, March 11, through Sunday, March 15, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The program chair is J’Aimee A. Lippert, DO, and the Convocation program is tentatively titled, *Extending Osteopathic Medicine: Innovation and Expansion in Patient Care and Education.*

2020 business meeting
The Academy’s next business meeting will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Adjourn

**Future Convocation Dates**
- 2020—March 11-15 at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs
- 2021—March 17-21 at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas
- 2022—March 23-27 at Rosen Shingle Creek resort in Orlando
- 2023—March 15-19 at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs
Call to Order
The AAO’s 2017-18 president, Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO, welcomed the members and called the meeting to order at 11:59 p.m. Central time.

Invocation
AAO Trustee Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, gave the invocation.

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

Approval of Agenda
Dr. Rowane entertained a motion to accept the agenda for the March 22, 2018, annual business meeting of the AAO’s members.

Motion
It was moved to approve the March 22, 2018, agenda of the AAO annual business meeting as presented.
Seconded    Approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Dr. Rowane entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the AAO’s March 23, 2017, annual business meeting.

Motion
It was moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2017, annual business meeting of the American Academy of Osteopathy as presented.
Seconded    Approved

Greetings from the American Osteopathic Association
Dr. Rowane introduce American Osteopathic Association President-elect William S. Mayo, DO, and welcomed him to the podium to provide an update from the AOA.

Dr. Mayo stated his appreciation for the opportunity to visit with the American Academy of Osteopathy. He displayed a slide presentation illustrating the changes to the osteopathic profession. Referencing the 2017 Osteopathic Medical Profession (OMP) report, he stated that there are now over 108,000 DOs, and over 29,000 osteopathic medical students in the United States which is a 68% increase in 10 years. He indicated that 54% of the membership are under the age of 45 years with 47% of those members being women.

Dr. Mayo indicated that the AOA, in consideration of these demographics and the changes in governmental regulations, reviewed and brought its strategic vision into sharp focus and started work on Phase I of its strategic plan which includes the following five issues: strengthen its financial infrastructure, the five-year transition to the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) single accreditation system, its research initiatives to prove it and to publish it, enhance public policy impact, and the brand awareness campaign. Dr. Mayo recognized Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP for his vision of and dedicated work on the transition to a single accreditation system with the ACGME.

Dr. Mayo stated that in the public policy area the AOA has ramped up its efforts on the national and state levels and worked to get a 10-year reauthorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). He indicated that their efforts helped to achieve two-years additional funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and advocated for legislation on the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and Teaching
Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) programs. He added that they continue to work for long-term funding of these programs and emphasized that the AOA is working to ensure that members of congress adhere to the spirit of the legislation and provide for the true cost of the resident. He indicated that the AOA is working in Congress to build support for the ACGME accreditation system. He stated that the AOA is also promoting legislation that helps with alternatives to opioids and access to treatment and that it continues to monitor scope of practice issues and that the AOA has had recent discussions with Medicare concerning cardiopulmonary rehabilitation and hospice care.

Dr. Mayo spoke about DO Day on Capitol Hill where 11,025 students, DOs, deans, faculty and advocates met with 45% of the legislators during that day which included roughly 300 meetings arranged by the staff at the AOA Washington, DC, office. He indicated that the focus was on the Good Samaritan Health Professions Act and student loan programs so that students may continue to receive assistance through the Higher Education Act.

Dr. Mayo stated that the American Osteopathic Association is now working in Phase II of its AOA Strategic Plan where it will enhance the board certification process and services, developing strategies to secure and grow the market for osteopathic board certification. He stated they are working to make osteopathic board certification physician friendly, relevant and cost effective.

Dr. Mayo indicated that the AOA is also enhancing its international impact, working to grow recognition of U.S.-trained DOs throughout the world, concentrating on South America, Africa and Asia. He stated that last year the African congress of medical regulators accepted a resolution of 23 countries that recognize the AOA as the certifying body for U.S.-trained DOs. He explained that if this resolution is approved by all 23 countries, it would allow licensure of DOs in those countries. He added that the AOA is a partner with the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities, the licensing organization for physicians around the world.

Dr. Mayo stated that the AOA continues to work with the Osteopathic International Alliance and to enhance DOCARE missions, which support continuity of care clinics throughout the world, and he encouraged the members to participate on these missions, stating it will be an unforgettable experience.

Dr. Mayo added that the AOA continues to seek improvements to its member model to bring value and relevance to DOs at every stage of their careers, providing the goods and services they need and to advocate for them.

Dr. Mayo indicated that the Affiliate Alignment Task Force focused on the following five key areas: governance, membership, education, communication and the future of the osteopathic profession and through its work over many months presented several initial resolutions which were passed at the recent AOA mid-year meeting. He indicated that the task force, led by Ron Burns, DO, is to submit its final report at the July 2018 AOA Board of Trustees’ meeting.

1) The AOA recognizes the importance of the information and reputation that affiliates have, and AOSED and SOSE representatives will serve on every bureau, committee, council and task force that is relevant.

2) The AOA has enhanced the Affiliate Friday Folder which is sent to executive directors of AOSED and SOSE members so that it is a better tool for engagement.

3) AOA is committed to having at least two face-to-face meetings a year with AOSED and SOSE, as well as three to four video/telephone communications throughout the year to maintain engagement.

4) AOA is developing online resources and a platform to facilitate and engage multi-directional communication.

5) The AOA is establishing a web portal so that affiliates can communicate with each other on multiple issues of importance.

6) AOA is working to be able to provide data to affiliates concerning students, postdoctoral physicians and practicing physicians and where it’s legal to do so, the AOA would provide information to
affiliates that includes at a minimum: AOA ID number, email address, mailing address, OGME or 
ACGME program, the specialty, the COM and the year of graduation. This is to assist affiliates in being able to reach out to all DOs. The AOA is also working to update the memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to allow that information to be provided.

7) There will be collaboration with the AOA, AOIA, and affiliates to work at increasing grants, education, and member value to increase non-dues revenue for the affiliates.

8) The AOA will help program directors to engage in osteopathic CME programs to assist them in promoting and developing scholarly activity as required for the residency programs.

Dr. Mayo stated his appreciation of the AAO as an important partner with the AOA in working to advance the profession, and he encouraged the members to continue to bring the vision of Andrew Taylor Still to all DOs.

Dr. Rowane presented Dr. Mayo with a ram statue acknowledging his position as the AOA president-elect and his contributions to the osteopathic profession.

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

Nominating Committee Report
Dr. Dowling reviewed the provisions in the AAO Constitution and Bylaws for voting privileges, noting that active members, including interns and residents, life members, and honorary life members are eligible to vote, provided their membership dues are in good standing. He further indicated that members with voting privileges would have received in their registration packets a blue ribbon which identifies them as a voting member.

Dr. Dowling continued stating that an electronic balloting system will be used for these elections and eligible members are encouraged to use cell phones, tablets and other electronic devices to cast their votes via text messages. In explaining how the system would work, Dr. Dowling noted that a device will only be able to cast one text message vote per office. Dr. Dowling added that paper ballots will be provided to those members who cannot text on a mobile device.

President
Dr. Dowling explained that in accordance with the AAO Constitution and Bylaws, the president-elect automatically succeeds to the office of president. Therefore, Catherine M. Kimball, DO, will be inducted as the Academy’s 2018-19 president during the March 24, 2018, president’s banquet, at which time Dr. Kimball will be administered the oath of office.

President-elect
Dr. Dowling announced that for the office of president-elect, the Nominating Committee places in nomination Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD.

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

Motion  It was moved to close nominations for the office of president-elect.
Seconded  Approved

Dr. Dowling announced that by consensus, Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, has been elected to serve a one-year term as AAO president-elect.
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES DRAFT — continued

Board of Trustees
Dr. Dowling informed the members that there were four open positions on the Board of Trustees, two three-year terms, one two-year terms and one one-year term. He stated the Nominating Committee presents four nominees for trustee: Millicent King Channell, DO, FAAO; Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO; Richard G. Schuster, DO; and Karen T. Snider, DO, FAAO. He asked for nominations from the floor. There was a nomination for Stacy Pierce-Talsma, DO, and she agreed to serve if elected.

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

Seconded    Approved

Following the tally of the votes, Dr. Dowling announced that the members elected to the Board of Trustees to serve three-year terms were: Dr. Millicent Channell and Dr. Karen Snider. He indicated that Dr. Richard Schuster will serve the unexpired two-year term and Dr. Stefan Hagopian will serve a one-year term.

Board of Governors
Dr. Dowling indicated the membership would be electing members to serve as AAO governors. He stated that the instructions are to vote for 10 people; however, because Dr. Channell and Dr. Snider were elected to the Board of Trustees, their unexpired terms would need to be filled and so Dr. Dowling explained that the members would be voting for up to 12 candidates. The top 10 vote getters would serve three-year terms, and the candidate in 11th place would fill Dr. Snider’s two-year unexpired term while the 12th highest vote getter would serve the one-year unexpired term of Dr. Channell. He added that Dr. Hagopian’s and Dr. Schuster’s names will be struck from the ballot since they will be serving as trustees on the Board of Governors. He announced that the Nominating Committee nominates the following members as candidates for the AAO Board of Governors:

- Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP
- Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO
- R. Todd Dombroski, DO
- Walter C. Ehrenfeuchter, DO, FAAO
- William M. Foley, DO, MSc
- Rebecca E. Giusti, DO
- John C. Glover, DO, FAAO
- Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO
- Sharon Gustowski, DO, MPH
- Brian E. Kaufman, DO, FACP, FACOI
- Polly E. Leonard, DO, MS, FNAOME
- J’Aimee Anne Lippert, DO
- David C. Mason, DO, MBA, FACOFP
- Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO
- Stacey L. Pierce-Talsma, DO, MS-EdL, FNAOME
- Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO
- Col. Ralph C. Walsh Jr., DO

Dr. Dowling asked if there were any nominations from the floor for governor. Jonathan W. Torres, DO, was nominated and agreed to serve if elected. Janice U. Blumer, DO, FAAO, was nominated from the floor and accepted the nomination. Michael J. Terzella, DO, was nominated and he accepted the nomination.

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

Seconded    Approved

Dr. Buser announced the results of the election for AAO Board of Governors, stepping in for Dr. Dowling who had a prior commitment, and stated that upon the tally of the votes the following members were elected.
to three-year terms: Dr. Buser, Dr. Cantieri, Dr. Ehrenfeuchter, Dr. Glover, Dr. Giusti, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Gustowski, Dr. Mason, Dr. Pierce-Talsma, and Dr. Van Buskirk. He indicated that Dr. Dombroski was elected to serve a two-year term and Dr. Lippert was elected to serve a one-year term.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Buser explained the voting for members of the Nominating Committee, noting that four candidates are elected each year to serve one-year terms on this committee and that as immediate past president, Dr. Rowane would serve as an ex officio member by virtue of his office. Dr. Buser stated the Nominating Committee places in nomination the following candidates:

- Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP
- Jane E. Carreiro, DO
- Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO
- John C. Glover, DO, FAAO
- Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO
- Kenneth J. Lossing, DO

Dr. Buser asked whether there were any nominations from the floor and David M. Kanze, DO, and William H. Devine, DO, were each nominated and accepted their nominations.

Motion

It was moved to close the nominations for the 2018-19 Nominating Committee.

Seconded

Approved

Dr. Buser instructed the members to cast their ballots for up to four candidates for a one-year term each. After the votes were counted, Dr. Buser announced that Dr. Buser, Dr. Carreiro, Dr. Dowling, and Dr. Griffin had each been elected to a one-year term on the Nominating Committee.

Dr. Buser urged the members to respond to next year’s solicitation for nominations so that their suggestions may be considered by the Nominating Committee to develop a diverse slate of candidates. He summarized how the Nominating Committee develops the slate of candidates, indicating that the Nominating Committee submits a solicitation to the members in the summer for suggestions of nominees for the various elected positions. He stated that the committee then reviews those suggestions and considers the geographic characteristics, gender, age, specialties and colleges of graduation of the current leadership and takes those factors into account when developing the slate of nominees to be presented at the next AAO election.

Dr. Buser asked the members to engage in this nomination process to help shape the Academy’s leadership. He thanked the members for their participation and indicated that the committee’s report was concluded.

Presentation of the Academy Award

Dr. Rowane introduced the 2018 recipient of the Academy Award, Sidney N. Dunn, executive director of The Osteopathic Cranial Academy (OCA) and the Osteopathic Cranial Academy Foundation.

Mr. Dunn thanked the Academy for this award and indicated that as an executive director he appreciates the work of the volunteers who entrust the management of the organization to him. He indicated that a little over 12 years ago when the OCA retained his services, it was a time of transitions and he worked with the different perspectives that were offered of how to bring the OCA into the 21st century while maintaining the respect and reverence for the work of its predecessors.

Mr. Dunn stated that with his background of over 30 years of service to his college fraternity, he was well prepared for his transition to the executive director of the OCA, and he compared his experience at the fraternity with the mission, values, and developing history of the OCA. He indicated that the OCA is a vibrant society of dedicated professionals whose main purpose is to heal using manipulation as a key factor in treatment.
Mr. Dunn stated that the OCA members support the AAO’s programming, its commitment to advance osteopathy and to its continued well-being. He encouraged the members to be strong in their belief in osteopathy and to realize that change and growth are normal and are valued. He added that in the words of Dr. Still, “let us not be governed today by what we did yesterday, nor tomorrow by what we do today, for day by day we must show progress,” and thanked the Academy for this honor.

Dr. Rowane presented the Academy Award to Mr. Dunn, stating that he is most deserving of this recognition for consistently demonstrating his commitment to osteopathic principles and to the osteopathic medical profession, for making special contributions to promote osteopathy and for having a vision that compliments the Academy’s mission.

**Officers’ Reports**

**President’s Report**

Dr. Rowane summarized his president’s report with a slide presentation of the year in review. He stated that at the AOA House of Delegates’ (HOD) meeting this past July, the AAO put forth a resolution to present the position paper on the evaluation and treatment of the pelvis. He indicated that the HOD referred this position paper back to the Academy for revisions and added that several osteopathic specialty colleges were contacted for their input. He stated that the AAO has created a task group to refine this position paper.

Dr. Rowane indicated that the AOA is working to implement decoupling of membership with AOA board certification and that the Academy is identifying pathways for allopathic colleagues to be part of the AAO and to increase the interest in being an osteopathic-focused physician. He stated that Immediate Past President Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, has been working on an initiative to support this goal. He stated his appreciation of Dr. Griffin as an incredible mentor, modeling what a president should do and assisting him with that work.

Dr. Rowane spoke about the development of the Academy’s next strategic plan, stating that the leadership took every measure to make sure that what the Academy is doing reflects what the organization wants. He indicated that a survey was sent out multiple times, to every student, every resident, and every member to provide them the opportunity for feedback. He stated that the Board of Trustees held a retreat to review those survey results and considered every comment from that survey. He added that the leadership performed a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis, and evaluated the last strategic plan to identify the goals achieved, issues encountered and their relevancy. He stated that a facilitator then worked with the leaders to develop the next course of action and that all this information was presented at the strategic planning meeting held yesterday.

Dr. Rowane stated that the Board of Governors reviewed and approved the 2019-22 planning playbook, a living changeable document to guide the Academy into the next few years. He indicated that one of the goals in this strategic plan is to develop opportunities presented in the single accreditation system for osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine (ONMM) training programs. He stated that the AAO is working on putting together a comprehensive support program for every discipline that seeks ACGME recognition and that a task force will be created to develop resources in meeting this initiative. He added that another part of this initiative is the development of scholarly activity opportunities in meeting the requirements of residency training programs. Dr. Rowane stated that a task force has been assigned to develop *The AAO Journal (AAOJ)* so that it meets the standards for inclusion in Index Medicus and to ensure a venue for publication of scholarly activity. He indicated that there are now links to three training sessions for scholarly activity on the AAO website: Scholar Specific for case reports; Scholar 4 on abstract, poster presentation, and publication; and Scholar 7 for a clinician with an idea and how to develop it into a research project.

Dr. Rowane indicated there have been challenges this past year and the AOA was very helpful in guiding the Academy leadership in responding to those issues. He added that he is very excited about this Convocation in
being able to work with two of his mentors. He stated that Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO, developed
and moderated last night’s Evening with the Fellows and that he worked with David Boesler, DO, in
developing this program around the legends of the osteopathic profession. He congratulated both of them on
this incredible program.

Immediate Past President’s Report
Dr. Rowane invited Immediate Past President Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, to the podium to provide a
summary of her activities this past year.

Dr. Griffin stated that she worked with several Academy members and representatives from the National
Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) to develop a tool for residency program directors. She
stated that the core osteopathic recognition readiness exam (CORRE) is intended for MDs seeking to apply to
an osteopathic recognition training program (including ONMM programs) to be able to show validation that
they have some baseline knowledge. She indicated that this evaluation tool will be available this summer
during July and August, with more information available at the AAO’s exhibit booth and on the Academy’s
website.

President-elect’s Report
Dr. Rowane asked President-elect Catherine M. Kimball, DO, to present her annual report. Dr. Kimball stated
that it was her privilege and honor to represent the AAO at a number of events over the last year. She
indicated her appreciation of Dr. Rowane as a wonderful teacher, in shepherding her through the process and
in helping to prepare her for the presidential term, stating he has been very patient and gracious. She stated
that she is excited about being able to implement the goals of the planning playbook in helping to form the
future of the Academy.

Secretary-treasurer’s Report
In summarizing her report, AAO Secretary-treasurer Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO, stated that the
Academy ended the year in the positive. She explained that membership revenue has decreased, stating that
members are needed for the operation of the Academy and she encouraged the members to talk to their
colleagues to get people to join and to be involved in the Academy. She indicated that the AAO’s investments
in the stock market have been in an up and down phase, and that revenue from the investments is unreliable at
this time.

Dr. O’Connell exclaimed that the good news is that revenue from the Academy’s educational offerings have
gotten better with the Education Committee making realistic budgets and with people attending and enjoying
the Academy’s offerings. She added that the Golden Ram campaign has also seen an increase, exceeding the
projected budget amount and she thanked the members for their support and encouraged them to continue
contributing to this fund. She thanked the members for the opportunity to serve and to encourage fiscal
responsibility for the Academy.

Executive Director’s Report
Dr. Rowane asked Executive Director Sherri L. Quarles to give the annual executive director’s report, stating
that she works tirelessly, is very dedicated to the Academy and that it has been a pleasure working with her.
Ms. Quarles thanked each of the members for being a part of the organization, in supporting the cause and
purpose of the Academy. She expressed her enthusiasm for the great leadership teams of the Executive
Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors. She stated that it was a very busy year and the
leadership faced many challenges, taking them in stride and meeting those challenges. She added that the
leadership continue to seek out the proper information to respond to the membership’s needs and requests for
assistance.

Ms. Quarles presented the AAO staff team members and asked the members to thank them for supporting her
every day. She stated that Lauren Good works tirelessly on the AAO website, listening to members’
suggestions and making changes within the budget’s constraints. She indicated that Debbie Cole, her assistant, keeps the team on point and on task. She stated that Bev Searcy and Taylor Bridgeforth have joined as full-time staff with Taylor working with membership and Bev as her finance assistant and works with the Student American Academy of Osteopathy (SAAO).

Ms. Quarles asked Gennie Watts to the podium, stating that Gennie is the event planner, making sure that each and every room is ready for that day’s activities during Convocation. Ms. Watts expressed her appreciation of the members in making this a great Convocation. Ms. Quarles added that Brooke Lamb travels with the team working during Convocation and at OMED. She indicated that the other team members not in the room are Kathleen Brennan who helps out at the Osteopathic Education Service and Amber Rausch who is currently working at the registration booth to assist attendees during this meeting.

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

Dr. Johnson expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to address the Academy’s members. She stated that the foundation was started seven years ago in response to patient questions about how osteopathic manipulative medicine is unique, and about where the research is to support osteopathic manipulative medicine. She indicated that because of the establishment of FORCE, funds were available to launch the EMPATHY project, a multi-site study that provided critical scientific support for how DOs are trained, which was very helpful in negotiations with the ACGME for osteopathically focused residencies.

Dr. Johnson stated that over the past year, the mission of the FORCE has been revitalized with the continuing sponsorship of prize funds for the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee–National Undergraduate Fellows Association research poster presentation during the AAO Convocation, prize sponsorship of the OMED research poster competition in the OMM category, and a relaunch of active fundraising at Convocation, at The Osteopathic Cranial Academy conferences and at OMED in the exhibit hall. She stated that the foundation will be launching the Friends of the FORCE initiative to provide the opportunity for grateful patients to support the profession.

Dr. Johnson indicated that the foundation is an all-volunteer effort that has trimmed expenses and pledged to build a self-sustaining corpus to be able to continue to fund projects into the future. She stated that FORCE is the only private 501c(3) foundation solely dedicated to osteopathic manipulative medicine. She indicated the foundation welcomes the members’ support and asked them to consider making a donation with opportunities through the monthly giving club, as a supporting donor or by purchasing a raffle ticket for a real bone anatomic model of a skull.

New Business
AAO Component Societies
Dr. Rowane announced that the following component societies, in accordance with the AAO Constitution and Bylaws, have submitted annual reports to the Academy and met the requirements to be recertified:

- American Academy of Pediatric Osteopathy
- Arizona Academy of Osteopathy
- Florida Academy of Osteopathy
- Indiana Academy of Osteopathy
- Iowa Academy of Osteopathy
- New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy
- Northern California Academy of Osteopathy
- Northwest Academy of Osteopathy
- Ohio Academy of Osteopathy
• The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
• Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy
• Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy
• Rocky Mountain American Academy of Osteopathy
• Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation

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

**Seconded**  
**Approved**

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

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

- Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM)
- Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM)
- Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM)
- Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM)
- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Joplin, KS (KCUMB-Joplin)
- Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine (LUCOM)
- Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM)
- Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Cleveland and Dublin, OH (OU-HCOM-Cleveland, OU-HCOM-Dublin)
- Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in Middletown, NY (TouroCOM-Middletown)
- University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM)

**Seconded**  
**Approved**

**Lifetime Service to the AAO**

Dr. Rowane stated that the Academy leadership would like to acknowledge Stephen I. Goldman, DO, FAAO, FAOASM, for lifetime service to the Academy. He asked David M. Kanze, DO, to the podium to speak about his mentor, Dr. Goldman.

Dr. Kanze was joined on the stage by two residents from Dr. Goldman’s training program. He expressed his appreciation of Dr. Goldman, stating that he has touched numerous lives and is very generous in giving even though he can no longer speak. He added that Dr. Goldman fought for and established his residency training program, he collected a vault of information, including Dr. Zink’s papers and provided this collection to his residents so they may be his voice in the future as his osteopathic descendants. Dr. Kanze stated that Dr. Goldman’s generosity is endless and taught his residents not only about osteopathic medicine but also about how to be a better physician, how to be a better person and how to be humble. Dr. Kanze added that Dr. Goldman is the true definition of a mentor, he is a trusted and experience adviser. Dr. Kanze and the residents thanked Dr. Goldman.

Dr. Rowane presented Dr. Goldman with a small ram statue and an A.T. Still lapel pin.

**Resident of the Year**

Dr. Rowane stated the Academy acknowledges individuals of excellence and every year an exceptional resident is selected who exemplifies the opportunities and abilities of the youth of the osteopathic profession to ensure the legacy of Dr. Still. He announced that Jacob Cukierski, DO, has been selected as the AAO’s 2018 Resident of the Year and asked him to the stage. He introduced Dr. Cukierski, stating that he is a 2014 graduate from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, that he was chief resident at both his osteopathic family medicine residency and at his NMM plus-one training program and that he is a model
resident who enthusiastically presents lectures, labs, review sessions and table training and who shows initiative in his administrative duties.

Dr. Cukierski expressed his appreciation for this recognition, stating it is important for the students, residents, and physicians to remember through the changes and challenges presented to them as osteopathic physicians that osteopathic manipulative medicine continues. He encouraged the members to keep OMT alive by reminding those students, residents, and physicians of their training in osteopathic manipulative medicine and its purpose.

Dr. Rowane presented Dr. Cukierski with the 2018 AAO Resident of the Year award plaque.

Golden Ram Lifetime Donors

Dr. Rowane indicated that the Academy appreciates the support received through the Golden Ram Society and the names of the lifetime donors for this year will be announced at a later time.

Leadership Service to the Academy

Dr. Rowane recognized David Musgrave, DO, with an A.T. Still service lapel pin for his long-time service on AAO committees. He indicated that Dr. Musgrave has served on multiple committees, including the Osteopathic Education Service Committee with his active participation at the OES service during Convocations and at OMED, as well as being a mentor and president of the AAO’s component society, Northern California Academy of Osteopathy. He stated that Dr. Musgrave is a model of committee members’ participation and that he has helped make a difference in the organization.

Dr. Rowane presented Dr. Musgrave with an A.T. Still lapel service pin, and Dr. Musgrave expressed his appreciation for the recognition.

Dr. Rowane indicated that this is the time of year when members can consider becoming involved in the Academy through service on a committee. He encouraged the members to indicate their interest by submitting a committee application form for Dr. Kimball’s consideration.

Announcements

Dr. Rowane reminded the Convocation participants to use the seating areas in the lectures and workshops and not to linger in the walkways so that members can move freely about the rooms.

Dr. Rowane announced that the 2019 AAO Convocation will be held Wednesday, March 13, through Sunday, March 17, at the Rosen Shingle Creek resort in Orlando, Florida. The Convocation program is tentatively titled “Leading, Expanding and Cutting: The Edges of Osteopathic Medicine,” with Rebecca A. Giusti, DO, as the program chair.

Dr. Rowane reminded the members that the Academy’s next business meeting will be held Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Adjournment

With the Academy’s business concluded, Dr. Rowane declared the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.
SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Listed beside each candidate is the associated text message code for voting. The text number to send these codes for voting will be provided at the annual business meeting. Instructions for voting are provided on the pages that follow. Note: Asterisks indicate incumbents.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**
(Select one for a one-year term)

- 10 – Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO
- 11 – Richard G. Schuster, DO

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**
(Select one for a three-year term)

- 20 – Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO
- 21 – Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO

**TRUSTEE**
(Select two for three-year terms)

- 30 – R. Todd Dombroski, DO
- 31 – Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO
- 32 – Kurt P. Heinking, DO, FAAO
- 33 – Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO

**GOVERNOR**
(Select ten for a three-year term each)

- 40 - Juan F. Acosta, DO, MS
- 41 - Robert N. Agnello, DO, FACOFP
- 42 - Kelly A. Busby, DO
- 43 - Michael S. Carnes, DO, FAAO
- 44 - William H. Devine, DO
- 45 - Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO
- 46 - Raymond J. Hruby, DO, MS, FAAODist
- 47 - Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO, FNAOME
- 48 - J’Aimee Anne Lippert, DO
- 49 - Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO
- 50 - Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO
- 51 - Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO
- 52 - William H. Stager, DO, MS, MPH, FAAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOFP dist.
- 53 - Jonathan W. Torres, DO
- 54 - Col. Ralph C. Walsh Jr., DO
- 55 - Damon M. Whitfield, DO

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
(Select four for a one-year term)

- 70 - Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP dist.
- 71 - Jane E. Carreiro, DO
- 72 - Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO
- 73 - John C. Glover, MS, DO, FAAO
- 74 - Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO
- 75 - Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, CS
- 76 - Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO

(Catherine M. Kimball, DO, ex-officio)
The Nominating Committee was aware of the following circumstances at the time this slate of candidates was developed.

* Asterisk indicates incumbents.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS DESCRIPTIONS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The AAO Board of Trustees is the elected executive body charged with managing the business and educational affairs under the policies established by the Board of Governors and the Academy membership. The membership of this board includes the officers (president, president-elect, secretary-treasurer, and immediate past president) as well as six at-large trustees with staggered two-year terms, and a resident trustee and a student trustee, each with a one-year term. The officers serve one-year terms except for the secretary-treasurer whose term is for three years. The Board of Trustees are also members of the AAO Board of Governors.

The Trustees meet three times annually: a weekend in the summer, a full-day meeting prior to the opening of the AOA Osteopathic Medical Education (OMED) conference in the fall, and two half-days during the AAO Convocation in the spring.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
The AAO Board of Governors is the elected policymaking body of the Academy, consisting of the 12 Trustees, 30 members elected by the membership to staggered three-year terms and one representative from The Osteopathic Cranial Academy.

The Governors meet once each year prior to the opening of the AAO Convocation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
The Nominating Committee is an elected body, provided for in the bylaws of this corporation, consisting of the immediate past president and four members who are elected by the membership each year at the annual meeting. No more than one member from any regional component society may be elected to this committee in the same year. One member of the committee must have served on the Nominating Committee previously and he/she shall serve as chair of the committee.

The Nominating Committee reviews all open elective positions, including those of the Nominating Committee, prior to Sept. 1. From among the members of the Academy having voting privileges (regular, life, and honorary life membership), the committee nominates candidates for election to fill those positions, making every effort to present a choice of candidates for each position.
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING VOTING

The AAO Nominating Committee is requesting that members utilize the electronic voting process as established with a vendor who provides the software via mobile devices and the internet. This software is set up for any mobile device with text messaging capabilities for members to enter codes in voting on officer candidates. Text messaging will be used to vote in the following order for: president-elect, secretary-treasurer, trustees, governors, and then the Nominating Committee.

The voting procedures will remain the same where nominations will be open from the floor prior to initiating the vote. If you do not have access to a text messaging device, raise your hand to receive paper ballots before each vote.

Once a vote is cast, the tally results for each office will be announced.

To the right is an example of the keypad of a phone prior to hitting Send to vote for multiple candidates.
ELECTRONIC VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Text messaging will be used for voting. Note: The electronic device (iPhone, iPad, etc.) will need to have text messaging capabilities and an internet connection. The AAO will not provide WiFi during the meeting. You may only vote once per office.

1. The telephone number to text for the voting will be provided at the meeting.

2. The ballot will be displayed on the projector screen at the front of the meeting. A copy has also been provided on the next page.
   - When there are changes to the ballot, write-ins for nominations from the floor or deletions upon people being elected, they will display on the screen as the changes are made.

3. A code (number) will be displayed for each candidate on the ballot, including write-ins.

4. Enter the code for each candidate for whom you are voting with a space between the code for each candidate.
   - Review your text messaging screen to make sure the corresponding characters are entered for the candidate(s) you chose and that they are properly spaced.

5. Once you are sure of your keystrokes, press SEND to lock in your vote.
   - Do not press send until you have entered the codes for all of your choices.
   - There is only one electronic vote cast for each office.

6. You will have only about five minutes to type in your choices and press SEND before the voting is closed.

For president-elect, you will elect one person for a one-year term.
- There is only one code to type for your candidate of choice.

For secretary-treasurer, you will elect one person for a three-year term.
- There is only one code to type for your candidate of choice.

For trustee, you will elect two people for a three-year term each.
- There are up to two different codes to type with spaces between each code before sending.

For Board of Governors, you will elect 10 people for three-year terms with a possible third person for a one-year term and a fourth person for a two-year term.
- There are at least 10 different codes with a possible 11th and 12th code to type with spaces between each code before sending.
- You will vote for all of your choices for Governor in one text message.
  (Example entry: 1 space 3 space 5 space 11 space 13 space 23 space)
  Press SEND when you have entered all codes.

For the Nominating Committee, you will elect four people for a one-year term.
- You may only type in up to four codes with spaces between each code before sending.
- You will vote for all of your choices for the Nominating Committee in one text message.
  (Example entry: 1 space 3 space 5 space 11 space); press SEND button.
The candidate campaign statements below are intended to assist members in choosing their representatives. In addition to providing a 100-word biographical sketch, all candidates were asked to describe their vision for where the AAO should be headed and their contributions to the osteopathic profession. Responses provided below have been edited for clarity but are largely presented in the candidates’ own words.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

*(Elect one for a one-year term)*

**PAUL R. RENNIE, DO, FAAO**

*Vision:* To work with the Academy and its members in advancing the best interests of the osteopathic philosophy and unique osteopathic approaches for the care of our patients. To strengthen the role of the Academy to meet the current challenges in academic, economic, regulatory and organizational management needed to promote and maintain the osteopathic profession.

*Contributions:* I have served the Academy as a member of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, assisting with many of the pressing issues facing our profession. I have also contributed greater than 16 years participating with the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles and the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners at all three testing levels. I have also served 12 years as a board member of the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine helping to improve the process. As OMM chair, I coordinated with faculty and developed an Access database to build an undergraduate osteopathic manipulative medicine program that employs a Regional Anatomic and Methodology Progressive System (RAMPS) approach. In addition, I have published *Counterstrain and Exercise: An Integrated Approach* as a more learnable anatomical approach to the counterstrain methodology.

*Biographical sketch:* I have served as chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine for the past 10 years where I am also a professor in the Department. I am a graduate of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine. I am board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice. I am a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy. I am also an author of the book *Counterstrain and Exercise: An Integrated Approach* and have also co-authored chapters on Strain-Counterstrain in the second through fourth editions of *Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine*.

*Should Dr. Rennie be elected as president-elect, he will be removed as a candidate for trustee and governor.*

**RICHARD G. SCHUSTER, DO**

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

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

*Biographical sketch:* I am in a solo practice doing direct primary care and OMM in Indianapolis. I am a clinical associate professor at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. I have scaled back my teaching responsibilities in favor of practicing osteopathy, though I remain committed to the educational process.
My interests include osteopathic history, sports medicine and the neurological integration of the body, with particular attention to the musculoskeletal system. My passion is in the practice of osteopathic medicine, the education of our profession, and the role of mentoring within it.

Should Dr. Schuster be elected as president-elect, the remaining year of his 2017-20 term as a trustee will be filled during the 2019 election.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**

(Select one for a three-year term)

**JUDITH A. O'CONNELL, DO, MHA, FAAO* **

**Vision:** The AAO is leading the “house of medicine” to an osteopathic understanding of disease and treatment, fulfilling Dr. Still’s osteopathic revolution to ensure all people have access to osteopathic care.

**Contributions:** As president of the AAO, I had the distinct privilege of negotiating the OMT codes into the CPT code book, participating in the formative meeting for the NIH Office of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, and placing the first AAO vote at the AOA HOD. While serving as secretary-treasurer of the AAO, I have brought a focus on fiscal responsibility to the BOT and committees.

**Biographical sketch:** I am in private neuromusculoskeletal medicine practice in Beavercreek, Ohio. I served the AAO in many positions, including but not limited to president, secretary-treasurer, member of the BOT and BOG, chair of Committee on Fellowship, chair of the Education Committee and Finance Committee. I serve on the AOA Bureau of Socioeconomic Affairs, co-authored the AOA E/M and OMT Coding Manual and served as the AOA Advisor to AMA CPT Editorial Panel. Currently, I am a member of the AMA CPT Editorial Panel. I serve on the Medical Executive Committee at Grandview/Southview Medical Center.

Should Dr. O’Connell be re-elected as secretary-treasurer, she will be removed as a candidate for governor.

**MICHAEL P. ROWANE, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO**

**Vision:** The current transition in osteopathic medical education with the single accreditation system has positioned the American Academy of Osteopathy to take the lead in guiding and preserving the ideals of Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, for not only the osteopathic profession but for the greater medical community.

**Contributions:** The AAO has allowed me to share my desire to train the next generation of learners for our profession by allowing me leadership roles in developing our osteopathic faculty and our training programs and enhancing our NMM/OMM Program Directors’ Workshop. I have had the privilege to serve on multiple committees for the AAO and was honored to serve as the 2017-18 AAO president.

**Biographical sketch:** Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO, has a passion for osteopathic medical education and to impact future physicians to integrate the ideals of the osteopathic approach in the care of their patients. He is a professor of family medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine and associate dean of clinical education for the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Rowane previously served as the director of medical education at University Hospitals Regional Hospitals and the director of osteopathic integration for the University Hospitals Osteopathic Consortium in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to that he was the family medicine residency director at UH Cleveland Medical Center. Dr. Rowane is a 1989 graduate of Des Moines University, which included a pre-doctoral fellowship in osteopathic manipulative medicine. After his residency in family medicine at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pennsylvania, he participated in faculty development fellowships at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He completed a postdoctoral master’s in family medicine at CWRU and a fellowship with the...
National Institute for Program Directors. Dr. Rowane received the honor of Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO) in 2003. He co-directs a national osteopathic faculty development initiative, Training the Osteopathic Professions Core Educators, with the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Rowane was previously appointed to the American College of Graduate Medical Education’s Osteopathic Principles Committee and serves on the American Association of Medical Colleges’ Electronic Residency Application Service Advisory Committee. Dr. Rowane has presented frequently both locally and nationally and has published multiple articles and book chapters. He published Basic Musculoskeletal Manipulation Skills: The 15-Minute Office Encounter with co-author Paul Evans, DO, LLD (hon), FACOFP. He has been listed in “The Best Doctors in America” and as one of the “Top Doctors” in Cleveland Magazine.

Should Dr. Rowane be elected as secretary-treasurer, he will be removed as a candidate for governor.

**TRUSTEE**

(Elect two for three-year terms)

**R. TODD DOMBROSKI, DO**

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

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

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

Should Dr. Dombroski be elected to the Board of Trustees, the remaining year of his 2017-20 term as a governor will be filled during the 2019 election.

**STEVEN HAGOPIAN, DO, FAAO***

Vision: Keeping our fingers on the pulse of the osteopathic profession is no simple task. Sometimes it can be difficult to determine if that pulse is strong or weak. To me right now it seems strong but erratic and in need of the AAO to steady and further strengthen this core of our profession moving forward.

Contributions: A balanced perspective in teaching and leadership: My 30 years of private practice in traditional osteopathic medicine, preceded by 30 years of mostly academic pursuits, have provided me with a depth of understanding to serve effectively in our professional academy.

Biographical sketch: Graduate of UNECOM, in full-time private practice in California since 1989, I provide traditional osteopathic practice as both a specialty and primary care service depending on the patient’s needs and wishes. While in practice, I have maintained simultaneous teaching services at osteopathic schools, residencies, academies and smaller study groups. I am a member of AOA, AAO, OCA, and OPSC. Sitting for these past four years on the AAO Board of Trustees and numerous AAO committees, I feel that I have only recently gained an understanding of how to work within this Academy toward real growth of our osteopathic profession as a clinical science and as leaders in health care worldwide.

Should Dr. Hagopian be re-elected as a trustee, he will be removed as a candidate for governor.
**KURT P. HEINKING, DO, FAAO**

**Vision:** Keep osteopathic medicine truly osteopathic. The Academy is the foundational organization that instructs/supports all component societies. The Academy should support and encourage our students. The Academy should politically fight to keep osteopathic philosophy, diagnosis, and manipulative treatment skills in all levels of osteopathic training, testing, and postgraduate medical education.

**Contributions:** I have been continuously involved in some capacity for 25 years. I sat on the Committee on Fellowship (2013 until 2016). I teach at Convocation and participate in Evening with the Stars, Conclave of Fellows, NUFA-FAAO events, FAAO dinners, A. Hollis Wolf, the research poster judging and president’s banquet each year.

**Biographical sketch:** A 1994 graduate of CCOM, I am currently board certified in family medicine, sports medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine. Chair and Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Professor of Family Medicine at CCOM. Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO). I lecture at national and international programs. An active researcher with many scholarly publications. Director of the Family Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine clinic at the MWU Multispecialty Clinic. I maintain membership in the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine, the Osteopathic Cranial Academy, the American Academy of Osteopathy and the AOA.

*Should Dr. Heinking be elected as a trustee, the remaining year of his 2017-20 term as a governor will be filled during the 2019 election.*

**PAUL R. RENNIE, DO, FAAO**

*See Dr. Rennie’s statement under President-elect. Should Dr. Rennie be re-elected as a trustee, he will be removed as a candidate for governor.*

**GOVERNOR**

*elect 10 for three-year terms, elect one for a one-year unexpired term*

**JUAN F. ACOSTA, DO, MS**

**Vision:** I believe that we are in a crucial point in our osteopathic history and must remain united and assure that we do not lose all of the work that has been done. Osteopathic physicians have done a great job in caring not only for patients but their families, our students and residents.

**Contributions:** Have been a member of the AAO for over 26 years. Nominated by the Academy and served a five-year term on the ACGME-OPC committee (ending June 2019). Served as a faculty advisor for PNWU-SAAO.

**Biographical sketch:** I am board certified in emergency medicine as well as neuromusculoskeletal medicine/OMM. I have been privileged to serve my patients and their families as an osteopathic physician, and I am grateful for the opportunity I was offered. I continue to instill the value of osteopathy to all my students in the emergency department as well as those I taught while I was on the faculty of the OPP Department. I believe that osteopathic principles and practice (OPP) and OMT are essential tools for great patient care. I am very honored and grateful to have been nominated to be on the Board of Governors for the AAO.
ROBERT N. AGNELLO, DO, FACOPP
Vision: The AAO will be able to nurture the new state of merged graduate medical education and will incorporate the best of traditional western medicine, osteopathic medicine and complementary care. The ability to provide all-encompassing education will be critical in this mission to serve the medical community. Collaboration amongst all medical specialties will be crucial in accomplishing this goal.

Contributions: I have served on the Academy’s Education Committee since 2017 and was given the privilege to serve as the program chair for the AAO’s program at OMED 2018. The program was a success and provided a venue to collaborate closely with ACOFP, ACOP and ACONP.


KELLY A. BUSBY, DO
Vision: AAO should be the beacon of osteopathy, upholding A.T. Still’s vision of mind, body and spirit, as well as the osteopathic manipulative medicine resource. We should be supporting the hands-on manipulative medicine training for all osteopathic medical schools and residency programs so we don’t lose our identity.

Contributions: I served on the PAAO (now RAAO) board during my residency training, including vice chair and chair. During my tenure, I attended BOG meetings at AAO and AOA convention and was a member on the AAO’s Membership Committee multiple years, where I participated and offered ideas for retention and attracting young physicians to maintain membership.

Biographical sketch: I graduated from AZCOM in 2003, and trained at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine, in family medicine and NMM/OMM. I was awarded the Osteopathic Principles and Practice Award at graduation since I rotated with as many osteopathic manipulative physicians in different specialties to get a true feel of how to apply osteopathic principles to any medical situation. I am married, have two children and live in beautiful Cortez, Colorado. I am the owner physician of my business, Bee Healthy Osteopathic Care PLLC, and I also mentor students and residents in rural areas and osteopathic manipulative medicine.

MICHAEL S. CARNES, DO, FAAO*
Biographical sketch: Dr. Carnes is an associate professor in the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice at the University of Pikeville–Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is board certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine, and he became a Fellow of the AAO in 2008.

Dr. Carnes is a 1997 graduate of the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and he completed his residency training in OMM at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, New York. He spent over a decade developing and running NMM/OMM residency programs with strong inpatient consultation services, first in Fort Worth, Texas, and then in Muskegon, Michigan. He served the AAO’s committees overseeing postdoctoral education and accreditation from 2001 to 2014. He has also served the AOA as a member of the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine from 2008 to 2019.
**WILLIAM H. DEVINE, DO**

**Vision:** As serving on the Board of Governors and other AAO committees, I recognize the many concerns. The single accreditation system and postgraduate education, and the need for better integration of OMM into pre- and post-doctorate education. The AAO needs to meet the challenge through improved postgraduate education and to help the new and older colleges of osteopathic medicine with more programs and assistance. It is my opinion that the AAO should be the leader in osteopathic education and in advocating for osteopathic medicine.

**Contributions:** Pre- and post-doctorate education: Working with the Board of Governors, the AAO Education Committee, and the NMM board to provide my experience, ideas, and solutions to our many problems. I have designed and helped develop osteopathic educational programs to meet the needs of present and future DOs. I have supported osteopathic research, science, and philosophy by teaching, by publishing and by working locally and nationally.

**Biographical sketch:** I have been dedicated to the work and programs of the AAO since 1974, serving on osteopathic executive committees, boards, and state osteopathic boards with the goal of preserving and spreading the science and philosophy of osteopathy. I have worked with others to publish research, textbooks, chapters in textbooks as part of teaching and lecturing nationally and internationally. I have served on the original AAO Mitchell/Greenman teaching team, the AAO Jones teaching team, and as president of the Arizona Academy of Osteopathy, I created years of innovative programs. Now I am a clinical professor in OMM at the Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. I have a lifetime of service to the AAO giving support through work, experience, and innovation.

**STEFAN HAGOPIAN, DO, FAAO**

*See Dr. Hagopian’s candidate statement under Board of Trustees. Should Dr. Hagopian be re-elected as a trustee, he will be removed as a candidate for governor.*

**RAYMOND J. HRUBY, DO, MS, FAAODIST**

**Vision:** I see the AAO as being the leading organization for:
- Preservation and promotion of osteopathic distinctiveness
- Producing osteopathic research
- Producing scholarly and evidence-based publications on osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice

**Contributions:** I have been an AAO member for about four decades. I have served as a trustee, governor, and president of the AAO. I have served on numerous committees, and I am the founding editor of the *AAOJ*, currently serving as the scientific editor emeritus.

**Biographical sketch:** I have been a DO for 45 years; been in private practice; served as faculty at UNECOM where I was also the Director of Predoctoral Education. I was also Chair of the Department of OMM at MSUCOM, and at Western University (COMP). Currently I am Professor of NMM/OMM at COMP and serve as adviser and consultant to the Department of NMM/OMM. I am board certified in NMM/OMM and in family practice (AOBFP). I also hold a Competency Certificate from The Osteopathic Cranial Academy. I play a pretty mean jazz guitar!
MICHAEL L. KUCHERA, DO, FAAO, FNAOME*

Vision: The AAO must proactively act to preserve and augment processes helping physicians value and better integrate OPP/OMT into patient care. Recent circumstances have created both major challenges (in the USA) and exciting opportunities (internationally) to do so. Now is a key moment in time for the Academy!

Contributions: I focus on helping position the AAO nationally and internationally as a leader in research, education, and health care. As a grown “child of the Academy,” I give back by mentoring and teaching. However, working with my dad on the third edition of our textbooks might be our most lasting professional contribution.

Biographical sketch: A 1980 ATSU-KCOM graduate, Dr. Kuchera served 22 years on that faculty and at PCOM (10 years), MUCOM (6 years) and now a proposed COM in Minnesota. An AAO member for 40+ years, service includes BoG (1987-2019), president (1996-97) and numerous committees; he now chairs AAO’s International Advisory Council. Honors include FAAO (1988), A.T. Still Medallion of Honor (2006), Memorial Lecturer (Scott-1992; Northup-2000; Blood-2009); AOA’s Gutenson-Denslow Award (2001); and AOF Research Mentor of the Year (2008). Currently secretary-general of the Fédération Internationale de Médecine Manuelle, he has served on FIMM’s Board since 1996. Dr. Kuchera has authored/co-authored five textbooks and over 40 book chapters.

J’AIMEE ANNE LIPPERT, DO*

Vision: The role of the AAO remains paramount and pivotal. Engaging in public health policy, providing options that diminish the use of opioid medications, creating more sustainable and reasonably priced health care, caring for refugees and the underserved, and providing expanded osteopathic educational opportunities are daunting tasks. The AAO, though, has been a dynamic and courageous source of leadership and guidance in these areas and more, and must continue to serve in that bold capacity.

Contributions: I have served over the past year as a member of the AAO Board of Governors, and in that role, have gained much insight into the importance of our organization, and how we, as the osteopathic standard bearers, have a responsibility to lead. I have assisted in the development of the CORRE exam and with the AOBNMNM certification board examination. I continue to serve on the Bylaws Committee with the AAO. I have also been invited to serve as chairperson for the 2020 AAO Convocation. These roles have fueled my ongoing commitment to the expansion and recognition of our profession in the arenas of medical education and public policy.

Biographical sketch: Growing up in Michigan, osteopathic medicine was the only health care I knew. I graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2000 and completed residency in 2004 as one of the inaugural integrated FM/NMM residents. I served as a FM and FM/NMM residency program director for several years in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and currently reside with my family in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where I serve as a family medicine and NMM physician. In the past year, I have had many memorable opportunities to engage in the important work of the AAO, and I am excited and challenged by the potential opportunity to continue my service. Serving this organization that has provided so much for me both personally and professionally is a humbling honor.

JUDITH A. O’CONNELL, DO, MHA, FAAO

See Dr. O’Connell’s statement under Secretary-treasurer. Should Dr. O’Connell be re-elected as secretary-treasurer, she will be removed as a candidate for governor.

PAUL R. RENNIE, DO, FAAO

See Dr. Rennie’s statement under President-elect. Should Dr. Rennie be elected as president-elect or be re-elected as a trustee, he will be removed as a candidate for governor.

* See Dr. Kuchera’s statement under Biographies of the Nominees.
MICHAEL P. ROWANE, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO
See Dr. Rowane’s statement under Secretary-treasurer. Should Dr. Rowane be elected as secretary-treasurer, he will be removed as a candidate for governor.

WILLIAM HARRY STAGER, DO, MS, MPH, FAAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOFP DIST.

**Vision:** The AAO will coordinate and integrate more with the organizations that matter (AOA, ACOFP, AACOM, etc.), positively enhancing the AAO and the profession in general. AAO leadership will be a more integral part of these organizations. I am active in these organizations on a state and national level and work to bridge them all. The AAO will be the recognized leader (nationally and internationally) and provider of OPP education in undergraduate (OPP chairs, etc.) and GME, including incoming MDs in the unified GME system. Increase publications, research, courses, membership, and public awareness.

**Contributions:**

- Life Member: AAO, Osteopathic Cranial Academy, Florida Academy of Osteopathy
- Osteopathic Education Service Committee Member 2005-2015
- Published:

**Biographical sketch:** The significance of these contributions can be summarized in: learning, teaching, writing, researching, promoting, living OPP, touching the lives of thousands of students, interns, residents, physicians, and patients. Education: BA (Philosophy, 1983 Rutgers U.), MS (Anatomy, 1984 Rutgers U.), undergraduate OPP Fellowship and DO (NSUCOM, 1989), MPH (ATSU, 2009). Rotating internship at Humana South Broward Hospital, 1990. Holistic private practice combining NMM/OMM, family medicine, and medical acupuncture in the Palm Beach area since 1990. Board Certified in NMM/OMM and family medicine, and is a Fellow of the AAFP, AAO, ACOFP, and AAMA. Taught NMM/OMM and family medicine all over the USA, Canada, Norway, and China and has published over 200 articles and papers in health and fitness magazines and several in peer-reviewed medical journals. Section editor and contributing author of the 2014 second edition of the ACOFP textbook *Somatic Dysfunction in Osteopathic Family Medicine*. Clinical professor, Department of Family Medicine at NSUCOM and clinical associate professor, Department of Family Medicine at LECOM. Active member of the AOA, AAO, ACOFP, FOMA, FSACOFP, and FAO, serving on various committees and boards, including the AOA House of Delegates (2006-present), FOMA president (2015-2016), FOMA District 9 president (2006-present), FSACOFP president (2008-2009), FAO president (2006-2008, 2008-2010), and NSUCOM Alumni Association Executive Committee president (2015-2016). Numerous awards. Second generation DO.
JONATHAN WILLIAM TORRES, DO

Vision: As worlds collide due to the single GME accreditation, our osteopathic heritage is at stake. The Academy of Osteopathy needs to preserve our osteopathic legacy while exploring new opportunities to expand the osteopathic footprint among American GME and seeking to strengthen the depth of osteopathic education at American medical schools.

Contributions: I have developed an ONMM-2 residency program at Morristown Medical Center, the top hospital in New Jersey. We are studying the impact of OMT in women actively laboring. We will be expanding our project to include 500 women and train OB/GYN residents (DO and MD) to perform the protocol.

Biographical sketch: After completing undergraduate, residency and my plus-one at Rowan SOM, I left to help found an osteopathic family medicine residency. After three years, I founded an NMM plus-one program (ONMM-2) which has since received ACGME initial accreditation. I have championed local clinical research investigating OPP in obstetrics, pediatrics, and sports medicine.

I have also worked with the ACOFP to help develop OPP clinician resources, such as mobile OMT videos, published works, and serve as chair for the CORTEX Exam committee, a multi-specialty OPP assessment exam to strengthen the osteopathic components at Osteopathically Recognized residency programs.

COL. RALPH C. WALSH JR., DO

Vision: The AAO is a stronger voice within the AOA. This has been due to the tireless efforts of our colleagues who strive to stay true to the principles that Dr. Still has bestowed upon us; providing increased awareness and opportunities to continue the art, philosophy, and integration of OMM principles through teaching, research and advocacy. It is now my turn, and an honor, to help our voice stay strong as ever.

Contributions: Active role in the earlier OD&TE committees since 2005 and chairman of the current Osteopathic Education Service (OES) Committee since 2011, expanding physician participation and establishing and incorporating OES goals into the last three AAO strategic plans. Engaged with ECOP to provide OES at AACOM. Active participation in the AAO Leadership Forums the past 5 years.

Biographical sketch: Clay Walsh, DO, TCOM ‘92, completed his internship and family medicine residency in Ohio and a plus-one NMM residency in Texas. From 1996 to 2009, he was in private practice in Ohio providing integrative medicine and OMM in both the clinical and hospital setting. In 2009 thru 2011, as a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, he took a leave of absence from private practice to perform flight surgeon duties in the war on terror with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. From April 2011 to April 2015, Dr. Walsh was a member of the OMM Department at UNTHS-C-TCOM. In addition to providing hospital and clinical OMM, he was the Year III Core OMM course director, providing monthly lectures for hospital residents. Dr. Walsh was the faculty adviser for the SAAO. He is an active member of the AAO and has been a member of the OES since 2005 and chairman since 2011. After TCOM, in lieu of going into private practice, he served a three-year military tour as the chief medical review officer for the Air National Guard drug program. In August 2018, Col. Walsh took official command of the 136th Medical Group in Texas. In addition, he is currently the full-time flight surgeon for this wing, but still finds time to treat patients with OMT at North Texas Musculoskeletal Medicine in Southlake, Texas.
DAMON MATTHEW WHITFIELD, DO

Vision: I see and envision the AAO as the premier leader of osteopathic teaching in the world. The osteopathic principles need committed teachers and perpetual teaching of the principles as the profession continues to grow.

Contributions: I have several, long-standing contributions to the AAO: teaching rotating residents and students osteopathic manipulation for two decades; on the committee for Osteopathic Education Services; SAAO mentor and lecturer; and regularly financially contribute to the Golden Ram Society.

Biographical sketch: I am an MSUCOM 1996 graduate. I was a chief resident with Sparrow Hospital-MSUCOM EM program and assistant department chair at Mt. Carmel East Hospital’s Emergency Department. I later served as the medical director overseeing the Occupational Health Services for Mt. Carmel’s three clinical sites. After my occupational health experience, I moved full-time into my current practice of integrative pain medicine and general medicine located in Columbus, Ohio.

BOYD R. BUSER, DO, FACOFP*

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

Contributions: There have been a few. Hard to say which is most significant, but probably my work in OMT payment policy might have had the most impact over the years for AAO members. I also believe my service as AOA president helped advance the AAO.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Buser served as the 120th president of the American Osteopathic Association in 2016-2017. He is the former VP for health affairs and dean of the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of Pikeville. He previously served as AAO president (1995-1996), secretary-treasurer (2000-2006) and chair of the Nominating Committee (2000-2015), and he has been a member of the AAO Board of Governors since 1991. Dr. Buser is a graduate of DMU-COM. He served 14 years as chair of the OMM Department at UNECOM in Maine and mentored many AAO leaders. In 2010, Dr. Buser was awarded the A.T. Still Medallion of Honor by the AAO.

JANE E. CARREIRO, DO*

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

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

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

**DENNIS J. DOWLING, DO, MA, FAAO*  
**Vision:** The AAO must remain as the leader and place itself forward as the primary source in providing osteopathic education and leadership to osteopathic physicians and others who qualify by the nature of their licenses to practice.

**Contributions:** I led the organization as president in 2003-04 and continue to do so as a member and current chairman of the Nominating Committee to advance the organization by addressing the continuing need for leaders. We must prepare the AAO for the next 20 to 30 years.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Dowling is a 1989 graduate of the NYIT-COM and is a contributing author and illustrator to several journals and textbooks and developed the PINS technique. He is a co-author of a *JAOA* Northup writing award–winning article on the effect of OMT on gait in Parkinson’s patients. Dr. Dowling has delivered the Heilig, Scott, Northup and Blood memorial lectures and is a recipient of the A.T. Still Medallion.

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

**JOHN C. GLOVER, MS, DO, FAAO**

**Vision:** My vision for the AAO is to strengthen our future by enabling the use of osteopathic diagnosis and treatment throughout clinical training. This would require integration into all osteopathic training programs. Additionally, it is important to reach out to our allopathic colleagues who wish to learn OMM and be involved in collaborative research to more fully document and understand the benefits of applied osteopathic medical care.

**Contributions:** Serving as AAO president, being on the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors and working on a variety of AAO committees (Education, Membership, Postdoctoral Standards, Undergraduate Academies, OPTI Liaison, Fellowship, Nominating and Awards) has allowed me to work with many of the very talented and dedicated members of the Academy. Encouraging and facilitating osteopathic medical students to attend the AAO Convocation has also been an ongoing effort.

**Biographical sketch:** This will be my thirty-eighth consecutive AAO Convocation, starting with my freshman year. My development as an osteopathic physician has included an undergraduate teaching fellowship and completing both a family medicine and OMM residency. I have been a faculty member and served as chair of the OMM Department at several osteopathic schools. Over many years, I have developed programs and taught on the local, state, national and international levels. My journey has also involved working on AOA committees, patient care, participation in osteopathic research and writing. Currently, I am active in the Academy as chair of the Awards Committee and serve on the Board of Governors and the Committee on Fellowship. The success of the AAO as an organization depends on the strength of its leadership, and I look forward to contributing to that critical process. Thank you for your support.
**Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO*  
**Vision:** The AAO needs to continue its focus on education for all levels from novice to expert. We should be seen as the experts in the profession so that we can help residents and physicians in all specialties with their educational needs. Getting and retaining members is also key, but we need to provide them with the best service we can for their membership dollar.  

**Contributions:** I have served on several committees, the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees and as 2016-17 president. I now serve on the Nominating Committee. I always work with the best interests of the profession, the AAO and its members in mind.  

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Griffin graduated from UNECOM in 1996 after completing a one-year predoctoral anatomy/OPP fellowship. She was the first graduate of UNECOM’s integrated FP/NMM residency and is board certified in both specialties. She co-directed the FP/NMM residency at Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 2001 to 2008 and the FP/NMM program at Pikeville Medical Center from 2008 to 2015. She is a professor and the chair of the Osteopathic Principles and Practices Department as well as assistant dean of OPP Integrations at the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM). Dr. Griffin has served on the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine as well as the American Academy of Osteopathy Board of Trustees. She completed a one-year term as president of the Academy from March 2016 through March 2017.  

**Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, CS**  
We did not receive a campaign statement from Dr. Habenicht.  

**Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO*  
**See Dr. Rowane’s statement under Secretary-treasurer. Candidates may serve on the Nominating Committee while also serving as secretary-treasurer.  

**Catherine M. Kimball, DO (ex-officio)**  
As the AAO’s 2019-20 immediate past president, Dr. Kimball will serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee for one year.
It is been my honor to serve as the president the American Academy of Osteopathy this last year. As is often the case, things have unfolded quite differently than could have been anticipated. It has been fun and meaningful to represent all of you in this year of change. Our mission - to teach, advocate and research the science, art and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the integration of osteopathic principles, practice and manipulative treatment in patient care - has never been more important.

It was my privilege to represent the AAO at the American Osteopathic Association’s (AOA) Bureau of International Osteopathic Medicine (BIOM) in Chicago in April, at The Osteopathic Cranial Academy in June, at the House of Delegates in July, and a number of meetings this fall with the AOA around changes being put forward for certification examinations. It was my privilege to accept a STAR award from the AOA for our collaboration with National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) to develop the Core Osteopathic Recognition Readiness Examination (CORRE) at the Annual Business meeting of the House of Delegates. This important examination went live this last fall and is proving to be helpful to residency directors as they assess the readiness of especially MD residents interested in osteopathic content. Our founder, AT Still MD’s intent was for Osteopathic Medicine to become THE way for doctors to view medicine. Now more than ever we can “be the change we want to see”, to participate in teaching physicians what we have that enhances our patients lives in such meaningful ways.

I attended a Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) meeting in December to speak to our on-going commitment to support OMM department chairs at COMs to be NMM certified. As of this writing, the standard put forward by COCA did not recommend changes. We reached out to the membership to encourage you all to comment, and you’ve responded! Thank you.

During this last year, the Board of Trustees met in July, October and at Convocation earlier this week. We also had two teleconference meetings as well. As always there was plenty of work for us to do. Due to a variety of circumstances outside of our control, we started the year in the position where we passed the first deficit budget in many years. The AOA’s decoupling of membership from certification, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) merger, and simply generational changes have all led to decreased membership. The AOA at its annual business meeting in July voted to unlink specialty specific CME from as a requirement for certification. This has resulted in a decrease in attendance at some of our courses.

The Board of Trustees and leadership embraced the challenge and took a hard look at our current and future offerings and re-imagined them. Stay tuned soon for some future offerings that will mix online delivery of content with in person hands-on experiences. We have heard from membership that long trips away from the office for CME are more problematic. We are working to develop local teams of content experts to offer the same course in several different settings. We need your help – please let us know if you are interested in teaching.

Everywhere in our profession, groups and organizations are finding themselves challenged. Everywhere we went this past year we heard the same thing over and over. We are in a time of change. Changes in leadership at the AOA. Changes in the expectations of our members. Changes in the medical environment as a whole. Changes in the expectations for certification. State and specialty societies all
through the profession are feeling the change. To remain viable and relevant to the next generation of doctors, we need to be ready to change.

We have started this process and it will be the work of Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, and the Board of Trustees to continue to be innovative in our approach to teaching, to continue to advocate for our profession and to support the research needed to remain relevant in a data driven world. And, we need to do this all while being present with our patients and our students, offering them an experience of healing second to none, reaching out and touching them in so many ways. Our patients, our physicians, our students deserve nothing less.

In Service,

Catherine M. Kimball, DO
2018-19 AAO President
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.

Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO
2018–19 SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT
JUDITH A. O’CONNELL, DO, MHA, FAAO

Our audited income for fiscal year 2017-18 was $1,460,835 while our expenses were $1,617,347 which led to deficit of $156,512. The cause for the deficit can be attributed to the following: Overall, 2018 Convocation was a great event with sharing the Osteopathic Legends, but there were significant shortfalls. The AAO made changes to the event based on years of feedback, and a sixth workshop was added to assist with the overcrowding issues. The approval for the change arrived after the AAO 2018-19 budget had been approved, so we knew going into Convocation the budget would be tight, if not inadequate.

In 2016-17, AAO had a slight boost in revenue, as returned investments ended on a positive, and the education CME offerings were managed within budget. This year has not been as positive. The Board of Trustees is very aware that circumstances can change the operations of an organization over a 12-month period. Downturns in the market affected our investment income and programing shortfalls added to our revenue changes. The Board will continue to look for additional ways to strengthen our revenue stream and look at other ways to provide the quality of service that you, the members have come to expect from AAO.

The membership revenue numbers continue to show a slight improvement over the prior fiscal year. Fiscal year 2016-17 membership revenue was $356,699, while the 2017-18 membership revenue was $377,376, a net increase of $20,677. Membership numbers are slightly ahead based on last year’s numbers.

As of July 31, 2018, AAO investments were valued at $2,562,717, up $22,749 from $2,539,968 at the close of 2016-17. However, as of Jan. 31, 2019, our investments were down to $2,470,306 because of market shifts and funded projects. We are still receiving regular dividends from our investment funds which will allow us to support the activities of the AAO.

The audit for 2017-18 was completed in eight days of field work. The auditors were pleased that their recommendations from 2016-17 had been addressed and implemented to their satisfaction. In the 2017-18 audit report, the auditors wrote, “We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.” That is what every organization strives for, and we did it! That does not mean that we let our guard down now; that just means we continue our rigorous review process while continuing to find ways to fine tune the process. The AAO strives to continue to make sure that we hold our financials up to the highest standards.

Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO
As was noted in the reports of the Academy’s president, president-elect and secretary-treasurer, they have shared that the Academy and profession overall have met with a few challenges. We ended the year with a deficit, however, our pride and determination are stronger than ever and we are going to look for positive ways to improve our current situation. We are going to face these challenges as the mission has been laid out before us.

In Maya Angelou’s “Still I Rise,” the poet reveals how she will overcome anything with her self-esteem. She shows how nothing can get her down. She will rise to any occasion and nothing will stop her. That is where your leadership with the Academy stands, and leading that charge has been 2018-19 AAO President Catherine M. Kimball, DO, with the assistance of the AAO executive committee, which consists of 2018-19 President-elect Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO; 2018-19 Secretary-treasurer Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO; and 2018-19 AAO Immediate Past President Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO. As a result, the AAO’s Board of Trustees have had a few additional meetings and looked for more cost-effective ways to have meetings while maintaining the integrity of process and still meeting the needs of the organization. The Academy has a fantastic Board of Governors that ensures that the policies are being followed and reviewed on a timely basics. Every year, our leaders volunteer their time and talents to the Academy, while serving on other committees from our partnering like-minded organizations. For that, we say thank you and look forward to the years ahead.

I also have had to make a few shifts in the office as well with our Academy staff with each taking on a few more tasks, and this is all accomplished with a staff of six full-time employees in addition to myself. The AAO team each have that same passion and continue to work toward the goals that have been determined for the purpose of reaching our mission.

Just a reminder of who our team members are:

- Taylor Bridgeforth, communications and administration assistant
- Debbie Cole, assistant to the executive director and board and committee liaison
- Lauren Good, communications specialist
- Amber Rausch, postdoctoral education liaison and CME coordinator
- Bev Searcy, finance and membership assistant
- Gennie Watts, event planner

Some of our professional challenges:

Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
As you may have read in our January newsletter, the Academy leadership has been participating in discussions with the American Osteopathic Association regarding proposed changes to the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation’s requirements for department chairs at colleges of osteopathic medicine. Currently, OMM department chairs must be board certified in NMM/OMM, and we believe this requirement best serves the students and our profession. However, there has been a proposal to remove that requirement, thus opening the OMM chair position to physicians who aren’t board certified in NMM/OMM.
When the AOA subsequently released their proposed revision to COCA’s Continuing Accreditation Standards, we were pleased to note that the revision had not been included, but some members of the profession are continuing their campaign to open up the chair positions. We encourage all of you to review the proposed standards, taking particular note of Element 7.5 on Page 17 and submit your comments via email to predoc@osteopathic.org. Use the subject line “Comment – Proposed Revisions to Accreditation Standards” to ensure your comments are routed correctly.

The comment period will close on March 22, 2019

Academy Challenges

Then we have our own financial challenges that were shared with you by 2018-19 AAO Secretary-treasurer Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO. One of those challenges was an event that brought the largest gathering of our AAO members, and that was the 2018 AAO Convocation, which was a wonderful event led by David R. Boesler, DO. Titled “Osteopathic Legends, Their Legacies Live On,” the program ran March 21-25, 2018. It was a wonderful program and it was great to be able to hear from some of our osteopathic historians that we have not heard from in a while all together in one area. Thank you, Dr. Boesler, for overseeing such greatness.

The challenge was that a storm on the east coast decided it was time to strike as well. We had over 200 attendees that could not make it to Dallas due to flights being cancelled and roads being closed. Mother Nature was a force that could not be reckoned with as most attendees were able to attend and enjoy the sessions.

Like so many other specialty and state societies, the AAO is struggling with membership. We need your help to recruit new members. Talk to your colleagues and friends about the benefits of membership and let us know how we can serve you better.

Accomplishments

Robert N. Agnello, DO, FACOFP, chaired a wonderful program for the AAO at the OMED in October 2018. Partnering with the American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists, the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, the Bureau of Scientific Affairs & Public Health and the Academy of Sports Medicine, we were able to offer a wide variety of topics and speakers.

While we were in San Diego for OMED, AAO President Catherine M. Kimball, DO, AAO event planner Gennie Watts and I had the opportunity to visit the facility at Osteopathy’s Promise for Children nearby. It was a great tour, and the hospitality was wonderful while learning more about the services being offered. Thank you, Michael Kurisu, DO, for reaching out and offering the invitation to visit while in San Diego. The other hosts were: Hollis H. King, DO, PhD, FAAO, FCA; Raymond J. Hruby, DO, MS, FAAOdist; Beth A. Levendoski, executive director; May Bloemer, administrative support; Marina Marsh, catering; and Frank Cyr.
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Sherri L. Quarles

who made the visit a wonderful experience. I would also like to note that Theresa A. Cyr, DO, took some time out before patients to offer a heartfelt welcome as well.

In addition, we met our goal to have the 2019 AAO Convocation open before we went to OMED, and we were proud to share the program with all the members that stopped by our didactic area. This means our members were able to get a jump start on registering before the end-of-year madness.

We continue to make updates to the AAO’s Find a Physician search at www.FindOMM.org. Visit the site to make sure your information is included and up-to-date. If your name isn’t included, check the FAQ for instructions.

The AAO’s office has a great team and I look forward to working with each of them every day.

Thank you for the continued support of the AAO leadership, members and staff.

Sherri L. Quarles
Constitution and Bylaws
of the American Academy of Osteopathy®

SECTION A. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME
The name of this association shall be the American Academy of Osteopathy®.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTS
The purposes for which this association is formed are:

To develop the science and art of osteopathic management in total health care.

To arrange programs to improve the diagnostic and manipulative skills of the individual D.O.

To search out members of the profession who have developed successful diagnostic and manipulative methods, to analyze these methods and formulate means of effectively teaching them.

To encourage original scholarly and research work by members of the Academy based upon osteopathic precepts.

To publish or encourage publishing original papers and to disseminate information related to osteopathic principles, philosophy, and practice.

To promote and lend assistance to the formation of an active and effective committee on osteopathic principles, philosophy, and practice in every osteopathic hospital and to assist the formation and function of such a committee when desirable in other hospitals where DO’s are active staff members.

To do all and everything necessary, suitable, convenient or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, or the attainment of any one or more of the objectives herein named, or which shall at any time appear conducive or expedient for the protection or benefit of the corporation, either as holders of or interested in, any property real or personal or otherwise; with all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of Ohio upon corporation under the statutes.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT
This corporation shall be without stock and not for profit. No part of the income of this corporation may inure to benefit of any individual, member, or otherwise. All funds of this corporation shall be devoted to the purposes for which the corporation is formed. In the event of dissolution, all liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore and any remaining assets shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic corporations, societies, or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of this corporation, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted in accordance with existing law.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS
SECTION 1
President
President-Elect
Secretary-Treasurer
Immediate Past President

SECTION 2
The term of office for the President, President-elect, and Immediate Past President shall be one year and/or until their successors are duly elected and installed. The term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer shall be for three years and/or until his/her successor is duly elected and installed. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President, and the President shall similarly succeed to the office of Immediate Past President each year.

ARTICLE V. Board of Trustees
SECTION 1
The Board of Trustees shall consist of the officers of this corporation, six at-large trustees, one resident member who has been elected by the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy, and one student member who has been elected by the Student American Academy of Osteopathy. The officers shall serve in the same offices on the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2
Should a member or officer of the Board of Trustees die or resign, the remaining members of the Board of Trustees shall elect a replacement who will serve in the same capacity until the next Annual Meeting of the Membership, at which time any unexpired
term(s) shall be filled by a vote of the Membership at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 3
The term of office for each officer shall be one year. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President each year, and the President shall similarly succeed to the office of Immediate Past President each year. The term of office for the trustees-at-large shall be three years, two to be elected each year.

SECTION 4
The term of office for the resident member and the student members shall be one year to be elected annually. The resident member and the student member shall have the rights, privileges, and responsibilities as other Board of Trustees members with the exception of holding office.

ARTICLE VI. Board of Governors

SECTION 1
There shall be a Board of Governors composed of the members of the Board of Trustees plus an additional thirty members elected by the General Membership, plus a representative chosen by The Osteopathic Cranial Academy.

SECTION 2
The term of office for each of the thirty Governors, exclusive of the Board of Trustees, shall be three years. At each annual meeting, a sufficient number of members shall be elected to the Board of Governors to maintain the number, exclusive of members of the Board of Trustees, at thirty.

SECTION 3
The Board of Governors shall be the policy-making body of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings

SECTION 1
An Annual Meeting shall be held by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2
At least thirty days written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given to each member at his or her last known address in accordance with the Bylaws.

SECTION 3
The Board of Governors shall meet annually to coincide with the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

SECTION 4
The Board of Trustees shall meet at least twice during the fiscal year of the corporation, and shall also meet whenever called by order of the President. One of these meetings shall be designated the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5
The Board of Trustees may call special meetings of the Membership when, in its discretion, it feels they are required. The Board of Trustees must call special meetings upon written petition by at least ten percent of the voting members. Such special meetings shall be held only after giving at least thirty days written notice to each member mailed to his or her last known address.

ARTICLE VIII. Membership

SECTION 1
Members of this corporation shall be those individuals who:

(a) Have graduated from a U. S. College of Osteopathic Medicine accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).
(b) Are members of the American Osteopathic Association.
(c) Have made proper application for membership in the Academy.
(d) Have paid their current dues and all assessments.

ARTICLE IX. Quorum

SECTION 1
A quorum at any duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees or the Board of Governors shall be those members present.

SECTION 2
The members of this corporation actually present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum to do business unless a larger number shall be required by statute.
ARTICLE X. Bylaws

SECTION 1
The members of this Academy shall have the power to promulgate Bylaws consistent with these articles and the law, and to amend and repeal the Bylaws by vote of the members present at any given meeting called on due notice.

ARTICLE XI. Amendments

SECTION 1
The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present at any Annual Meeting of the Membership, provided at least thirty days written notice has been mailed to each member at his or her last known address.

SECTION 2
The Constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present at any Annual Meeting of the Membership, provided at least thirty days written notice has been mailed to each member at his or her last known address.

SECTION 3
The Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Meeting of the Membership or any special meeting called for that purpose, provided at least thirty days written notice is mailed to each member at his or her last known address.

SECTION B: BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Membership

SECTION 1
Membership shall be available to all D.O.s who meet the qualifications set forth in Article VIII, Section I, of the Constitution, and who, in addition, submit a written application as prepared by the Board of Trustees, along with their first year's dues. The Board of Trustees may, if it desires, require that each applicant for membership be sponsored by an Academy member.

SECTION 2
Membership shall be available in the following categories, the requirements for which are found under the appropriate headings in Section 3:

A. Full Members shall be those who meet the requirements listed below:

a. Have graduated from a U.S. College of Osteopathic Medicine accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).
b. Have made proper application for membership in the Academy.
c. Have paid their current dues and assessments.

Membership in the American Osteopathic Association is recommended for full members. The members of the Board of Trustees of this corporation must be members in good standing of the American Osteopathic Association. Full Members may vote, hold office, serve on committees or as committee chairmen, and in other capacities as the Academy deems useful or necessary.

B. Retired Membership may be conferred by the Board of Trustees upon any member provided that the member has submitted a written request for Retired Membership status and provided documented evidence that he or she is fully retired from active practice. He or she shall have all the rights and privileges of his or her previous membership except voting rights and the right to hold office, if indeed the member previously held such rights and the right to hold office. Retired Members are exempt from any further dues and assessments.

C. Student Membership may be granted to students in osteopathic colleges accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation or its successor. Such members, however, shall have no voting rights.

D. By action of the Board of Trustees, Associate Membership may be granted to the following: graduates of accredited schools of medicine, dentistry, or podiatry who have made written application; doctors of philosophy or education and other nondoctoral personnel holding teaching, research and administrative positions in AOA accredited hospitals and colleges; administrative employees of affiliated organizations and divisional societies; and any other professionals as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Associate Members shall pay dues equal to the dues of Full Members and receive all Academy publications, newsletters and announcements given to Full Members. Associate Members may attend all Academy educational meetings by paying the registration
fee for Full Members. Associate Members shall be entitled to the privileges of the Full Membership except the right to vote or hold
office.

E. International Affiliate may be granted by the Board of Trustees to those persons who have made written application, who shall
pay dues equal to the amount of Full members (plus postage), and who have met the criteria and approval of the Board of Trustees.
Such individuals shall be members of an American Academy of Osteopathy® approved registry and are entitled to the privileges of full
membership except the right to vote or hold office.

F. Honorary Life Membership may be awarded by the Board of Governors upon a member(s) selected by the Membership
Committee and recommended by the Board of Trustees in recognition of outstanding service to the osteopathic profession. (See
Criteria for Academy Awards in the Directory.) Such members shall have the privileges and duties of Full members but shall not be
required to pay dues or assessments. Honorary Life Members may vote, hold office, serve on committees or as committee chairmen,
or in other capacities as the Academy deems useful or necessary.

G. Honorary Membership. This association may elect to bestow Honorary Membership on those persons who are not members of
the osteopathic profession who have performed a sufficiently meritorious service to the osteopathic profession, or have, in the
judgment of the Board of Trustees, rendered services in the promotion of the osteopathic profession warranting such an honor.
Individuals so selected by the Board of Trustees, or by a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees for that purpose, shall be
nominated to the general membership for election to Honorary Membership, without vote or dues.

H. Supporter Members: Individuals who are interested in the Academy and make contributions annually equal to the dues paid by
full members. Such individuals shall have no rights or privileges of membership, but they shall be entitled to any notice, publications,
or reports on the same basis as full members.

SECTION 4

Any member whose dues or assessments have been unpaid for six months shall automatically be suspended and shall forfeit all
member privileges. Such suspended member, however, may reinstate his or her membership if, prior to the close of the fiscal year
of suspension, he or she pays his or her current year’s dues and assessments. Any individual who has allowed his or her membership
to lapse through failure to pay dues for one year or more must make full and formal application for membership in the same form and
manner as a new applicant.

SECTION 5

A. The Code of Ethics of this association shall be the Code of Ethics of the American Osteopathic Association, with the addition of
the following:

(a) An AAO member shall not intentionally misrepresent himself/herself or his/her work in any way, in order to give
himself/herself either financial or professional gain.

(b) When participating in research that involves human subjects, a member shall follow the current laws, regulations and
standards of the United States or, in cases of International Affiliate and International Associate members, the laws,
regulations and standards applicable to research in the nation where the research is conducted. This standard shall apply for
member involvement in research at any level and degree of responsibility, including, but not limited to, research design,
funding, participation either as examining and/or treating provider, analysis of data and publication of results in any form for
any purpose.

B. Grossly unprofessional conduct in violation of the Code of Ethics shall be investigated by the Board of Trustees, or a committee
appointed by the Board of Trustees for that purpose. Accused members may be required to appear before the Board to answer
charges. If the charges are sustained, the Board of Trustees may discipline the offending member through a fine, suspension, or
expulsion of the member as, in its judgment, it feels warranted.

C. Hearings involving charges of violation of the Code of Ethics shall be conducted according to substantially the same procedure
followed by the AOA in similar matters. If a member shall have been suspended or expelled as a result of a finding that such member
violated the Code of Ethics, then the record of such proceeding and the decision shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the
AOA for ultimate review by the AOA Board Trustees concerning any possible similar violation of the AOA Code of Ethics. The
AOA Committee on Ethics shall first determine if the record and decision comply with the AOA requirements. If the record and
decision do not comply, they shall be returned to this society for suggested rehearing. If the record and decision do comply, they shall
be scheduled for review by the AOA Board of Trustees. In either event, the Committee on Ethics shall notify the member and this
society of its determination. In the case of the AOA board review, the member may file a petition similar to the petition employed in
original ethical matters before the AOA, including therein, if desired, a request to appear personally before the Board. The AOA
Executive Committee shall have sole discretion as to whether such a request for personal appearance shall be granted.

SECTION 6

To be eligible for any elective office, the individual candidate must be a Full Member or a Life Member. To be eligible for
membership on a committee, the individual candidate must be either a Full Member, a Life Member, an Honorary Life Member, or an
Associate Member of this association.
ARTICLE II. Dues and Fees

SECTION 1

Membership dues and fees in this association shall be set by the Board of Trustees, which is authorized to increase annual dues at no more than five (5) percent on an annual basis. Increases in dues higher than five (5) percent must be approved by the Membership at the Annual Meeting of the Membership. Fees for programs, materials, and service shall be set by the Board of Trustees to cover anticipated costs and expenses.

SECTION 2

Where the Board of Trustees has been presented with sufficient evidence to satisfy it that an individual member’s financial circumstances are such that payment of dues would be a severe burden for him or her, the Board of Trustees is authorized, in its discretion to waive or reduce the dues and/or assessments for the individual involved.

SECTION 3

Assessments may be levied upon the Membership by the Board of Trustees to meet exigencies. Failure to pay assessments (except for those classes of membership specifically exempted from them) shall have the same effect as failure to pay dues.

ARTICLE III. Fiscal Year

SECTION 1

The fiscal year of this corporation shall begin on the 1st day of August of each year and end on the 31st of July of each year.

ARTICLE IV. Duties of Officers

SECTION 1

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, and the General Membership, and to have general supervision of the affairs of the association. He or she shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

SECTION 2

The President-Elect shall preside in the absence of the President, should the President be unable to fulfill his or her duties.

SECTION 3

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make sure that the records are kept of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, and the Membership, and shall conduct the affairs of the association which pertain to his or her office under the direction of the Board of Trustees. He or she shall countersign all deeds, leases, and conveyances executed by the corporation, affix the seal of the corporation thereto, and to such other papers as shall be required or directed to be sealed by the Board of Trustees, and to make sure all books, papers, records and documents belonging to this corporation, or otherwise pertaining to the business thereof are kept safely and systematically. He or she shall make sure all dues, assessments, or other monies due the corporation are collected. He or she shall make sure that an accurate accounting is made of all monies, credits, or properties of any and every nature which may come into the possession of the corporation, and all disbursements. He or she shall see that all books and records are audited by a certified public accountant approved by the Board of Trustees, requesting that copies of the audit be sent to each officer and trustee and to others who request it. He or she shall periodically make reports to the Board of Trustees. He or she shall be responsible for the preparation of the Annual Academy Budget to be presented to the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting. He or she shall serve under bond in an amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees, and receive such compensation as the Board of Trustees may determine.

ARTICLE V. Trustees

SECTION 1

The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be the management of all the business and educational affairs of the Academy, as directed by the Board of Governors and General Membership. The President shall, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees, appoint committee members and chairmen, and otherwise delegate the functions of the Academy, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees, as he/she feels is required.

SECTION 2

An Executive Director and other employees may be employed by this corporation by the order of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI. Governors

SECTION 1

The Board of Governors shall be the policy making body of this corporation and shall fulfill other duties as specified in the Academy Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

SECTION 1

Standing and special committees may be appointed by the President, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees, from time to time, for such objects and purposes and with such powers as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.
SECTION 2

The Board of Trustees shall, in establishing committees, conform as nearly as possible to those of the American Osteopathic Association.

SECTION 3

The nominating committee shall consist of the immediate past president and four members elected by the members of this organization at the Annual Meeting. One of these members must have previously served on this committee and shall be its Chairperson. No more than one member from any regional component society shall be on this committee. They shall review all open elective positions including those of the Nominating Committee, prior to June 1 and contact all qualified candidates in person or in writing to determine their willingness to serve and accept the full responsibility for the position concerned. The committee may nominate two people for the same position. The committee’s report must be received by the Secretary of the AAO no later than October 1, and the membership shall be notified at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Nomination for any elective position may be presented from the floor by any voting member at the annual business meeting of the Academy.

SECTION 4

All committee members must be members in good standing of the AAO.

SECTION 5

Resident and student representation will be provided on AAO committees as determined by the president-elect and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The resident committee liaisons for each designated committee will be selected by the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy. The student committee liaisons for each designated committee will be selected by the Student American Academy of Osteopathy. Each resident committee liaison position and each student committee liaison position will be a voting position on the designated committees.

ARTICLE VIII. Legal Counsel

SECTION 1

The President of this corporation, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Trustees, may from time to time, procure legal counsel on the most feasible basis. Such legal counsel’s services shall not be available to any member, officer, or committee without the knowledge and consent of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX. Component Societies

SECTION 1

Component Societies may be organized on a national or regional basis, as approved by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2

Student Component Societies may be organized by students enrolled in any accredited osteopathic college, with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 3

Application for charter as a Component Society shall be made to the Board of Trustees in a form approved by the Board of Trustees. Each proposed Component Society shall, as a minimum requirement, submit with its application the following:

A. A brief description of the geographic area to be included.
B. The names and addresses of a minimum of six initial members of the new Component Society.
C. A copy of the proposed constitution and bylaws of the new proposed Component Society.
D. A brief statement of the new proposed Component Society’s objective.
E. In the case of Student Societies, a letter of approval of the formation of such Component Society from the president or dean of the college.

SECTION 4

The Board of Trustees shall return each disapproved application and its supporting documents to the submitting group within thirty days following the next Board of Trustees meeting. Similarly, the Board of Trustees shall notify the submitting group of any modifications required in its organizational plan within the same thirty days.

SECTION 5

Applications accepted by the Board of Trustees shall be submitted to the Membership at its next succeeding Annual Meeting for approval. Proposed component society applications approved by the Board of Trustees and the General Membership at an Annual Meeting shall be presented with a charter in a form approved by the Board of Trustees within thirty days following approval of the proposed component society’s application by the General Membership at an Annual Meeting.

SECTION 6

All members of the Component Society who are eligible to be AAO members must be members in good standing of the AAO. For continued certification, the Component Society must have a minimum of six AAO members. Each Component Society shall at
least sixty (60) days prior to the annual membership meeting make an annual report of its activities to the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 7

Approved Component Societies that make an annual report shall be recertified as component societies by the Board of Trustees each year following the Annual Business Meeting. Each Component Society shall include in its annual report the following:

A. Proof of membership of the AAO in the form of name and AOA number on an annual basis
B. A copy of the bylaws should be submitted every five years and yearly if there have been any changes made by the society.

Such recertification shall be by letter, by issuance of annual certificate, or by listing in a publication of this corporation.

SECTION 8

The Board of Trustees may, on its own initiative or by special committee appointment, study the activities of any Component Society which it has reason to believe is functioning outside the authority of its charter, or is carrying on activities contrary to the best interests of this corporation. Upon a finding of fact by the Board of Trustees, or the appointed special committee, that the Component Society is functioning outside its authority or contrary to the best interests of this corporation, the Board of Trustees is authorized at its discretion to fine, suspend, or expel the Component Society involved.

ARTICLE X. Fellowship in the American Academy of Osteopathy®

SECTION 1

Fellowship in the American Academy of Osteopathy® will remain an earned status conferred by the President of the American Academy of Osteopathy® upon the recommendation of the Committee on Fellowship and approval by the Board of Governors of the Academy.

SECTION 2

The President shall appoint members of the Academy who are Fellows to replace outgoing members of the Committee on Fellowship, with approval by the Board of Governors.

SECTION 3

Information documents outlining prerequisites and requirements for Fellowship shall be provided to members of the profession upon request. All revisions of such materials shall be approved by the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Osteopathy®.

ARTICLE XI. Honors and Awards

SECTION 1

Special honors, such as Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor, Thomas L. Northup Memorial Lecturer and Past President’s Award may be awarded by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XII. Rules of Order

SECTION 1

The Current Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the guide to parliamentary procedure at all meetings except where in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian for his term of office.
AWARDS PRESENTED AT CONVOCATION

2019 ACADEMY AWARD
Robert Orenstein, DO

The Academy Award is presented to people outside the AAO family to recognize their contributions and support to the osteopathic profession. The award was created by the AAO Board of Trustees as an initiative emanating from the AAO’s 1999-2004 strategic plan. The Academy Award will be presented at the annual business meeting of the membership by 2018-19 AAO President Catherine M. Kimball, DO, on Thursday, March 14.

2019 ANDREW TAYLOR STILL MEDALLION OF HONOR
Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA, FAAMA

This award is the highest award conferred by the Academy and honors a deserving member for outstanding accomplishment in scientific or professional affairs. The Academy cherishes the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor as its highest award and grants it to deserving members only after careful consideration and investigation. This award will be presented at the president’s banquet by the AAO’s incoming president, Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, on Saturday, March 16.

2019 FELLOW OF AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSTEOPATHY
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Eileen L. DiGiovanna, DO, FAAO
Robert C. Ward, DO, FAAO

The FAAO Distinguished Service Award is given to those Fellows of the American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO) who have further distinguished themselves in any of the following categories: contributions to osteopathic literature; development of osteopathic theory, method or procedure; research; osteopathic education; service to the AAO on committees, boards, etc.; public relations and service to public health; or osteopathic medical economics and advocacy. This award will be presented at the Fellows Dinner on Friday, March 15, by the chair of the Committee on Fellowship, David B. Fuller, DO, FAAO.

2019 HAROLD A. BLOOD, DO, FAAO, MEMORIAL LECTURER AWARD
Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO

The Harold A. Blood, DO, FAAO, Memorial Lecturer Award, created in 2006, recognizes an active AAO member who shows exceptional success as a mentor to osteopathic medical students, interns and residents; has an outstanding commitment to osteopathic philosophy, principles and practice; and is recognized by peers as a superb clinician who integrates osteopathic manipulative medicine into her/his unique practice of osteopathic medicine. An engraved plaque will be presented at the end of this lecture on Saturday, March 16, by the chair of the SAAO Executive Council, Paula Michelle Archer, OMS IV.
AWARDS PRESENTED AT CONVOCATION CONTINUED

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT’S CERTIFICATE
Catherine M. Kimball, DO

The incoming president presents the outgoing president with a hand-engraved certificate in recognition and appreciation of service during her presidential term. Dr. Hensel will present this plaque award on Saturday, March 16, at the president’s banquet.

PRESIDENT’S GAVEL
Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO

The incoming president is presented with the president’s gavel by the outgoing president at the president’s banquet. Dr. Kimball will present this gavel award on Saturday, March 16.

2019 RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD
Malinda M. Hansen, DO

This award recognizes the resident who has contributed to the Academy by demonstrating osteopathic principles and practices at her/his residency program and who has participated in Academy events, including, but not limited to, the AAO Convocation, the AOA annual conference and/or AAO educational programs. The Board of Governors selects a recipient upon the recommendation of the Awards Committee. This award will be presented by Dr. Kimball at the annual business meeting of the membership on Thursday, March 14.

SAAO SERVICE AWARDS

Each of the SAAO Executive Council members are given service award plaques in recognition and appreciation of their dedication to the Student American Academy of Osteopathy. These plaques will be presented on Saturday, March 16, by Dr. Kimball at the president’s banquet.

SAAO’s 2018-19 chair – Paula Michelle Archer, OMS IV
SAAO’s 2018-19 vice chair – Anna Marie Mercer, OMS IV
SAAO’s 2018-19 secretary-treasurer – Danielle D. Dukes, OMS III
SAAO’s 2018-19 national coordinator – Phuong L. Nguyen, OMS III
SAAO’s 2018-19 NUFA liaison – Thomas Hunter Lindsey, OMS V
SAAO’s 2018-19 immediate past chair – Amber M. Brown, OMS V

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Award nomination forms are available at the Osteopathic Education Service location in the exhibit area, on the AAO website and from the AAO office, or contact the chair of the Awards Committee, John C. Glover, DO, FAAO.
Robert Orenstein, DO, is a professor of medicine in the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, and he chairs the Division of Infectious Diseases at Mayo Clinic Arizona. In his practice at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, he sees complex inpatient and outpatient infectious diseases.

Dr. Orenstein has served as the editor-in-chief of *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* since January 2013, and he is a reviewer for a number of other medical journals and publications in his area of expertise. He is board certified in infectious diseases, internal medicine and HIV medicine and is a fellow of both the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Orenstein received his BS in biochemistry from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and he received his DO from the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania, and a fellowship in infectious diseases at the Virginia Commonwealth University’s Medical College of Virginia Hospitals. He served for a decade as the director of the HIV/AIDS program at Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Medical Center and as medical director of the Virginia Commonwealth University HIV/AIDS clinic before moving to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, in 2002. In Rochester, he served as the internal medicine residency coordinator for infectious diseases at Mayo, and he practiced inpatient and outpatient medicine as a member of both the divisions of infectious diseases and general internal medicine before moving to Mayo Clinic in Arizona in 2010.

Dr. Orenstein was appointed the chair for infectious diseases at Mayo Clinic Arizona in 2012 and chair of the Mayo Clinic Enterprise Infectious Diseases Specialty Council in 2017. He has lectured extensively on topics of infectious diseases and has won several awards for undergraduate, graduate and CME teaching at Mayo.

The AAO Board of Trustees selected Robert Orenstein, DO, to receive the Academy Award to recognize his contributions in support of the osteopathic profession through:

- demonstrating his commitment to osteopathic principles and to the osteopathic profession;
- exhibiting outstanding efforts and special contributions to promote osteopathy;
- continuously showing support of and collaboration with osteopathic organizations; and
- with a vision that is complementary to the Academy’s mission.

**Previous Academy Award Recipients**

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Malinda M. Hansen, DO

Malinda (Mindy) M. Hansen, DO, MS, is finishing a combined family medicine and osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine (FM/ONMM) residency at the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC).

Prior to medical school, Dr. Hansen played Division I athletics and started a business where she trained athletes across the spectrum of sports and competitive activities. This led her back to graduate school to get a master’s degree in exercise physiology and ultimately to medical school at the A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, obtaining her DO degree in 2015.

During medical school and residency, Dr. Hansen has been actively involved with the AAO, teaching seminars for students as well as table training for UNTHSC attendings who have presented. Throughout her residency, she has been covering UNT athletes and has had significant exposure to musculoskeletal injuries, treatments and rehab. In July 2019, she will be starting a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Louisville.

In her nomination letter for resident of the year, Dr. Hansen explained that she has realized leadership takes on the necessary form to have the best outcome and she has adapted to the ever-changing roles of leadership. She stated that she loves to teach and that her skills have deepened with her experiences during residency.

Dr. Hansen was nominated by David C. Mason, DO, MBA, FACOFP, program director for the UNTHSC integrated FM/ONMM residency. In his nomination letter, Dr. Mason stated that Dr. Hansen has demonstrated strong leadership, is a problem-solver and is very adept at teaching students, residents and patients. He indicated that because of her ability to effect change and make improvements, the residency program will benefit far into the future because of her process improvement projects.

Potential recipients are nominated by any AAO component society or AOA-approved osteopathic residency program. Individuals nominated exhibit osteopathic principles and practice at their residency programs and encourage other residents, faculty and students to continue to use OPP during their residency career and practice.

Past Recipients of the Resident of the Year Award:

2018 – Jacob J. Cukierski, DO, Millcreek Community Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania
2017 – Lauren J. Leslie, DO, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
2016 – Kristie M. Petree, DO, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
2015 – Catherine B. Donahue, DO, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
2014 – Eileen M. Conaway, DO, Florida Hospital–East Orlando
2013 – Michael A. Chipman, DO, Kingman Regional Medical Center
2012 – Leslie M. Ching, DO, Doctors Hospital Family Practice Residency and Oklahoma State University-CHS
2011 – Sarah J. James, DO, Columbia Saint Mary’s Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency
2010 – Teodor Huzij, DO, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
Dr. Feely spent his childhood in Lisle, Illinois, where he ascended to the rank of Eagle Scout during high school. He attended Truman State University where he earned an undergraduate degree in zoology. In 1978, he earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine after completing a pre-doctoral fellowship in osteopathic theory and methods. Dr. Feely owes a debt of gratitude to his primary mentor, Paul E. Kimberly, DO, FAAO, as well as to Dr. William G. Sutherland’s students, Drs. Edna Lay, Viola Frymann, Robert Fulford, Roland Becker, Alan Becker, Louis Hasbrouck, and Thomas Schooley, all of whom invested their time and expertise in teaching him. After completing a rotating internship in Iowa at Davenport Osteopathic Hospital, Dr. Feely joined a practice in Tampa, Florida, where he started a hospital-based OMM service.

In the early 1980s, Dr. Feely returned to Illinois with his young family to practice family medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine in Chicago and Zion. He began teaching at the Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he continues to serve as a clinical associate professor of osteopathic medicine. As part of his ongoing commitment to the next generation of osteopathic physicians, Dr. Feely mentors residents at his office and at a nearby hospital, Franciscan Health, in Olympia Fields, Illinois.

Dr. Feely founded and continues to actively practice medicine at the Feely Center for Optimal Health in Chicago and Olympia Fields. His practice extends to medical legal work concerning soft tissue injuries, chart reviews, disability determinations, IMEs, utilization review and quality assurance programs for TIVITY Health, Inc., as well with various insurance companies and law firms. For the past 39 years, Dr. Feely has worked in private practice in Chicago as a board-certified osteopathic physician specializing in neuromusculoskeletal pain and dysfunction.

The Feely Center for Optimal Health is an integrative osteopathic medical practice that treats children with special needs as well as adults suffering from neuromusculoskeletal pain and dysfunction. Dr. Feely maintains the following board certifications: family practice, neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine, acupuncture, independent medical examiner, and health care quality and management. He has achieved fellowship status in the American Academy of Osteopathy, The Osteopathic Cranial Academy (OCA), the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture, the International Academy of Independent Medical Examiners, and the American Board for Quality Assurance Utilization Review Physicians.

In his continued commitment to teaching the next generation of osteopathic clinicians around the world, Dr. Feely has lectured extensively in Europe, Asia, and North America. The focuses of his lectures are cranial osteopathy, OPP/OMM/OMT, and acupuncture. As director, associate director, lecturer, and table trainer, Dr. Feely has taught more than 15 40-hour Basic Osteopathy in the Cranial Field courses, the gold standard for cranial osteopathic training. During 2016 and 2017, Dr. Feely was a consultant for the World Health Organization (WHO) on Integrative Medicine at workshops in Macao to over 30 countries’ representatives on how to ensure quality traditional and complementary medicine services. In the 1980s, Dr. Feely edited *Clinical Cranial Osteopathy: Selective Readings*, published by the OCA. In 2011, Thieme published Dr. Feely’s second edition of *Yamamoto New Scalp Acupuncture (YNSA)*.
Principles and Practice. He also has authored several research articles published in The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Feely has served society and the profession through leadership positions in organized medicine as the 101st president of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society (IOMS), second president of the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education (FORCE); 32nd president of The Osteopathic Cranial Academy (OCA); the second and 10th president of the Osteopathic Cranial Academy Foundation (OCAF); and the 63rd president of the AAO. In recognition of his service and leadership, Dr. Feely was awarded the Sutherland Memorial Lecturer in 1999 and the Outstanding Service Award in 1998 from the OCA; the A.T. Still Love, Truth, and Humility Award from FORCE in 2018; and the Top Performer Award winner from DO-Touch.NET, a practice-based research network, in 2018.

Dr. Feely is the founder and president of TCMtests.com, the first and largest online test preparation website for the acupuncture national board examination, NCCAOM. In 2018, he founded OMMtests.com, the first osteopathic-centric website to help osteopathic residents and physicians prepare for their osteopathic certification board.

Dr. Feely has been married to his wife, Carol, for 44 years. He has two children, Brad and Ashley. In his personal time, he enjoys fishing and bagpiping. Dr. Feely is also a devout Catholic. He is a Knight of Magisterial Grace in Obedience (KMOb) in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Rhodes, and Malta, which is a Catholic religious lay order with a rich, 900-year history. He has participated in multiple pilgrimages to Lourdes, France, assisting maladies at the sacred baths. For the past seven years, he has treated children with cerebral palsy and advised medical staff at Bhannes Hospital Center in Beirut, Lebanon. He considers his work with the Knights of Malta to be an extension of his professional calling.

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A petition was submitted to the AAO Awards Committee by Academy members nominating Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA, FAAMA, for the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor. The Awards Committee reviewed and accepted the petition as meeting the requirements as a candidate for this award. In the committee’s review of Dr. Feely’s credentials, it was determined that Dr. Feely has committed his entire career to service and education in the osteopathic profession with a focus on incorporating osteopathic principles into clinical practice in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Upon the Awards Committee’s recommendation, the AAO Board of Trustees selected Dr. Feely to receive the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor for his outstanding accomplishments in educational, international, and professional affairs throughout the osteopathic profession.

Previous recipients of the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor include:
(The complete list may be found at www.academyofosteopathy.org/andrew-taylor-still-medallion-of-honor.)

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Eileen L. DiGiovanna, DO, FAAO, the AAO’s 1994-95 president, joined the Academy in 1979, earning Fellowship in the Academy in 1986. She has served on the Academy’s Committee on Fellowship, Board of Trustees, Board of Governors and Nominating Committee, and she chaired the Long Range Planning Committee. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University and the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, and she served her internship at the Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. DiGiovanna is a former professor and chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) at what is now called the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYIT-COM). She maintained a part-time practice, both in family medicine as well as OMM, at NYIT-COM’s on-campus health center. During the 18 years of Dr. DiGiovanna’s affiliation with NYIT-COM, she wrote extensively, authoring several published articles and coauthoring the nationally recognized textbook An Osteopathic Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment. She was also a contributing author to the first and second editions of the AOA’s Foundations for Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. DiGiovanna is certified by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians as well as the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

Robert C. Ward, DO, FAAO, an AAO honorary life member, received Fellowship in the AAO in 1978, presented the Scott Memorial Lecture in 2002 at what is now known as the A.T. Still University–Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM), and was the 1998 recipient of the AAO’s Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor. He served as one of the earliest faculty members of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, joining the college in 1970 when it was still a private institution in Pontiac, Michigan. He was the charter chairperson of the Department of Family and Community Medicine and instrumental in developing an osteopathic manipulative medicine residency. He served as director of special projects for the college, as a professor in the Office of Medical Education Research and Development, and ultimately, professor in the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

Nationally and internationally, Dr. Ward had a significant impact on osteopathic principles and practice as the principal investigator of the Osteopathic Principles Education Project, sponsored by the Educational Council on Osteopathic Principles of the American Osteopathic Association and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. He developed a glossary and other material seminal to the research and practice of osteopathic medicine. He was president of the North American Academy of Musculoskeletal Medicine, and he also served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the International Federation of Manual
Medicine. Dr. Ward was the executive editor of the first and second editions of the *Foundations for Osteopathic Medicine*. He also served as a member of the Scientific Grants Review Committee for the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) of the National Institutes of Health.

In 2008, the Board of Governors approved the Fellow of American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO) Distinguished Service Award to be presented to those FAAOs who have further distinguished themselves in contributions to osteopathic literature; development of osteopathic theory, method or procedure; research; osteopathic education; service to the AAO on committees, boards, etc.; public relations; service to public health; and/or osteopathic medical economics and advocacy.

The Award consists of a plaque and lapel pin to be given to the recipient during the Fellows Dinner at Convocation; a perpetual plaque with name and date engraved on display in the AAO Office; a listing in the AAO directory; on the website; and an announcement made to the general membership at the President’s banquet. The title designation of the recipient on written communication is FAAODist.

**Previous Recipients of the FAAO Distinguished Service Award** (*denotes deceased)*

2018- Edward G. Stiles, DO, FAAO  
2017- Alexander S. Nicholas, DO, FAAO  
2016- Edna M. Lay, DO, FAAO, FCA*  
2015- Fred L. Mitchell, Jr., DO, FAAO, FCA  
2014- Raymond J. Hruby, DO, FAAO  
2013- Robert E. Kappler, DO, FAAO*  
2012- Stephen D. Blood, DO, FAAO  
2011- Phillip E. Greenman, DO, FAAO*  
2010- Viola M. Frymann, DO, FAAO*  
2010- Isabelle A. Chapello, DO, FAAO*  
2008- Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAO
Launched on June 1, 2017, the 2017-18 campaign stretched to 13 months, ending June 30, 2018, as the campaign year is being adjusted to correspond with the Academy’s fiscal year, which begins Aug. 1. The 2018-19 campaign will run July 1, 2018, through July 31, 2019. The Academy’s leaders appreciate the generosity members have shown for the 2017-18 campaign.

The Golden Ram Society is the vehicle through which everyone can support the AAO’s mission with an annual contribution. Since 1987, donations to the Golden Ram have provided the Academy and its leadership opportunities to grow the organization and to develop and maintain leadership positions on behalf of the osteopathic profession. This funding mechanism allows the AAO and its members the ability to ensure that OPP and OMM are integrated into the future of the osteopathic profession with the following activities.

- We are partners with the AOA and involved in the AOA organization.
- We are involved in providing input to policy setting at the AOA, at the AMA, and at state associations.
- We are representing osteopathy and promoting the agenda of osteopathy in multiple arenas, including membership on ACGME task forces and committees.

**President’s Club—$2,500 or more**
- Jeffrey S. Grove, DO, FACOFP dist.
- Susan Mattison on behalf of the family of Roland G. Mattison, DO
- Damon M. Whitfield, DO

**A.T. Still Club—$1,000 to $2,499**
- Robert N. Agnello, DO, FACOFP, and Kerry E. Agnello, DO
- Boyd R. Buser, DO, FACOFP dist.
- Stephen P. Cavanaugh, DO
- Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAODist, FCA
- Stefan Hagopian, DO, FAAO
- T. Reid Kavieff, DO
- Akiyoshi Shimomura, DO (Hon.) (Japan)

**T.L. Northup Club—$500 to $999**
- Keith Barbour, DO, and Sheri Barbour
- David R. Boesler, DO
- Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO
- Hugh M. Ettlinger, DO, FAAO, FCA
- William J. Garrity, DO, MPH
- John C. Glover, MS, DO, FAAO
- Greta A. Gross, DO, MEd, FACOFP
- Catherine M. Kimball, DO
- Tamara M. McReynolds, DO
- David D. Musgrave, DO
- Edward G. Stiles, DO, FAAO
- Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO

**Louisa Burns Club—$250 to $499**
- Michael S. Carnes, DO, FAAO
- Michael A. Chipman, DO
- Stephen M. Ellesstad, DO
- J. Yusuf Erskine, DO
- Jackson Friedman, DO
- Sherman Gorbis, DO, FAAO, and Lori Gorbis
- Donald V. Hinkinson, DO
- Huy Hoang, DC, MD
- Stephen L. Kisiel, DO
- Carol L. Lang, DO
- Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO
- Ralph Schuerer, DOM (Germany)
- Sandra S. Sleszynski, DO, FAAO
- Jean A. Swift, DO
- Adrian Woolley, DO
- Sheldon C. Yao, DO

**Vicki Dyson Club—$100 to $249**
- Paul K. Hume, ND, DO (New Zealand)
- Robert E. Irvin, DO
- Virginia M. Johnson, DO, MBA, FAAO
- James F. Keane, DO
- Michael G. Knapp, DO, and Kathy Knapp
- Mary E. Malcom, DO
- Paul S. Miller, DO
- Mark M. Morris, DO, FACOP
- Candace Nowak, DO
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- Sherril L. Quarles
- Yehudah J. Sandweiss, DO
- Eric Schneider, DO
- Joel D. Stein, DO, FAAO
- Shigeru Tajiri (Japan)
- Beth N. Thompson, DO
- Glenn N. Wagner, DO
- Katherine Worden, DO, MS

**Supporter—$99 or less**
- Richard H. Armond III, DO
- Debbie Cole
- Brian F. Degenhardt, DO
- Stamatia F. Gockel, DO
- John H. Juhl, DO
- Gail E. Lamb, DO
- Melinda E. Nevins, DO
- Merideth C. Norris, DO
- Kaylesh Pandya, DO
- Ian Schofield, DO (UK)
Leaders of the AAO for the 2018-19 Presidential Term

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James W. Binkerd, DO, The Osteopathic Cranial Academy Liaison
VOLUNTEERS SUSTAIN THE AAO

The American Academy of Osteopathy is grateful for the unselfish service of volunteer leaders who help the Academy to fulfill its mission of delivering programs and services to member physicians. The AAO has been blessed with outstanding leaders who have guided the organization into a position of prominence within the osteopathic medical profession. They welcome the participation of all members who may wish to volunteer their time and talent to serve on AAO committees and task forces in promoting the organization’s success.

AAO President-elect Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, invites interested members to contact her about potential service. The president-elect will present her proposed committee appointments to the Board of Trustees for its approval. Please review the following descriptions of the committees for areas of interest and responsibilities. AAO members are welcome to audit any committee meeting, with courtesy advance notice to the chair and staff to ensure adequate guest seating. You must be an Academy member in good standing to serve on an AAO committee.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

AWARDS COMMITTEE
The Academy’s Manual of Procedures designates the primary charge of the Awards Committee is to annually solicit nominations of candidates for the following AAO awards: the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor; the Thomas L. Northup Annual Lecturer; the Harold A. Blood, DO, FAAO, Memorial Lecturer; and the Honorary Life Membership Award. The committee then distills members’ suggestions into formal award nominations for action by the AAO Boards of Governors and Trustees each spring.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE
The Bylaws Committee maintains the Academy’s Constitution and Bylaws and may both originate and research amendments for the AAO leadership. The committee consists of a chair and at least two AAO members with no limitation in number of members. The committee presents bylaws changes involving procedures to the Board of Trustees and those involving policy to the Board of Governors. In either case, the AAO must publish proposed AAO bylaws amendments at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting of the membership and obtain a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members in attendance. Since the Academy is a specialty society of the American Osteopathic Association, the AOA Board of Trustees must ratify AAO Constitution and Bylaws changes before they can become effective.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
The Education Committee consists of 13 members in addition to the chair. Several seats are by specific appointment, e.g., AAO program chair of the AOA OMED conference, AAO Convocation program chair and a Student Academies Committee liaison. Another seat is filled with a liaison representative from the Board of Trustees. The remaining at-large members serve staggered two-year terms, limited to six consecutive years. The AAO president-elect has the privilege of appointing the AAO Convocation program chair, with the committee nominating the AAO program chair of the AOA OMED conference.

The Education Committee’s charge is to develop and implement all of the Academy’s educational programs, and review applications for conjoint programs with component societies.
and other AOA affiliated organizations. The group continually searches for new faculty and programming to meet members’ needs. The committee meets up to four times annually, occasional short meetings at the AOA OMED conference and at the AAO Convocation, and two weekend meetings (January or February and August) at the AAO office in Indianapolis. Members receive reimbursement for expenses only at the weekend meetings in Indianapolis.

**INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE**

The Informational Technologies Committee consists of a chair, two at-large members, liaisons from the Board of Trustees, Education Committee, Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, and Membership Committee; plus resident and osteopathic medical student members. The committee’s charge is (a) to manage, improve, refine and develop the Academy’s website; (b) to serve as a conduit for members’ technological needs, e.g. communications, electronic medical records, personal electronic devices, and office technologies; and (c) to explore the use of new technologies as a way to promote best practices in the organization and for AAO members, e.g. online continuing medical education (CME) and other digital media.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Investment Committee consists of a chair and at least five members, including the AAO secretary-treasurer. The committee oversees the management of the AAO’s portfolio of investments, insuring that the manner of such investments will produce the maximum benefit for the Academy and provide the organization with sufficient funds to maintain financial operations. The committee reviews monthly investment reports and meets with the AAO’s investment management firm annually at the AAO Convocation.

**LOUISA BURNS OSTEOPATHIC RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC) consists of a chair and members serving staggered three-year terms. The committee focuses on clinical research involving health care outcomes in the practice of osteopathic manipulative medicine. The committee reviews and recommends Academy funding from the AAO’s various funds designated for clinical research projects. The committee sponsors the annual LBORC/NUFA research poster presentation and research training workshops.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Academy’s Manual of Procedures designates that the Membership Committee include the chair, a Student Academies Committee liaison and liaisons from the Resident American Academy of Osteopathy (RAAO) and the Student American Academy of Osteopathy (SAAO), as well as members needed to fulfill the duties of the committee. The committee’s charge is to oversee a continuous program designed to increase and retain members in the Academy which includes the development and notification of member services across the Academy’s various avenues of communication. The committee also works to retain and build AAO membership by contacting potential members, assessing new member applications, evaluating members’ requests for change to membership status, and reviewing written requests for the reduction of fees.
COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS - continued

OSTEOPATHIC EDUCATION SERVICE COMMITTEE
Virtually every AAO member retains the skills for volunteer service on the Osteopathic Education Service Committee, which is composed of a chair, a vice chair and members who are dedicated to providing OMT demonstrations. The primary charge to this group is to organize and conduct osteopathic education workshops at the AOA OMED conference, the AAO Convocation and at the AOA House of Delegates meeting for members of the profession, their families, and personnel participating in those meetings. These duties represent an awesome task, one which depends heavily on daily volunteers outside the committee itself. They also encourage state osteopathic associations to conduct similar workshops at their conferences.

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
The Trustees created the Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee to form a resource base for DOs dealing with difficulties regarding coding reimbursement for OMT. The group prepares and updates documents, materials and resources pertaining to practice management issues, which can be used to influence coverage and reimbursement policies of third-party carriers and legislators alike.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
The Academy’s Manual of Procedures designates that the Publications Committee develop a program aimed at discovering, stimulating, and assisting potential authors to provide suitable material for publication. The yearbook editor, editor-in-chief and associate editor of *The AAO Journal* serve on the Publications Committee, which enables them to seek the counsel of the group as they fulfill their respective duties. The committee’s charge includes a goal to publish one quality book every three years. They also oversee the executive director’s negotiations of publications, distribution and translation agreements, and recommend additions to the Academy’s list of available publications.
FEEDBACK/COMMITTEE SIGN UP FORM

Have you wanted to serve on an Academy committee but did not know how to get on one? Or have you served on AAO committees in the past and want to serve again?

To give all AAO members a chance to serve on committees of their choosing, the Academy’s selection process allows members to nominate themselves for the 10 committees whose appointments the president will recommend to the AAO Board of Trustees.

If you would like to serve on an AAO committee, please complete the back of this page for the committee of your choice and provide your contact information. Or you may download and complete the committee application form. This form will provide the president with insight into your aspirations and background that will be taken into consideration for the president’s recommendations for committee member appointments.

Thank you for your loyal membership in the Academy, and thank you for participating in this process for selecting committee members. Please return this form to the AAO registration office or email (info@academyofosteopathy.org).

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Academy members may serve on up to three committees. If you are interested in more than one committee, please list those committees in order of preference. To view more information about the Academy’s committee and current membership, you may click on the following hyperlinks.

- Awards Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Education Committee
- Informational Technologies Committee
- Investment Committee
- Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee
- Membership Committee
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- Publications Committee

The AAO officers and trustees welcome feedback about the Academy, its programs and services. They invite you to provide your comments and suggestions in the space below.
# APPLICATION TO SERVE ON AN AAO COMMITTEE

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| **What other AAO committees have you served on and what did you contribute to those committees?**  
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| **What experiences within and outside the AAO would have prepared you to serve on this committee?**  
(Limit to 50 words) |  

Please email this form to DCole@academyofosteopathy.org.
AAO Convo19 Mobile App

For the third year, AAO has released a mobile app for Convocation, giving users updated information at their fingertips. Download it now for iOS or Android. To access the desktop version of the app, go to https://eventmobi.com/aaoconvo19.

The mobile app will keep users updated on everything happening at the AAO’s 2019 Convocation. The app provides:

- **Up-to-date scheduling.** If there is any change to an event (such as location change or cancellation), the information will be updated in the app as soon as possible.
- **Customized scheduling.** Select Add to Your Schedule on any session to create your personalized schedule. To see your schedule, click on your profile picture at the top right of the mobile app and select Schedule.
- **Professional networking.** A list of pre-registered attendees will be uploaded to the app, and you can send direct messages via the app to make plans to catch up. Or if you enjoyed talking with Dr. Smith during the morning lecture, you can send Dr. Smith a message to meet up later to continue the conversation!
- **Group Discussions.** Feeling inspired by what you’re learning at Convocation? Share your thoughts in the Discussions section. For 2019, we've added a job postings discussion area for your convenience.
- **Frequently Asked Questions.** The app’s FAQs cover topics from how CME is reported to lost and found.

A password for the app has been emailed to attendees who registered before Feb. 26. If you registered after Feb. 26, the password will be in your confirmation email. For the privacy and security of all attendees, please do not share this password.

**Logging In**
Use the email you used when you registered for Convocation. If you used the app last year, enter the password you created last year. Forgot your password? No problem. Follow the link to reset your password.

AAO Find a Physician

The AAO’s Find a Physician search makes it easy for users to find osteopathic care in their communities. At www.FindOMM.org, users can search for osteopathic physicians by name, specialty, and/or location. This is an opt-in service for AAO members, so if you haven’t opted in lately, please keep reading. If you have opted in, make sure your listing appears correctly at www.FindOMM.org.

All Academy physicians in practice may be included in the AAO’s Find a Physician search. To ensure your listing appears in the search results, follow the steps below:

1. Log in to your profile at www.academyofosteopathy.org.
2. Click on Edit Profile.
3. On the Contact Info tab, enter your business information as your Primary Address and select the Show in Search check box. To ensure patients can call your office, make sure your business phone number appears in the listing by checking the Searchable box (to the right of the phone number).
4. On the Employment Info tab, specify your primary and secondary specialties.
5. On the Privacy tab, change the setting for Basic Information to Public.
6. Click Save All Changes.
Save the date for the

2020 CONVOCATION
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