2020 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

THE BROADMOOR HOTEL,
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
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 12, 2020

## AGENDA

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<td><strong>Call to order</strong>—Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, 2019-20 president</td>
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<td>12:35-12:45 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Report of the Nominating Committee</strong></td>
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<td>Chair Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO</td>
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<td><strong>Elections</strong> (see slate of candidates on Pages 23)</td>
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<td>• The preferred method of voting is via text messaging (see instructions on Page 23).</td>
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<td>• Voting privileges are held by active and honorary life members who are in good standing. Active members include residents and interns.</td>
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<td><strong>Secretary-treasurer Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO</strong></td>
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<td>- Amendment #2 - page 3, Section B: Bylaws, Article I. Membership, Section 3, A. Full Member, a., starting at line 161.</td>
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<td>- Amendment #3 - page 5, Section B: Bylaws, Article IV. Duties of Officers, Section 3, starting at line 281.</td>
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<td>- Amendment #4 - page 5, Section B: Bylaws, Article VI. Governor, adding Section 2, starting at line 309.</td>
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<td>- Page 4, line 211 – change six months to sixty days</td>
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<td>- Page 4, starting at line 247 – updates to elective office and committee membership (there is no category of Life Member)</td>
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<td><strong>Presentation of the Resident of the Year award to Frank Patrick Goodman, DO</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Presentation of the Anne Wales, DO, Award for Excellence in Education of Osteopathic Clinicians to William H. Devine, DO</strong></td>
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<td>Recognition of leaders for service to the Academy and to the rest of the profession</td>
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<td>Recruitment of volunteers for AAO committees</td>
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<td>President of the American Osteopathic Board Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM) Barbara Ann Zajdel, DO, FAAO</td>
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Announcements

2021 AAO Convocation
The next Convocation will be held from Wednesday, March 17, through Sunday, March 21, at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas. The program chair is Barbara Ann Zajdel, DO, FAAO, and the Convocation program with the tentative title of OMM for the Medical Specialties.

2021 business meeting
The Academy’s next business meeting will be held Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Adjourn

Future Convocation Dates
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 2018-19 president, Catherine M. Kimball, DO, welcomed the members and thanked 2019 AAO Convocation Program Chair Rebecca E. Giusti, DO, for creating this year’s program, calling the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Eastern time.

Invocation
AAO Trustee Millicent King Channell, DO, FAAO, gave the invocation.

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

President’s Welcome Message
In her welcome, AAO President Kimball encouraged the members to become involved in the changing world of osteopathic medicine. She stated that Andrew Taylor Still had a vision that osteopathic medicine would be the premier type of treatment offered and that the American Academy of Osteopathy seeks to achieve that vision with its 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.

Dr. Kimball explained that there are now more schools than ever could have been imagined which has brought greater diversity among the profession, as well as with the AAO. She indicated that the members of the osteopathic profession all share a love of the profession and a commitment to their osteopathic roots and emphasized the need to become involved and to expand their spheres of influence beyond the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Kimball encouraged the members to volunteer to be on an AAO committee, to volunteer to work at the Osteopathic Education Service (OES) at the various venues it is presented, to volunteer to be a mentor to a student or a resident and to reach out to the AAO for educational opportunities. She further explained that they could become active in their state societies, communicate with their representatives at the American Osteopathic Association’s House of Delegates or to even become a representative, and to seek out leaders at the local college of osteopathic medicine and at their alma mater. President Kimball added that when you are asked to help, please say, ‘yes.’

Dr. Kimball stated that the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) transition to a single pathway is proceeding on track with the timeline and that ACGME has become one of the osteopathic profession’s biggest champions with its commitment to osteopathic principles and practice (OPP) and osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM). She explained that the more residents who have access to OPP and OMM in their residencies, the more doctors will offer OMM in their practices and continue to think and practice osteopathically. She indicated that the members should encourage residency programs to apply for osteopathic recognition and to reach out to AAO representatives working with ACGME to become involved in spreading the word of osteopathic medicine.

Dr. Kimball explained that there are other opportunities for the members to become involved. She stated that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) has deliberated about changes to the certification process to attract more residents to certify through the AOA and that it has made changes to the certification exams to provide an option to offer a certifying exam without explicit osteopathic content to all specialties that have a competing exam through the American Board of Medical Specialties. She indicated that the AAO will
continue to campaign for board certification exams that contain osteopathic content and is working to make OPP more accessible to students on rotation and to residents. She stated that Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FAAFP, FAAO, is developing a set of videos to be made available for programs that have ACGME approval with osteopathic recognition in support of osteopathic content for all specialties. She asked that the members encourage the residents to review these resources, to identify opportunities to brush up on OPP and OMM and to encourage them to take the more rigorous examination and be certified in their area of specialty with osteopathic content.

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

Greetings from the American Osteopathic Association

Dr. Kimball introduced American Osteopathic Association President William S. Mayo, DO, and welcomed him to the podium to provide the annual update from the AOA.

Dr. Mayo stated that the osteopathic profession is undergoing a tremendous change and the AOA is working very hard to make sure it is keeping osteopathic medicine at the forefront of the profession. He explained that there are about 145,000 doctors of osteopathic medicine (DOs) and DOs in-training in the United States, with one in four medical students is in an osteopathic medical school. He indicated that in this profession 65% are under the age of 45. He added that DOs practice in all specialties with almost 70% of DOs practicing in primary care specialties consisting of emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics.

Dr. Mayo spoke about the AOA board certification, stating that six of ten DOs either trained in ACGME or are training now and that from the AOA’s research it was indicated that new physicians want more choices. He indicated that in response, the AOA board made the decision to develop two pathways for certification. He explained that the first pathway would continue to test physicians across all aspects of their practice of osteopathic medicine in their particular specialty, and that the second pathway will evaluate physicians in their specialty in the holistic concepts, in their osteopathic approach to the patient, mind, body and spirit but not test them specifically on their skills in osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT). He indicated that one of the hallmarks of AOA osteopathic board certification has been that the content for the written exams has been provided by practicing physicians for practicing physicians and the AOA wants to continue that practice and so has formed a steering committee to work on this project with initial representation from the AAO, the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM), the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP).

Dr. Mayo stated that another item identified in the research is the importance of testing convenience and it was indicated that offering exams four times a year is an appropriate option. He explained that the AOA is developing opportunities for physicians to take the written exam at vendor examination sites and to provide an option for those boards that give oral exams, to offer in-home exams. He added that osteopathic continuous certification (OCC) is also being reviewed for improvements to provide more frequent preparation questions customized to the physician’s practice that would be available on a mobile device to then be answered in the convenience of the physician’s day with a learning opportunity if the question is not answered correctly.

Dr. Mayo stated that the transition to the ACGME single accreditation system is almost complete with the intention to preserve osteopathic identity and principles in graduate medical education (GME). He indicated that there are now 56 DOs serving in the ACGME in some capacity on a board or on a residency review committee with six DOs serving on its board of trustees, three chairs of review committees (RCs) and four vice chairs. He explained that former AOA president Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, CS, is the chair-elect and that she will become chair of ACGME and serve for two years as chair. He indicated that 89% of the
AOA programs that applied to get ACGME accreditation are accredited, as well as new programs started by the colleges of osteopathic medicine. He added that about 15% of the programs which were historically ACGME programs not affiliated with the AOA, have gotten osteopathic recognition because they recognize the value of osteopathic manipulative medicine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seconded  Carried

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Dr. Kimball entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the AAO’s March 22, 2018, annual business meeting.

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

Seconded  Carried

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

Dr. Dowling stated that the voting will be conducted according to Robert’s Rules and the AAO Constitution and Bylaws. He reviewed the provisions in the AAO 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, stating that those who are entitled to vote can vote. 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. He added that a limited amount of paper ballots will be available to those who are not able to text.

President

Dr. Dowling explained that in accordance with the AAO Constitution and Bylaws, the president-elect automatically succeeds to the office of president, therefore, Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, will be inducted as the Academy’s 2019-20 president during the March 15, 2019, president’s banquet, at which time Dr. Hensel 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 Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, and Richard G. Schuster, DO.

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

Carried

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

Secretary-treasurer

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

Motion

*It was moved to close nominations for the AAO Secretary-treasurer.*

Seconded

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

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

Motion

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

Seconded Carried

Board of Trustees

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

Motion

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

Seconded Carried

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

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, George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO, has resigned from the Board of Governors and because Dr. Heinking was elected to the Board of Trustees, their unexpired one-year terms would need to be filled. Dr. Dowling explained that the members would be voting for up to 12 candidates with the top 10 vote getters serving three-year terms, and the candidates with the next two highest vote getters will fill Dr. Heinking’s and Dr. Pasquarello’s one-year unexpired terms. He added that Dr. Hagopian’s, Dr. O’Connell’s and Dr. Rennie’s names will be struck from the ballot since they have been elected to serve positions on the Board of Trustees.

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

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

- Juan F. Acosta, DO, MS
- Robert N. Agnello, DO, FACOFP
- Kelly A. Busby, DO
- Michael S. Carnes, DO, FAAO
- William H. Devine, DO
- Raymond J. Hruby, DO, MS, FAAODist
Dr. Dowling asked for nominations from the floor and the following members were nominated, seconded and indicated their willingness to serve a three-year term on the AAO Board of Governors: Janice Upton Blumer, DO, FAAO; Leslie M. Ching, DO; John C. Coppinger, DO; Heather P. Ferrill, DO, MS MEdL; Jan T. Hendryx, DO, FAAO; David M. Kanze, DO; Brian Loveless, DO; Kristie Petree, DO; Elias J. Ptak, DO; Eva B. Shay, DO; Charles J. Smutny III, DO, FAAO; and Michael John Terzella, DO.

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

Seconded  Approved

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

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

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

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

Motion
It was moved to close the nominations for the 2019-20 Nominating Committee.

Seconded  Carried

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

Presentation of the Academy Award
Dr. Kimball introduced the 2019 recipient of the Academy Award, Robert Orenstein, DO, FIDSA, FACP, AAHIVS, and asked him to step to the podium. She stated that Dr. Orenstein has served as the editor-in-chief
Dr. Orenstein expressed his gratitude for the award, noting that he was joining a prestigious group of giants in the art and science of osteopathic medicine who are honored for their significant contributions to the osteopathic medical profession. He stated that this award enforces the need to be inclusive in osteopathic medicine and that it takes a diverse team of not just DOs, but DOs, scientists, and others that work to make it a great profession.

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

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

Dr. Orenstein stated that it has been his goal at the *JAOA* to energize the osteopathic profession, to continue to understand what osteopathic physicians do and how it impacts communities. He added that there is a need to invigorate the community colleges, researchers and clinicians to showcase what osteopathic physicians do and
what their value is to society. He explained that as a team, the AOA media team, JAOA editors, and the
editorial staff put together numerous initiatives to reach these goals, teams were reorganized, international
board members were included, there was a switch to a new more interactive electronic format and new
sections were developed.

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

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

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

**President-elect’s Report**
Dr. Kimball asked President-elect Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, to present her annual report. Dr. Hensel
stated one of the highlights of her report is with regard to updating and including osteopathic terms in
SNOMED (Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine). She stated her appreciation of Sandra L. Sleszynski,
DO, FAAO, former chair of the AAO’s Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee (LBORC) and
committee members for identifying the need for osteopathic terms to be recognized and used in worldwide
health care terminology. She stated that with the information provided by the LBORC, she encouraged the
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine’s (AACOM) Educational Council on Osteopathic
Principles (ECOP) as the keepers of the Glossary of Osteopathic Medicine to coordinate this project which is
now under the direction of Deborah Schmidt, DO, and John Garlitz, DO. She explained that they presented at
the international SNOMED conference on the osteopathic experience with updating that terminology in
SNOMED. Dr. Hensel thanked these dedicated osteopathic physicians for this huge undertaking and
explained that hopefully will it be completed in the near future.
Dr. Hensel introduced the program chair for the 2020 AAO Convocation, J’Aimee Anne Lippert, DO. She concluded by thanking the staff and residents at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine for their support throughout the year. She expressed her appreciation of the AAO staff, stating that they are a tremendous resource and blessing to the profession.

**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 negative. She explained that it was a confluence of a number of incidents which included the downturn of the investment market and the decline in AAO membership. She applauded AAO Executive Director Quarles and the AAO staff in keeping the office tightly run and ensuring that the Academy’s activities go on smoothly.

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

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

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

**Executive Director’s Report**

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

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

Ms. Quarles thanked the leader volunteers who have given of their time, talents and energy to the Academy. She introduced the AAO staff, stating her appreciation of their support and teamwork: Taylor Bridgeforth in communications, Debbie Cole, Lauren Good for her work on the Convocation app, website and AAO print communications, Amber Rausch who takes care of the postdoctoral education and CME, Bev Searcy in finance, and Gennie Watts the AAO’s event planner. Ms. Quarles asked that the members thank the staff when they see them during this Convocation. She encouraged the members to look at the AAO’s website and
to provide their suggestions and feedback, stating that money is allocated every year to continue to make
efficient changes and improvements to the face of the Academy.

**FORCE Report**

Dr. Kimball 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 thanked the Academy for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Foundation for Osteopathic
Research and Continuous Education. She expressed her gratefulness for osteopathic medicine as a patient and
as a practicing physician for the benefits she sees in her patients when nothing else has worked. She explained
that there are some patient conditions that only osteopathic manipulative treatment can address and that if the
physician is truly addressing causes, the physician needs the perspectives and skills offered by osteopathic
medicine. She added that in the patient with a mechanical anatomic dysfunction, that patient requires a
mechanical anatomic intervention, that it’s a mechanical problem and it requires a mechanical solution,

Dr. Johnson stated that osteopathic manipulative treatment offers the answers that so many patients seek,
however, patients ask why aren’t more DO’s using their hands, where are these DO’s and where is the
research to support the difference a DO makes? She indicated that the Foundation for Osteopathic Research
and Continuous Education (FORCE) was founded in 2011, with generous donations from many dedicated
DOs to address those patient’s questions. She explained that FORCE was ready with funds to help launch the
Empathy project, a landmark project that provided critical scientific foundation for osteopathic manipulative
medicine. She stated that the research was able to demonstrate that DO training truly produces that

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

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

**New Business**

**AAO Component Societies**

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

- Arizona Academy of Osteopathy
- Florida Academy of Osteopathy
- Indiana Academy of Osteopathy
- Iowa Academy of Osteopathy
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- New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy
- Northwest Academy of Osteopathy
- Ohio Academy of Osteopathy
- The Osteopathic Cranial Academy
- Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy
- Resident American Academy of Osteopathy
- Rocky Mountain American Academy of Osteopathy
- Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation

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

**Motion**

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

Seconded    Carried

Dr. Kimball 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.*

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

Seconded    Carried

**Resident of the Year**

President Kimball introduced the 2019 AAO Resident of the Year, Melinda Mindy Hansen, DO, stating that she is finishing a combined family medicine and osteopathic neuromuscular medicine residency at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center. Dr. Kimball continued stating that 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. She added that Dr. Hansen went to graduate school for a master’s degree in exercise physiology and ultimately to medical school at the AT Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona.

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

**Golden Ram Lifetime Donors**

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

Dr. Kimball explained that since 1987, donations to the Golden Ram have provided the Academy and its leadership opportunities to grow the AAO and to develop and maintain leadership positions on behalf of the osteopathic profession. She explained that this funding mechanism allows the Academy and its members the ability to ensure that OPP and OMM are integrated into the future of the osteopathic profession through numerous activities such as partnering with the AOA to include providing input to policy-setting at the AOA,
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at the American Medical Association (AMA) and at state osteopathic associations. She added that the AAO represents and promotes the agenda of osteopathy in multiple arenas including membership on ACGME taskforces and its committees.

Leadership Service to the Academy

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

ACGME Representation

The members at the meeting asked questions about osteopathic recognition at the ACGME. It was noted that the AAO has been represented at ACGME in the development of the osteopathic recognition training programs since the beginning of the transition to a single accreditation system for GME.

Dr. Kimball indicated that the AAO continues to have a voice in suggesting members for positions within the ACGME and that the members’ additional suggestions and comments presented during this meeting will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its consideration.

Announcements

Dr. Kimball encouraged members to consider providing their time and talent on an Academy committee by completing the committee member application and submitting it to the AAO staff no later than March 30, for consideration by the president-elect. She indicated that applications are located at the AAO registration area and at the Osteopathic Education Service area in the exhibit hall, as well as for nomination forms for the AAO Resident of the Year and for the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor awards.

Dr. Kimball announced that the 2020 AAO Convocation will be held Wednesday, March 11, through Sunday, March 15, at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, stating the Convocation program is tentatively titled “Extending Osteopathic Medicine: Innovation and Expansion in Patient Care and Education,” with J’Aimee A. Lippert, DO, as the program chair.

Dr. Kimball reminded the members that the Academy’s next business meeting will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Adjournment

With the Academy’s business concluded and the tally of votes for the Nominating Committee still pending, Dr. Kimball asked for a motion to adjourn and declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.
2020 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.

PRESIDENT-ELECT
(Elect one for a one-year term)
10 – Richard G. Schuster, DO

TRUSTEE
(Elect two for three-year terms)
20 – Michael S. Carnes, DO, FAAO
21 – Richard G. Schuster, DO*1
22 – William Harry Stager, DO, MS, MPH, FFAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOFP dist.*3
23 – Sheldon C. Yao, DO, FAAO*4

GOVERNOR
(Elect ten for a three-year term each)
40 - Juan F. Acosta, DO, MS
41 - Janice Upton Blumer, DO, FAAO
42 - Jane E. Carreiro, DO*1
43 - Lisa R. Chun, DO, MS, FNAOME
44 - Brian F. Degenhardt, DO*1
45 - R. Todd Dombroski, DO*4
46 - Hugh M. Ettlinger, DO, FAAO, FCA*3
47 - Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, CS*
48 - Jan T. Hendryx, DO, FAAO
49 - Catherine M. Kimball, DO
50 - Richard G. Schuster, DO*1
51 - William H. Stager, DO, MS, MPH, FFAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOFP dist.*3
52 - Ralph C. Walsh Jr., DO, Col, TXANG, MC, CFS*4
53 - Kimberly J. Wolf, DO
54 - Sheldon C. Yao, DO, FAAO*4

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(Elect four for a one year term)
70 - Dennis J. Dowling, DO, MA, FAAO*1
71 - Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO*1
72 - Catherine M. Kimball, DO*1
73 - Michael P. Rowane, DO, MS, FFAFP, FAAO

(Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, ex-officio)

The Nominating Committee was aware of the following circumstances at the time this slate of candidates was developed.

* Asterisk indicates incumbents.

1 If Dr. Schuster is selected to serve as President-elect, his name will be removed from the ballot for Trustee and for Governor.

2 If Dr. Carnes is elected to the Board of Trustees, his two-year unexpired Governors’ term (2019-2022) would need to be filled by election in 2020.

3 If Dr. Stager is selected to serve as a Trustee, his name will be removed from the ballot for Governor.

4 If Dr. Yao is selected to serve as a Trustee, his name will be removed from the ballot for Governor.

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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, 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.

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 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 the 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 top contribution to the AAO to date and its significance.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

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

**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. In moving forward, we must stay true to our roots and the founding principles of the Academy and the osteopathic profession. We may not agree on policy and procedure, but we should remain united in those principles. It is here that our true strength lies, in the members of this Academy.

**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.

*Note: If Dr. Schuster is elected as president-elect, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for trustee and governor.*

**TRUSTEE**

*(elect two for three-year terms)*

**MICHAEL S. CARNES, DO, FAAO**

**Vision:** At a time when AOA has eliminated the need for physicians to seek specialty-specific CME, the AAO is uniquely equipped with the commitment and expertise within the membership to continue providing the excellent education and mentorship that brings us back to these workshops, courses, and meetings year after year.

**Contributions:** While serving as part of the Postdoctoral Standards Committee, we rewrote the Basic Standard for Residency Training in NMM. When the ACGME formed the Review Committee for ONMM, they were able to use the language we had created for our standards as the foundation of the ONMM residency training guidelines under the new accreditation system.

**Biographical sketch:** I graduated from Des Moines University in 1997, followed by an internship in emergency medicine in Richmond Heights, Ohio, and a residency in OMM at St. Barnabas Hospital in Bronx, New York. I was in practice/teaching environments developing hospital consult services and NMM residencies in Fort Worth and then Muskegon, Michigan, from 2000 to 2013, and have been teaching/practicing at KYCOM in Pikeville,
Kentucky, since 2013. I served on the AAO’s Postdoctoral Standards Committee from 2001 to 2016, and the AOBNNM from 2008 to 2019. I was awarded the first Emerging Leaders Award from the AOF in 2002 and earned my FAAO in 2008.

Note: If Dr. Carnes is elected to the Board of Trustees, his unexpired term on the Board of Governors (2019-22) will be filled during the 2020 election.

RICHARD G. SCHUSTER, DO*

See Dr. Schuster’s candidate statement under President-elect above.

Note: If Dr. Schuster is elected as president-elect, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for trustee and governor.

WILLIAM HARRY STAGER, DO, MS, MPH, FAAFP, FAAMA, FAAO, FACOPFDIST.

**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:**

- AAO Board of Governors 2019-2020; FAAO 2007;
- Life member: AAO, Osteopathic Cranial Academy, Florida Academy of Osteopathy;
- Osteopathic Education Service Committee member 2005-2015;

**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.

Note: If Dr. Stager is elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for
BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NOMINEES continued

SHELDON C. YAO, DO, FAAO*

Vision: The AAO needs to be a leader in osteopathic education, outreach, and research and to be advocates for our patients and community and fellow physicians. The Academy needs to be the leader in providing osteopathic education and care to all.

Contributions: I have been serving the Academy since 2006 as part of the membership and SAC committees. I have served on the Board of Governors since 2013 and on the Board of Trustees since 2016. I have had the opportunity to work with many Academy members to improve committee communication and forward the AAO’s mission through our strategic plan.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Sheldon Yao received his DO degree at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM) in 2002. He is board certified in family medicine/OMT and NMM/OMM. Dr. Yao is the OMM Department chair at NYITCOM. Dr. Yao teaches and precepts students in the classroom and office setting and has been honored with NYITCOM teaching awards yearly from 2010 to 2015. He is the primary investigator in studies examining the effects of OMM in Parkinson’s disease and concussions and other OMM-related educational research studies. He received his FAAO in March 2019.

Note: If Dr. Yao is elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for governor.

GOVERNOR
(elect 10 for three-year terms)

JUAN F. ACOSTA, DO, MS

Vision: The Academy is in a great position to attract osteopathic physicians to come back “home.” This will also be the cornerstone for all of the ACGME residencies with Osteopathic Recognition to keep the profession alive. We need to continue to support our future, which is our students and residents.

Contributions: Academy member for over 26 years. Nominated by the Academy to the ACGME OPC Committee and served a four-year term, ending 6/19. Served as a faculty adviser for PNWU SAAO. AAO’s 2019 Convocation LBORC-NUFA Research Poster Presentation judge.

Biographical sketch: I am AOA 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 of my students in the Emergency Department as well as those I taught while I was in 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 honored and grateful to have been nominated to be on the Board of Governors for the AAO.
Janice Upton Blumer, DO, FAAO

Vision: As current editor-in-chief of the AAOJ, my focus has been on education towards scholarly activity, advancement of our society journal while honoring our heritage, and development of educational pathways to help our students transition into a single common pathway. This profession has a rich heritage of innovation, and I believe we are up for the task.

Contributions: Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee Poster Subcommittee Chairperson 2013-2016: Advanced the poster submissions, process and acceptance quality while streamlining the committee and evaluation process. AAOJ editor-in-chief 2017-present: Work with AAO staff to produce a quality society journal; advanced the process of review for the journal; assisted the process of advancing the journal by taking steps towards indexing in MEDLINE.

Biographical sketch: A graduate of COMP 1991, Dr. Blumer is currently vice chair of NMM/OMM of the COMP-Northwest campus and has been affiliated with COMP-NW since 2010. Dr. Blumer is a Fellow of the Academy since 2015. She is board certified in family practice through ABFM and AOBFP. In 2015, she was awarded the Western University Teacher of the Year and in 2018 the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. She lives in Albany, Oregon, with her physician husband who works in postgraduate medical education, and has three grown children and a dog named Flo.

Jane E. Carreiro, DO*

Vision: The AAO will be looked to 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: President, Nominating Committee, Board of Trustees, Education Committee, Chair Convocation, Chair AAO-OMED program, International Affairs Committee.

Biographical sketch: Jane Carreiro, DO, is the vice president of health affairs and the dean of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. In addition to her service to the Academy, she was the first woman to chair the Osteopathic International Alliance. She is a recipient of the A.T. Still Medallion of Honor, the Harold Blood Award, and the W.G. Sutherland Memorial Lecture. She has also served on the Osteopathic Recognition Committee for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

**BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NOMINEES continued**

**LISA R. CHUN, DO, MS, FNAOME**

**Vision:** An organization which leads and collaborates with others for the advancement and betterment of all learners of osteopathic medicine. An organization that supports osteopathic physicians and advocates for students, residents, physicians, and patients. An organization that maintains high standards of osteopathic education, medicine, and patient care.

**Contributions:** Committee participation and conference attendance: SAAO faculty adviser for multiple schools; Bylaws Committee for several years; conference attendance since mid-1980s, supporting the organization and profession.

**Biographical sketch:** Starting as a NYCOM pre-doctoral OPP fellow, I became chief resident in the inaugural NMM residency at St. Barnabas and then went into private practice. I’ve held academic positions as director of the pre-doctoral OPP fellowship, chair of OMM, founding NMM Plus-One program director and currently the associate dean of osteopathic clinical education at CHSU-COM. I completed the UNE Masters in Medical Education Leadership Program and have status as a certified physician executive. Currently, I serve as NBOME national faculty, a Fellow of NAOME, board member of the AOGME, and am an Osteopathic Health Policy Fellow. I have also served as a California delegate to the AOA.

**BRIAN F. DEGENHARDT, DO**

**Vision:** The AAO needs to become the leading organization sustaining, advancing and modernizing the OPP. The AAO must prioritize engaging and recruiting physicians-in-training into the Academy and leverage the skill set and outcomes of current and future DOs to advance the manual therapy discipline and assure sustaining reimbursement for our services.

**Contributions:** My contribution is in OMM research and training. As director of the Still Research Institute, the PBRN DO-Touch.NET, chair of the LBORC, and as a clinician active in out- and inpatient clinical activities and residency training, I have advanced the evidence base of OMM and the skills of future DOs.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Degenhardt is the assistant vice president for osteopathic research at ATSU, director of the A.T. Still Research Institute, and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Endowed Chair for Research in Osteopathic Diagnostic and Therapeutic Palpation. He oversees numerous areas of research, directing research in palpatory diagnosis and OMT. He is also the director of DO-Touch.NET, an international practice-based research network assessing the clinical usefulness of OMM. He has published a broad scope of research. He has developed the Advancing Skills in Osteopathy Program, a continuing education program that utilizes state-of-the-art instrumentation to provide objective feedback to advance clinicians’ palpatory skills.

**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.

**Biographical sketch:** A Kirksville graduate 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.
HUGH M. ETTLINGER, DO, FAAO, FCA*

Biographical sketch: Dr. Ettlinger is a 1987 graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYCOM) and has been board-certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine/osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM) since 1993. He is an associate professor of OMM at NYCOM and director of the NYCOM/St. Barnabas ONMM Residency Program. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation (SCTF) and has been the vice president since 2013. He is also currently a faculty member and program chair for the SCTF.

ANN L. HABENICHT, DO, FAAO, FACOFP, CS*

Vision: With the ACGME merger implemented, the Academy has an opportunity to further expand osteopathy to residencies and osteopathic specialty colleges. The Academy can provide the needed teachings to train allopathic and osteopathic residents and assist the specialty colleges to return to their “roots.” I wish to be a part of this venture.

Contributions: AAO president 1997-98 and BOG since. Member of EDCOM and program chair for OMT Update for 15 years and 1995 Convocation Chair. I have been a member of the BOT, Bylaws Committee and SAAO advisers. I have participated in multiple long-range planning committees. I also help the AAO at AOA House of Delegates by treating the delegates.

Biographical sketch: Dr. Habenicht, a 1982 graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM), is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM). She has earned fellowships in both the ACOFP and the AAO. She is a professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine at CCOM. Dr. Habenicht is a past president of the AAO. She is a member of the AOBNMM and serves as the vice chair. Dr. Habenicht is in private practice in NMM in Beavercreek, Ohio.

JAN T. HENDRYX, DO, FAAO

Vision: In order to keep osteopathy alive, we need a paradigm shift in how the AAO operates. Autonomy, strengthening bonds and leadership with the international osteopathic community, a robust PR campaign led by enthusiastic, talented marketing individuals, and drawing upon the skills, knowledge and creativity of interested young people in our profession will lead us in the right direction. The AAO needs to be THE LEADER!

Contributions: I believe my top contribution to the AAO is my continued fervent support for its mission through my own membership, participation at Convocations, networking with my colleagues, and enthusiastic teaching and encouragement of interested osteopathic students.

Biographical sketch: I received my DO degree from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (1986), and completed my internship at Phoenix General Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona (1987), and residency in family medicine at Grandview Hospital and Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio (1989). I received my acupuncture training through the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture/UCLA School of Medicine (1989) and am a fellow...
(FAAMA). I am board certified by ACOFP, CSPOMM and the AAMA, and completed my FAAO in 2013. I am also a founding member of the Colorado Society of Osteopathic Medicine. Over the years, I have conducted integrative pain (osteopathy/acupuncture) practices in Boulder, Colorado; Bradford, Pennsylvania; and currently with Medical Associates of Erie/LECOM-Health. I presently serve as a clinical professor of family medicine and OPP and OPP course director at LECOM-Erie and have been a member of ECOP since 2005. I also participated on the NBOME test-writing committee for several years. I have lectured and conducted workshops nationally and internationally on osteopathy, acupuncture and various other integrative health subjects.

CATHERINE M. KIMBALL, DO

**Vision:** The AAO has created and utilized a robust strategic plan. My vision is to continue the good work already started, to support our mission of education and advocacy to make osteopathic medical care available to all.

**Contributions:** I bring many years of leadership experience to our process at the Board of Governors. I have not been afraid to ask questions and to advocate for all aspects of our membership, from students to practicing physicians to faculty and residency directors.

**Biographical sketch:** I have a strong history of leadership. I became chief of the medical staff at Inland Hospital in 1993 after being chief of family practice, and I have served in that capacity for 20+ of the last 30 years. I continue to serve on the Board of Trustees of Inland Hospital. I was actively engaged in leadership at a system level for Northern Light Health as an active member of the Regional Membership group. I am the lead physician in a large primary care practice. I served the AAO as 2018-19 president, and I’m currently the immediate past president.

RICHARD G. SCHUSTER, DO

See Dr. Schuster’s candidate statement under President-elect above.

*Note: If Dr. Schuster is elected as president-elect, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for trustee and governor. If he is elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for governor.*

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

See Dr. Stager’s candidate statement under Board of Trustees above.

*Note: If Dr. Stager is elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for governor.*

RALPH C. WALSH JR., DO, COL, TXANG, MC, CFS*

**Vision:** We are on a long-fought journey of being a louder and stronger voice within the AOA. For me, this has been due to the tireless efforts of our colleagues who strive to stay true to the principles that Dr. Still has given 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 to continue pushing forward.

**Contributions:** Active member of BOG for a one-year term 2019-20. Active role in the earlier OD&TE committees since 2005 and chair of the current Osteopathic Education Service (OES) since 2011, expanding physician participation and establishing and incorporating OES goals into AAO strategic plans. Active participation in the AAO Leadership Forums the past five years.

**Biographical sketch:** Clay Walsh, DO, TCOM ’92, accomplished his internship and family medicine residency
in Ohio and a +1 OMM 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 the OMM Department at UNTHSC-TCOM. In addition to providing hospital and clinical OMM, he was the Year III Core OMM Course Director and provided 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 chair since 2011. Since 2015, Col. Walsh has continued working with the USAF full-time and is currently the medical group commander for the 136th AW and full-time medical provider. Dr. Walsh is currently serving a one-year term on the BOG and has been an active participant and looks forward to serving a full three-year term with his fellow colleagues.

KIMBERLY J. WOLF, DO

**Vision:** Our profession is at a critical point in our history as we enter the era of ACGME single accreditation and discussions on content changes for specialty boards continue. I envision the AAO being the most vocal advocate for osteopathic physicians to maintain our distinctiveness as we face these new challenges.

**Contributions:** I have served as chair of LBORC’s Poster Presentation Subcommittee for three years. My committee has expanded the impact of this event and improved the quality of submissions and presentations over this time. I am also active in coordinating and leading the pediatric special interest group at Convocation each year.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Wolf is a graduate of COMP and completed her pediatric residency at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. She currently serves as an associate professor of OMM and director of pediatric OMM at Touro University California, where her clinical practice is exclusively pediatric OMT. She is passionate about promoting the use of OMT in pediatrics, and she has lectured locally and nationally on this topic. Dr. Wolf is also committed to advancing the field of osteopathic medicine through research, and her most current research project involves a collaboration with UCSF investigating the role of OMT in treating patients with autism spectrum disorder.

SHELDON C. YAO, DO, FAAO

See Dr. Yao’s candidate statement under Board of Trustees above.

*Note: If Dr. Yao is elected to the Board of Trustees, he automatically will be removed as a candidate for governor.*

**DENNIS J. DOWLING, DO, FAAO**

**Vision:** The AAO must maintain its status 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 chair of the Nominating Committee to advance the organization by addressing the continuing need for leaders. I feel that I have served this purpose as an officer of the AAO in various capacities as well as being the chair of the Nominating Committee. We must prepare the AAO for the next 20 to 30 years.
Biographical sketch: Dr. Dowling is a 1989 graduate of the NYCOM and is a contributing author and illustrator to several journals and textbooks. He developed the PINS technique and 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, Turfler 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 NYCOM and is a clinical professor at MWU/CCOM, PCOM, KCUMB, NYCOM, COMP 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 fellowship 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.

**LAURA E. GRIFFIN, DO, FAAO***

**Vision:** The Academy needs to continue focusing on what it is best at, providing the best education in osteopathic principles and practices in the world, while continuing to provide our members a “professional home” and representing and protecting them and osteopathic medicine in general on the national front.

**Contributions:** I have served on the Board of Governors and Trustees and completed my term as president from 2016-17. I remain on BOG, have served on the Nominating Committee for the last three years and just recently joined the Committee on Fellowship in the AAO.

**Biographical sketch:** Dr. Griffin graduated from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996 after completing a one-year pre-doctoral anatomy/osteopathic principles and practices fellowship. She was the first graduate of UNECOM’s integrated family practice/neuromusculoskeletal medicine 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 OPP Department 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 AAO from March 2016 through March 2017. She is also a member of the ACGME Osteopathic Principles Committee.

**CATHERINE M. KIMBALL, DO***

See Dr. Kimball’s campaign statement under Board of Governors above.

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

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

**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 by developing our faculty development programs. It has been a privilege to serve on multiple committees for the AAO, and I was honored to serve as the 2017-18 AAO president. Currently, I am focused on my role as chair of the AAO’s ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Support Program Task Force.
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 family medicine residency at UPMC Hamot 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 Fellowship in the American Academy of Osteopathy 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 and is chairing their UME-GME Faculty Development Working Group. Dr. Rowane was previously appointed to the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Osteopathic Principles Committee and serves on American Association on 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. In 2019, he published the second edition of Basic Musculoskeletal Manipulation Skills: The 15 Minute Office Encounter, an AAO publication, with co-author Paul Evans, DO, LLD (Hon.), FACOFP. He has been listed in “The Best Doctors in America” and as a “Top Doctor” in Cleveland Magazine.

KENDI L. HENSEL, DO, PHD, FAAO (EX-OFFICIO)

As the AAO’s 2020-21 immediate past president, Dr. Hensel will automatically serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee for one year.
What a year! As I look back at all that’s transpired, my feeling is one of both pride and humility.

I am proud to have represented the AAO at many events this past year. From the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association state convention, to the Osteopathic Cranial Academy annual conference, to meetings of the AOA, I have been honored to have served as your representative at many events. The Academy is a highly valued voice in discussions on everything from billing to CME, and your leadership has served you well this year.

I am humbled to have served you, our members, my colleagues, in this role. I have represented your concerns at the AOA and with other specialty associations. In personal roles I have carried that representation to the NIH and AMA. I hope that I have been a voice speaking the unifying truth of this great profession, raising awareness of what we do, and how we are different.

You have great leadership in the Academy. You have visionary committees like the Education Committee, which works diligently to develop courses that you want, to advance your skills, and to serve your patients. You have the Publications Committee, which is working to increase the quality of AAO publications and products, and to elevate the standard of the AAOJ. Your Board of Trustees has worked to improve the Academy’s policies and procedures, and improve communication and goal-sharing with our many committees.

You have a great AAO staff. Led by Sherri Quarles, this team works to keep the many aspects of the Academy running. From meeting minutes, to publications, to event planning, and keeping accounts, there are innumerable tasks that go into a smooth-running organization, many of which I was not aware of until this last year. So much goes on behind the scenes that most of us never know. And Sherri, as our Executive Director, represents us to such a high standard, she is a model among association executive directors. She speaks out often, with concise and relevant points to support her position, and she’s sought out to consult and partner on issues. Sherri’s knowledge of Academy history, policies, and the many issues that are relevant to our members is truly voluminous, and I would not have been as successful (or sane!) this year without her counsel.

We have so many challenges ahead of us. We, as a profession, still struggle without a clear identity. We struggle with reimbursement, with licensing demands, and with burnout and competing demands. There is always something else to do!

But the remarkable thing I’ve witnessed this year has been how much most of us have in common, and how much we want to work together. When we share a goal, many past animosities can be put aside, and a new foundation built on commonalities. Not to say we’ll always, or even frequently, agree, but I believe there is hope in our profession. I believe that we are in a stronger place now, with more schools, more numbers, and more opportunities.

So, what will I do now, with the presidency behind me? No plans for Disneyland here! I have my “day” job, at UNTHSC- TCOM, where I’ve been for 15 years, and now serve as a course director and associate program director for our residencies. I have some research plans percolating, and new collaborations to develop. I have patients to see, and the flag of osteopathic medicine to wave as I continue to represent you at the AMA Pain Care Task Force and on the NIH-NCCIH Advisory Council. And I will continue to serve the AAO in any way I can.

This has been an amazing year, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve and represent you.

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Kendi Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO
This past year as the American Academy of Osteopathy’s president-elect, I have represented the AAO at various events. Beginning in July, I attended the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Board of Trustees’ meeting from July 22-24 and the AOA House of Delegates meeting from July 26-28. It was an opportunity to collaborate with various parties particularly in the deliberative process on the resolutions and in networking with the various components of the AOA and the nation-wide physician membership.

The highlight of the House of Delegates meeting was my opportunity to be a participant among several specialty colleges in giving testimony to the AOA Bureau of Education in support of Substitute Resolution H-220 that resolved to: Reaffirm inclusion of osteopathic principles and practice in every osteopathic board certification examination, regardless of specialty; continue the opportunity for osteopathic certifying boards to develop and administer OMM/OMT practical examinations which are specific and appropriate for their specialty; allows a requirement for specialty-specific content in CME for recertification/continuing certification beginning with the 2022 CME cycle (though might take effect at an earlier time frame); and continues to encourage the ACGME to include an osteopathic educational component in Osteopathic Recognized residencies. This was a significant victory for our profession and a hopeful trend going forward.

During the AOA Annual Meeting, Dr. Hensel, Ms. Quarles and I had a very productive discussion with staff from AOA Physician Services. Some of the challenges reviewed included insurance reimbursement and documentation issues. It is hoped that more regular communication and updating will help the membership with effective strategies to deal with these issues.

I serve as one of two AOA appointed Academy representatives to the AOA Distinct Osteopathic Certification Committee (CDOC), formerly the AOA Initial Certification Steering Committee. This committee was established to assess the osteopathic content present in all osteopathic specialties and assist in determining what potential content is required for cognitive and performance examination leading to Distinct Osteopathic Certification. I have attended several meetings in May, September, and more recently in February with multiple communications between. Part of my suggestion was in support for a medical specialty job task analysis to assess the osteopathic components in each specialty. An additional consideration is the effect of HOD Substitute Resolution H-220 in the development of distinctive certification. It is anticipated that this process will continue to require significant time and work into the future.

In September, I attended the Washington, D.C. legislative event as one of 42 representatives from eleven osteopathic specialty colleges. I met with seven congressional representatives from the states of Nevada and Montana that included either the senator, congressional representative, or their legislative representative. The unified issues centered on support for three key resolutions before Congress including the reauthorization of the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program, protection for patient access to end Surprise Medical Billing and to change Prior Authorization requirements while protecting seniors’ access to care. This event was the first ever by a group of osteopathic specialty colleges which was coordinated by the AOA’s National Osteopathic Advocacy Center.

I have also been involved in work on the AAO Manual of Procedures and Current Committee Structure Task Force, where my activities included dialog with three committees: the Committee on Fellowship in the AAO, the Postdoctoral Training Committee, and the Postdoctoral Standards and Accreditation Committee. Additional meetings will be held to continue the review process set forth.
Barbara Zajdel, DO, FAAO, the 2021 AAO Convocation Program Chairperson and I are developing the educational considerations for this event with the theme focusing on the application of OMM for the Medical Specialties. This theme closely aligns with the multiple ways in which the osteopathic specialties are working to improve collaboration within the profession.

I remain committed to strengthen the role of the Academy in promoting and maintaining the osteopathic profession by engaging the challenges in academic, economic, regulatory and organizational management.

Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO
Our audited income for fiscal year 2018-19 was $1,432,934 while our expenses were $1,585,570 which led to a deficit of $91,084. The cause for the deficit can be attributed to the need to make a draw on the investment to offset the deficit from the prior year. Membership changes in AOA with the decoupling are affecting many of the specialty colleges. The change in the CME guidelines removing specialty specific credit caused a shift in our educational platform. I am pleased to announce at this time, AOA will begin allowing specialty specific credit and we are hoping that change will be implemented soon for our group.

In 2017-18, AAO had a deficit. This is the second year for a deficit. The cause for the decrease was some of the same factors for the decline this past year. Membership, Convocation and return on investment have taken a toll on many non-profits this year. The Board of Trustees continues to look for additional ways to provide quality member benefits for our members. This year we launched our new Member Benefit of assisting in Practice Management issues. Our staff has partnered with Physician Revenue Management Inc. (PRM) to answer your questions, provide useful information and find effective solutions. PRM has more than 20 years of experience in the clinical, practice management, payment resolution and revenue cycle arenas. 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 decline over the prior fiscal year. Fiscal year 2017-18 membership revenue was $377,376, while the 2018-19 membership revenue was $348,530, a decrease of $28,846. Membership numbers are slightly behind based on last year’s numbers.

As of July 31, 2019, AAO investments were valued at $2,525,185, down $37,532 from $2,562,717 at the close of 2017-18. However, as of Jan. 31, 2020, our investments are up to $2,670,779 due to additional donations and market shifts. The AAO continues to fund research projects, so keep submitting those grant applications. We are still receiving regular dividends from our investment funds which will allow us to support the activities of the AAO.

The review for 2018-19 was completed in five days of field work. The Auditor’s conclusion was based on our review. We are not aware of any materials modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order to be in accordance with the principles generally accepted in the Unites States of America. AAO needs to look for other revenue generators to make sure that we do not fall into another year of a deficit. The Academy did adopt the new accounting guidance by the Financial Accounting standard board under Financial Accounting Standard update for Not-for-Profit Entities.

They did not find any deficiencies in internal control that is considered to be a material weakness. Another successful review of the Academy’s records.

The AAO strives to ensure that we hold our financials up to the highest standards.

Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S 2019-20 REPORT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHERRI L. QUARLES

It is nice to have the reports of the Academy’s president, president-elect and secretary-treasurer on the previous pages that share so much of what has happened throughout the year which allows my report to focus more on the internal matters of the Academy. We ended the year with a deficit, and we are working on positive ways to improve our current situation. These opportunities include other non-dues revenue options and scouting for additional services that we can provide to our members and those who want to become members of our organization. Looking at some of the challenges, I feel that we are providing new opportunities for our members since my last report.

I would like to thank the leadership of the Academy for their support of the organization in moving forward with new initiatives and enhancing other areas that need to be revisited. Leading the charge has been 2019-20 AAO President Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO with the assistance of the AAO Executive Committee which consists of 2019-20 AAO President-elect Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO; 2019-20 AAO Secretary-treasurer Judith A. O’Connell, DO, MHA, FAAO; and 2019-20 AAO Immediate Past President Catherine M. Kimball, DO. Each of our leaders volunteer their time and talents to the Academy while serving on other committees with our partnering, like-minded organizations. A big thank you to the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, committee chairs, committee members and other volunteers that make the Academy a success.

AAO Assists in Practice Management Issues
The AAO understands the difficulties members face with practice management issues (e.g., claims denial, documentation, coding, etc.) and a new AAO member benefit will provide you with support in navigating these issues. Our staff has partnered with Physician Revenue Management Inc. (PRM) to answer your questions, provide useful information and find effective solutions. PRM has more than 20 years of experience in the clinical, practice management, payment resolution and revenue cycle arenas. They have expertise in Medicare and commercial payers’ reimbursement policies and in developing Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes through the American Medical Association’s CPT Editorial Panel and the subsequent valuation of physician services and procedures through the Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC) processes. Additionally, PRM has experience working with osteopathic physicians and has extensive knowledge of reporting osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT). Contact the AAO for help finding solutions to your CPT and ICD-10 coding questions, examining Explanations of Benefits to understand claims denials, or drafting first- or second-level appeal letters. Fees may apply. The AAO will continue to analyze changes to existing payment policies to determine the impact on AAO members. Please feel free to contact the AAO office through email at info@academyofosteopathy.org or by telephone at 317-879-1881.

AAO Partners with Marketpath to offer Physician Websites
The American Academy of Osteopathy would like to announce a new program to support your practice’s online presence, website visibility and traffic, and brand credibility. We’re partnering with Marketpath, Inc., a leading website marketing software and services company, to offer a new AAO Physician Website Program for our members. Marketpath maintains and supports the AAO’s website, member portal and directory since 2015, and has significant experience providing website and digital marketing services for physicians and healthcare clients. Marketpath delivers website and digital marketing services for osteopathic physicians and medical offices. They have significant experience partnering with both large and small medical practices and organizations, helping them improve their credibility, increase visibility and traffic, and generate new patients. https://www.marketpath.com/aa-auto-doctor-websites. Be sure to look for them in the exhibit hall.
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Sherri L. Quarles

Members Involvement
The Academy cannot exist without you as volunteers, and we have many opportunities for your involvement. Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, the AAO’s 2019-20 president-elect, encourages all members to consider volunteering for an AAO committee. Academy members are welcome to audit any committee meeting with advance notice to the chair and staff. Review the list of committees at www.academyofosteopathy.org, and return your completed committee application to Debbie Cole, the AAO’s assistant to the executive director and board and committee liaison, at Dcole@academyofosteopathy.org. If you have any questions about the work a committee does, or the time commitment involved, do not hesitate to reach out to me, Debbie or the committee chair.

Communication
We focus our social media efforts on Facebook and Twitter, so be sure you’re following us, liking and sharing. It’s one of the easiest ways to stay in touch and help spread the word about the AAO and osteopathic manipulative medicine. To make it easier for members of the public to obtain osteopathic manipulative medicine from Academy members, the AAO licensed the vanity URL www.FindOMM.org, which takes viewers to the Academy’s “Find a Physician” Web page.

The AAOJ Needs Your Support - as mentioned in the January 2020 Newsletter
Most journals are hosted online where articles are posted individually. All visitors can see titles, authors and abstracts, but only subscribers can see full articles. This is the direction we want to take the AAOJ instead of posting PDFs of full issues. This system will allow increased discoverability via search engines, resulting in a broader impact for research published in the AAOJ. In addition, because this format is considered standard, it will increase our chances of becoming indexed in MEDLINE, which is another goal of the Publications Committee. Of course, development such as this always requires additional funding. That’s where you come in. Initial setup costs for both systems will come to around $5,000, and annual operating costs are estimated around $10,000. We know our members value research and osteopathic manipulative medicine, and we hope you’ll agree that it is vital to support this effort financially. Please consider contributing to the AAOJ Fund in addition to your contributions to the AAO’s Golden Ram campaign. All donations to the AAOJ Fund will be used strictly for AAOJ development. Golden Ram contributions will be used wherever they are most needed.

HOW CAN I BE INCLUDED IN THE AAO’S FIND A PHYSICIAN SEARCH?
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 the business phone number appears in the listing, check the Searchable box (on the right).
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.

Technological Advances
This will be the fourth year AAO has released a mobile app for Convocation. We have made several changes and took your comments into consideration. As a result, the mobile application has a section that shares the candidates’ information. Other features of the mobile app include up-to-date scheduling, customized scheduling, notifications, professional networking, group discussions and frequently asked questions. The mobile app will allow users to stay updated on everything happening at the AAO’s 2020 Convocation.
Your Supportive AAO Team
The AAO team each have the passion and determination to continue working toward the goals developed to fulfill the purpose of the Academy’s mission. I would like to take the time to thank our staff for continuing to make improvements for this process to run more smoothly.

- Debbie Cole, assistant to the executive director and board and committee liaison
- Amber Rausch, postdoctoral education liaison and CME coordinator
- Bev Searcy, finance and membership assistant
- Gennie Watts, event planner

I am currently working on filling the position of Publications Administrator. We have a wonderful temp working in that position for a month. I am proud to say we have not missed a publication at this time.

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
The American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) Board of Trustees are recommending proposed amendments to the AAO Constitution and Bylaws. As an affiliate specialty college of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the leadership has worked to bring the AAO’s Constitution and Bylaws into alignment with the AOA’s approved revised bylaws. These proposed changes have been reviewed, revised, and vetted by the AAO Bylaws Committee, by the Nominating Committee and by the AAO Board of Governors. The board submits the following proposed changes for consideration at the AAO annual business meeting of the membership for five amendments. Reference the following tracked changes document with changes in color and old wording struck.

In accordance with the American Osteopathic Association’s bylaws, the Academy will submit to the AOA Board of Trustees in July for review of amendments approved by the Academy members.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1: page 2, Section A: Constitution, Article VIII. Membership, Section 1, item (a), page 2, starting at line 111.**

Explanatory statement: The AAO’s membership has been focused on doctors of osteopathic medicine. The proposed language allows for those health care professionals who meet the requirements to become a part of this organization in the interest of promoting, advocating for and representing the interests of osteopathic medicine.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2: page 3, Section B: Bylaws, Article I. Membership, Section 3, A. Full Member, a., starting at line 161.**

Explanatory statement: Currently the AAO’s Full Membership category is for DOs. The proposed language allows for those health care professionals who meet the requirements to receive full membership benefits and it reflects the changes that the American Osteopathic Association has made to its membership categories.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3: page 5, Section B: Bylaws, Article IV. Duties of Officers, Section 3, starting at line 281.**

Explanatory statement: These changes include bullet points to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the AAO secretary-treasurer with the addition of the last two sentences which emphasize that this elected officer: needs to be specially qualified, will have access to the Academy’s financial records, will be involved with the Board of Trustees and needs to have the history and knowledge of the organization.
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS - continued

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4: page 5, Section B: Bylaws, Article VI. Governor, adding Section 2, starting at line 309.

Explanatory statement: The AAO Board of Governors currently does not have term limits and in the past 19 years only 69 different people have served this 30-position board. The proposed wording will allow more open positions for new members to serve on this board. Please note that if approved, the term limit will start with new terms of service beginning in 2020 with those members elected (re-elected) at this year’s annual business meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5: AAO Constitution and Bylaws – reference specific items.
• Page 1, line 55 – change Postgraduate to Resident (name change approved last year)
• Page 3, lines 176-177 – addition of accredited medical schools to student membership
• Page 3, starting at line 179 – updates to associate membership
• Page 4, starting at line 189 – updates to international affiliate membership
• Page 4, line 211 – change six months to sixty days
• Page 4, starting at line 247 – updates to elective office and committee membership (there is no category of Life Member)
• Page 6, line 320 – capitalization of Nominating Committee (standing committee of the organization)
• Page 6, line 323 – update the time line for the nomination process
• Page 6, line 334 – change Postgraduate to Resident (name change approved last year)
• Page 7, line 384 – change AOA to AAO (proof of membership in the Academy)
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 Resident 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 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 American Osteopathic Association’s Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) or have graduated from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or be a graduate of a school of medicine located outside of the United States and have completed residency training in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and shall be eligible for unrestricted licensure as a physician and/or surgeon to practice medicine and surgery or shall be in an ACGME accredited training program, which is a prerequisite for licensure. Non-osteopathic applicants should meet the qualifications of full membership and have an interest in promoting, advocating for and representing the interests of osteopathic medicine and osteopathic physicians.

(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 years’ 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  C. Student  E. International Affiliate  G. Honorary
B. Retired  D. Associate  F. Honorary Life  H. Supporter

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 American Osteopathic Association’s Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) or have graduated from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or be a graduate of a school of medicine located outside of the United States and have completed residency training in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and shall be eligible for unrestricted licensure as a physician and/or surgeon to practice medicine and surgery or shall be in an ACGME accredited training program, which is a prerequisite for licensure. Non-osteopathic applicants should meet the qualifications of full membership and have an interest in promoting, advocating for and representing the interests of osteopathic medicine and osteopathic physicians.

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 (COCA) or a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or their successors. Such members, however, shall have no voting rights.

D. By action of the Board of Trustees, Associate Membership may be granted to the following who do not meet the requirements of full membership: graduates of accredited schools of medicine, dentistry, or podiatry who have made written application; doctors of philosophy or education or other nondoctoral personnel holding teaching, research and administrative positions in AOA-COCA or LCME accredited 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 do not meet the requirements of full membership, 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 membership 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 an Honorary 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 requires a three-year elected position and participates as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

As part of his or her duties, the Secretary-Treasurer shall

- Make certain 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.
- Attend to the fiduciary duties of the Academy, including managing the finances, countersigning all deeds, leases, and conveyances executed by the corporation, affixing 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 certain all books, papers, records and documents belonging to this corporation, or otherwise pertaining to the business thereof are kept safely and systematically.
- Make sure all dues, assessments, or other monies due the corporation are collected.
- 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.
- Be responsible for an accurate accounting of all monies, credits, or properties of any and every nature which may come into the possession of the corporation, and all disbursements.
- Periodically make reports to the Board of Trustees
- Be responsible for the preparation of the Annual Academy Budget to be presented to the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting.
- 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.
Due to the nature of these duties, the Secretary-Treasurer must have high familiarity with all aspects of the organization. Candidates for the position of Secretary-Treasurer must have been a past president or a member of the Board of Trustees for a minimum of five years.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall make sure that the records are kept of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, 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.

SECTION 2

For all governors, with the exception of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and Board of Trustees, the aggregate terms of Office of Governors shall be limited to no more than eleven (11) years. Governors may serve three (3) consecutive three (3)-year terms, with up to an additional two (2)-years of an unexpired term. Time served as a student member, intern/resident member, or as new physician in practice member shall not be included in calculating the eleven years of service. Members must have a minimum of one year off the Board of Governors before being eligible for election again. After this time off, members are eligible to serve up to eleven (11) years again.

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-August 31 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 Resident 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 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-AAO 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, 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

2020 ACADEMY AWARD
Johannes Mayer, MD, DOM (Germany)

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 2019-20 AAO President Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO, on Thursday, March 12.

2020 ANDREW TAYLOR STILL MEDALLION OF HONOR
Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO

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, Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, on Saturday, March 14.

2020 FELLOW OF AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSTEOPATHY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA

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 13, by the chair of the Committee on Fellowship, David B. Fuller, DO, FAAO.

2020 HAROLD A. BLOOD, DO, FAAO, MEMORIAL LECTURER AWARD
Karen T. Snider, 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 14, by the chair of the SAAO Executive Council, Danielle D. Dukes, OMS IV.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT’S CERTIFICATE
Kendi L. Hensel, DO, PhD, FAAO

The incoming president presents the outgoing president with a hand-engraved certificate in recognition and appreciation of service during her presidential term. Dr. Rennie will present this plaque award on Saturday, March 14, at the president’s banquet to Dr. Hensel.
AWARDS PRESENTED AT CONVOCATION CONTINUED

PRESIDENT’S GAVEL
Paul R. Rennie DO, FAAO

The incoming president is presented with the president’s gavel by the outgoing president at the president’s banquet. Dr. Hensel will present this gavel award on Saturday, March 14, to Dr. Rennie.

2020 RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD
Frank Patrick Goodman, 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. Hensel at the annual business meeting of the membership on Thursday, March 12.

2020 ANNE WALES, DO, AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION OF OSTEOPATHIC CLINICIANS
William H. Devine, DO

This award is named for Anne B. Wales, DO, who exemplified excellence in the teaching of osteopathic clinicians throughout her career. This award is to recognize those individuals or institutions who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to the education of osteopathic clinicians. The Education Committee receives nominations and presents its recommendation to the Awards Committee and the Board of Trustees selects a recipient based upon those recommendations. This award will be presented by Dr. Hensel at the annual business meeting of the membership on Thursday, March 12.

SAAO SERVICE AWARDS

Each of the SAAO Executive Council members are given a gift in recognition and appreciation of their dedication and service to the Student American Academy of Osteopathy. These gifts will be presented on Saturday, March 14, by Dr. Hensel at the president’s banquet.

   SAAO’s 2019-20 chair – Danielle D. Dukes, OMS IV
   SAAO’s 2019-20 vice chair – Sarae A. Sager, OMS IV
   SAAO’s 2019-20 immediate past chair – Paula M. Archer, DO
   SAAO’s 2019-20 secretary-treasurer – Stephanie L. Davenport, OMS IV
   SAAO’s 2019-20 national coordinator – Kristyn M.A. Lester, OMS III
   SAAO’s 2019-20 NUFA liaison – Samantha K. Tyler, OMS V

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Award nomination forms are available at the Osteopathic Education Service located 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.
THE 2020 ACADEMY AWARD
JOHANNES MAYER, MD, DOM (GERMANY)

Dr. Mayer received his medical degree (MD) in 1983 from the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), specializing in Family Medicine which included dermatology, gynecology, surgery, and internal medicine. In 1982, he started his manual medicine training, achieving a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DOM) degree in 2000, a Diploma Osteopathic Medicine in Paediatrics (DOMP) in 2009 and in 2013, a Diploma Osteopathic Medicine in Geriatrics (DOMG). In 1999, he began teacher training in osteopathic medicine at the DGOM (German Society of Osteopathic Medicine) and in 2009 teacher training in osteopathy in geriatrics.

Since 2000, Dr. Mayer has been teaching internationally in Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, the United States, and Russia with specific knowledge of family medicine, surgery, internal medicine, paediatrics, neurology, dermatology, manual medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, natural medicine, neural-therapy, psychotherapy, hypnosis and specific techniques of myofascial, functional, visceral Osteopathy, scar treatment, osteopathy in geriatrics, and Becker techniques. He is the co-editor of the German publication “Osteopathische Medizin (Osteopathic textbook),” which has also been published in English, Italian and Russian and he has worked on several publications on the Development of Osteopathic Philosophy.

Dr. Mayer has participated in several osteopathic organizations and served in numerous leadership roles to include: on the board of the DGOM and as its president 2012-17; as President of the European Register of Osteopathic Physicians (EROP), the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) Board of Directors and as OIA chair in 2010-11. He served as a clinical associate professor of family medicine at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM), served as professor Dr. med, and head of the department of Osteopathic Medicine HGWR University Mannheim and has been teaching in Germany on osteopathy in veterinary medicine since 2007.

Dr. Mayer has been an office manager, a management consultant for medical doctors, a health manager, Professor and Chair of department HGWR university, and most recently in a medical office practicing family medicine and osteopathy and prevention in cooperation with four other MDs. Of special note, his other skills include: skiing, sailing, tennis, mountain climbing, swimming, and mountain biking.

The AAO Board of Trustees selected Johannes Mayer, MD, DOM (Germany), 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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RESIDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD
FRANK PATRICK GOODMAN, DO, MS

Frank P. Goodman, DO, MS is a 2018 graduate of William Carey University of College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM). During his time in school, he served as local chapter president, then as the 2017-18 National Coordinator for the Student AAO. He also organized a regional conference bringing together students from three COMs, along with local residents and attendings for a Mini-Convo at WCUCOM.

Dr. Goodman is a current PGY2 osteopathic family medicine resident in Tulsa, OK at the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Goodman applies osteopathic principles and practices daily and across all specialties that he rotates through. He maintains a continuity panel of obstetric patients that exceeds his standard residency duties due to his passion for the specialty. He is passionate about providing distinctive osteopathic care to the women and their newborn children, ensuring osteopathic manipulative treatment to both mom and baby throughout pregnancy and after delivery.

Dr. Goodman has been enthusiastic about sharing his osteopathic knowledge since arriving at OSU, he has instructed many medical students in OMM both in the classroom, as well as on clinical rotations, and throughout multiple class years at OSU-College of Health Sciences (CHS). He is caught routinely encouraging his co-residents throughout multiple residency programs to provide OMT.

Dr. Goodman continues to serve on the AAO’s Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, Membership Committee and Publications Committee. He has volunteered for assisting the LBORC in their Poster Presentation and Research Training Subcommittees. Dr. Goodman also has maintained a position of two years on the AOA Committee on Basic Documents & Operations of Affiliated Organizations.

Dr. Goodman plans to complete an NMM+1 Fellowship, as well as a Family Practice Obstetric Surgical Fellowship so he can continue to provide osteopathic obstetrical care in his personal practice. He plans to stay involved in academia, as well as the AAO to instruct and encourage future osteopathic residents and students to practice osteopathically. Dr. Goodman has been able to do all things by the continued support of his wife, Danielle Goodman and their two sons, Nathan and Nicholas.

Dr. Goodman was nominated by Erin Kratz, DO, the associate program director for the OSU CHS Family Medicine residency, stating that Dr. Goodman incorporates osteopathic manipulative medicine seamlessly into his practice and encourages other providers to do the same and that he is proactive in looking for patients who would benefit from his significant manipulation skills. “I believe that Dr. Goodman is an excellent candidate for this award. He believes strongly in the osteopathic philosophy and demonstrates it daily in his practice.”

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:

2019 – Melinda M. Hansen, DO, University of North Texas Health Center in Fort Worth
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
2020 ANNE WALES, DO, AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION OF OSTEOPATHIC CLINICIANS
WILLIAM H. DEVINE, DO

William H. Devine, DO, is a clinical professor and a fellow in osteopathic research in the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Department at the Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (MWU AZCOM) in Glendale, Arizona. He is also the Director of Osteopathic Education and the Director Postgraduate Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine for its osteopathic postdoctoral training institution (OPTI).

Dr. Devine has exemplified and continues to represent the philosophy demonstrated by Anne B. Wales, DO, through his teaching of osteopathic clinicians and exceptional commitment and dedication to the education of osteopathic manipulative medicine. He has a great interest in osteopathic manipulative medicine, medical history, medical education and osteopathic medical research. Throughout Dr. Devine’s career he has made a significant impact to the education of osteopathic clinicians with his service since 1974 to the medical community in teaching manual medicine to MDs, DOs, and other health care professionals. He has taught courses at several institutions, including hospitals, both on and off campuses of osteopathic medicine, as well as at national and international conferences.

Trained as an Air Force Medical Officer at Shepard Air Force Base, Texas for the Vietnam War, he has served as an emergency room physician, as the general medical officer, and provided services in flight medicine utilizing special skills in musculoskeletal diseases. He has served as a board member and was vice president of the Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA) Foundation which was a component of the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association that provided osteopathic training throughout the world.

Since 2010, he has served as a faculty member at MWU AZCOM and is responsible for all four years of medical student education, he is responsible for the osteopathic component of all of the MWU OPTI postgraduate training programs and oversees the neuromusculoskeletal medicine residency program. He is the co-chair of the Osteopathic Research Committee and serves as the OMM division institutional review board (IRB) representative, while assisting medical students in original research and development of research papers and topics. As president of the AAO’s component society, the Arizona Academy of Osteopathy (AzAO) for 16 years, and as a board executive, he continues to organize, direct, manage, teach and table train at the annual AzAO seminars on various topics in OMT.

Dr. Devine has served on the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine as well as on American Academy of Osteopathy (AOA) committees and boards including the AAO Education Committee, and the AAO Board of Governors. He has published research papers and his contributions include section editor and co-author of the chapter on Chapman’s Reflexes for the Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine 3rd and 4th editions; Clinical Application of Counterstrain and compendium edition; Osteopathy and Viscera; and Osteopathy and Fascia. He has also also lectured extensively on topics of clinical osteopathic medicine to include clinical counterstrain, and biomechanics in England, Norway, Italy and Germany with multiple lectures and presentations at national and international conferences.

In 2019, the AAO Board of Governors approved this award named for Anne B. Wales, DO, who exemplified excellence in the teaching of osteopathic clinicians throughout her career. This award is to recognize those individuals or institutions who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to the education of osteopathic clinicians.

The Award consists of a framed artwork of a nautilus and a perpetual plaque to be displayed in the AAO office with a listing of the award recipients. Dr. Wales revered both the ocean and fractal science. The nautilus represents both and is reminiscent of the ram’s horn. The recipient’s name will also be published in the AAO newsletter and on the website.
Dr. Van Buskirk has had a long and diverse career that includes research, writing, teaching, service to the profession and extensive clinical practice. He is most deserving of this honor with his life-long devotion and advocacy of osteopathic medicine.

Dr. Van Buskirk is an internationally recognized osteopathic physician who has been in private practice in Sarasota, Florida for 30 years. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine as well as in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. His family medicine practice has included specialty in NMM. Before becoming a student of osteopathic medicine at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine he was an Associate Professor in Physiology and Neuroscience. He earned his PhD from Duke University.

Dr. Van Buskirk has contributed to the profession through his research of an osteopathic text from the late 1800's that described how Dr. Still treated. He is responsible for the rediscovery of and redevelopment of one of Dr. Still’s primary manipulative methods, the Still Technique. He has shared and taught this technique with the osteopathic profession through presentations at AAO courses, at the Florida Academy of Osteopathy’s courses, and at colleges of osteopathic medicine. His teaching is well received, demonstrating hands-on one-on-one interaction of OMT methods, and he expresses his enthusiasm and passion when speaking about osteopathic medicine.

In addition to the Still Technique, Dr. Van Buskirk has written, presented papers and led workshops all over the world including North America, Europe, Australia and Japan. He has written papers on a variety of topics, including groundbreaking articles on new physiological models of somatic dysfunction based on the nociception and neuro-fascial interpretation. He has been a reviewer for the *JAOA*, contributor and section editor to the osteopathic professions textbook, Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Van Buskirk is a Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy and has served on the AAO’s Board of Governors, as a member of the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee and on the Committee on Fellowship. He is a good communicator, easy to work with and very knowledgeable in the field. Countless numbers of students and physicians have benefited from his writing and teaching. The work he has done over the years is both exemplary and impressive in scope and quality.

The Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor is the highest award conferred by the Academy. It is awarded to deserving members of the Academy who have exhibited, among other accomplishments in scientific or professional affairs, an exceptional understanding and application of osteopathic principles and concepts.

A petition was submitted to the AAO Awards Committee by Academy members nominating Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, FAAO, 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. Van Buskirk’s credentials, it was determined that he 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. Van Buskirk to receive the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor for his outstanding accomplishments in educational, international, and professional affairs throughout the osteopathic profession.
**2020 ANDREW TAYLOR STILL MEDALLION OF HONOR**

Started in 1946, the previous recipients of the Andrew Taylor Still Medallion of Honor include:

(Complete list of AT Still recipients)

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2020 FAAO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
DAVID COFFEY DO, FAAO, FCA

Dr. Coffey, a 1984 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), served as the 2013-14 American Academy of Osteopathy president. He was in a private family/OMM practice for 27 years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in Montgomery, Alabama along with medical staff appointments at several local hospitals in their departments of medicine, family medicine and emergency medicine. He received board certifications from the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice, the Board of Certification in Emergency Medicine, and from the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine.

Dr. Coffey has served the osteopathic profession extensively throughout his career to include several leadership positions. He was president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Osteopathy from 1987 to 1992. He has served on the board of directors for the PCOM Alumni Association, and on the board of trustees for the AAO, The Osteopathic Cranial Academy Foundation, the Foundation for Osteopathic Research and Continuous Education, and served an appointment to the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Scientific Affairs and Public Health and has been a state delegation chair to the AOA House of Delegates.

Dr. Coffey, as a member of The Osteopathic Cranial Academy, he served as its 1999-2001 president, on the executive board, on the Credentials Committee, as faculty at its mid-winter basic course and in 2009 was awarded the honorary degree of Fellow of the Cranial Academy. As a member of the Academy, he has served on the AAO Board of Trustees, Board of Governors and several AAO committees to include the Investment Committee and the Committee on Fellowship. He earned his Fellow of the American Academy of Osteopathy in 2004. He was also a lecturer at the AAO’s Convocation for 2001, 2012, and 2014.

Dr. Coffey has also served internationally on the boards of the the Bishop Gassis Sudan Relief Fund and the Catholic Medical Foundation with its focus on relief to Bosnia and Croatia during their wars with Servia.

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)

2019- Robert C. Ward, DO, FAAO
2019- Eileen L. DiGiovanna, DO, FAAO
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*
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2010- Viola M. Frymann, DO, FAAO*
2010- Isabelle A. Chapello, DO, FAAO*
2008- Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAO
GOLDEN RAM SOCIETY
2018-19 Campaign Year Final Report

73 DONORS = $26,663.50 (33% over the $20,000 goal)

The AAO’s 2018-19 Golden Ram campaign, which launched July 1, 2018, and closed July 30, 2019, collected donations totaling $26,663.50 from 73 donors which exceeded its goal of $20,000 for the year. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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 collaboration with other associations throughout the medical profession.
- 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**
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- Damon M. Whitfield, DO

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- David M. Musgrave, DO
- Bonnie J. Sendzicki, DO
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### Leaders of the AAO for the 2019-20 Presidential Term

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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 Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO, invites interested members to contact him about potential service. The president-elect will present his 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.

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.
COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS – continued

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.

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, ensuring 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 healthcare 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.

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.
COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS - continued

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. 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 involved? 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 nine 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.

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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
- Investment Committee
- Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee
- Membership Committee
- Osteopathic Education Service Committee
- Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee
- 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.
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| **What do you believe you can contribute to this committee in 2020-21?**  
  (Limit to 50 words)                        |
| **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)                        |

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