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Happy Holidays from the AAO

As the holiday season is fast approaching, we wanted to make you aware of our office schedule for December through January. AAO will be closed on the following dates:

December 24th starting at 12:00 Noon (EST)
December 25th and 26th
January 1st-2nd

In the event that you need assistance on one of these dates, please call and leave a message at 317-879-1881. We will respond on the next regular business day.

We are grateful to all those who have made our progress towards the AAO mission possible.

2009 Convocation

Click [HERE](#) to view the Convocation Program

The 2009 Convocation Marketing Brochure is online and has been mailed to AAO members. Take a few minutes to make your hotel reservations and register today.

Lisa DeStefano, DO, Program Chair has done an outstanding job in designing this program.

Interested in learning more about how to treat the hypothalamic-pituitary axis? Be sure to participate in the Osteopathic Approach to Hypothalamic-Pituitary Axis (HPA) program at Convocation.

This workshop facilitated by Jane E. Carreiro, DO will focus on the integration of the neuromusculoskeletal sys-

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tem and cognitive development; specifically the ability to attend to, respond and interpret our environment. After participating in this program. Participants will have a broader understanding of how to assess and focus treatment in the child with hypersensitivity to stimuli, or problems, focusing and attending. By attending this presentation, participants will be able to assess visual-neuromuscular reflexes in infants, assess midline stabilization and assess and treat developmental axis and relationships.

Jane E. Carreiro, DO

Dr. Carreiro is a 1988 graduate of the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. She specializes in OMM; pain management; pediatric musculoskeletal and sports medicine; otitis media innervation patterns in the pelvis and sacrum; and is involved in research on osteopathic manipulation in otitis media as well as innervation patterns in the pelvis and sacral areas. Some of Dr. Carreiro's publications include: Sensory Stimulation-Guided Sacroiliac Joint Radiofrequency Neurotomy: Technique Based on Neuroanatomy of the Dorsal Sacral Plexus; The Use of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment as Adjuvant Therapy; Guidelines for Training and Practice of Osteopathy and Osteopathic Medicine, World Health Organization 2007; and An Osteopathic Approach to Children, which has been translated into German, French, and Italian. Dr. Carreiro is a member of the AAO Board of Trustees, Chairperson of the AAO Education Committee, and a member of the International Affairs Committee.

Reason #8 to go to AAO Convocation in Little Rock: Little Rock Central High School

The new Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Visitor Center opened in September 2007 to mark the 50th anniversary of the high school's desegregation, when nine African-American students entered the school under federal troop protection. In 1957 the school became a crucial battleground in the struggle for civil rights. The nation watched as the "Little Rock Nine" attempted to enter the previously all-white school. With the help of television news, then in its infancy, the events commanded worldwide attention. Dramatic images of the conflict, along with the school's facade, seared themselves into the public's memory. Little Rock came to symbolize the federal government's commitment to eliminating separate systems of education for blacks and whites.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/chsc>

Reason #7: Heifer International

Heifer International is a non-profit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger and caring for the earth by providing livestock, trees, training and other resources to help struggling families around the globe. Since 1944, Heifer has helped 7 million families in more than 125 countries improve their quality of life and become more self-reliant. Headquartered in Little Rock, the new Heifer International Center reflects Heifer's dedication to sustainability in every square foot. Innovative environmental techniques are used to reduce energy and water consumption, and to conserve resources whenever possible through the use of local and recycled materials. In a 30 minute tour, visitors will learn about Heifer's mission, the "green" features of the building and Heifer's commitment to responsible use of resources.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.heifer.org/>

Reason #6: MacArthur Park.

Reason #5: The River Market

Reason #4: William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum

Reason #3: Arkansas Arts Center

Reason #2: Fantastic networking with your peers

Reason #1: Great educational opportunity

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Correction

In the November Membership Newsletter, in the article "Zachary Comeaux DO, FAAO, elected president of the World Osteopathic Health Organization", Dr. Peter Adler-Michaelson's credentials were incorrect. The article should have stated "Peter Adler-Michaelson, DO, PhD. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

From the Desk of the Membership Committee

It is my pleasure to serve you, the AAO member, as the 2008-2009 Chair of the Membership Committee. The Membership committee is charged with: recruiting new members, nominating members for various awards, and calling past members who have not renewed their membership. We are also continuing our Member-Get-A-Member campaign where you can receive a 10% discount on AAO CME program or publication (up to \$50), for each new member you recruit.

I am currently serving my 3rd year on the membership committee and think that my fellow committee members are some of the best D.O.'s around- they are dedicated, intelligent, solution-oriented and fun to interact with. The more senior members have been great mentors to me and they remind me of why I joined the Academy. It's an organization that maintains traditions and advances the science of osteopathy with the goal of providing the best quality patient care. The AAO creates the environment for its members to form relationships and share their experiences and knowledge with each other. It's an organization that reaffirms the pride I have in being a part of a community of osteopathic physicians.

If you have an idea to share, or wish to be involved more, let any of your AAO leaders know. It's the member who makes the difference and keeps the spirit of the Academy alive.

Sharon Gustowski, DO

New from the Membership Department

Membership Directory

2008-2009 AAO Directory now available online! Click [HERE](#) to download the 2008-2009 Directory.

Please take a moment to review your information for accuracy. If you have changes please send them to Kelli Bowersox, Director of Donor and Member Services at kbowersox@academyofosteopathy.org.

As a new membership benefit the online AAO Directory and the public access "find a physician" portion of the AAO website will be updated regularly to ensure the most current information for our members and the public.

UAAO Membership Campaign a Success

UAAO chapters have met their deadline of October 31 to submit new members. Ms. Bowersox is entering the information and preliminary data shows this is a record breaking membership year.

Investment Committee Update

The AAO Investment Committee met via conference call on November 12th. The meeting was chaired by Stephen D. Blood, DO, FAAO and members in attendance were Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO; Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO; Ross E. Pope, DO, FAAO; and Sonia Rivera-Martinez, DO. Ms. Connor, AAO Executive Director provided the staff support for the meeting. The meeting was to address the reallocation of AAO's investment accounts.

The AAO public helpline

The AAO provides a help line for assistance to consumers on questions regarding osteopathy. Many of these calls are for locating a physician in their community. Much of the time they are asking seeking information on the physician's specialty as well. We also receive calls from hospitals trying to determine the requirements for the DO to have privileges in their facility, from attorneys seeking expert witnesses, schools looking for physicians who would be interested in teaching, physicians in a certain geographic area who might be interested in participating in clinical trials, questions on what is osteopathy.

Osteopathic Flu Pandemic Course on Video

To prepare osteopathic physicians to respond to an avian flu pandemic, the American Academy of Osteopathy and the American Osteopathic Association sponsored a one-day workshop prior to the AOA's 2008 convention. Dennis J. Dowling, MS, DO, FAAO, discussed the osteopathic history of flu and immunological treatment; David Condoluci, DO, FACOI, reported on the infectious nature of influenza and pharmacological and other interventions; and Humayun Chaudhry, DO, MS, FACP, FACOI, FAODME, presenting facts on the epidemiology of flu pandemics and disaster preparedness: local and national resources.

The AOA posted the flu pandemic video that Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO shot at the Las Vegas convention. To view the video, please visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU8SWFgUjD4>



35th Thomas L. Northup DO, FAAO Award

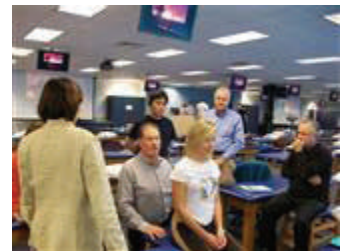
AAO President Guy A. DeFeo, DO presented the 35th Thomas L. Northup, DO, FAAO award to Karen M. Steele, DO, FAAO. Her lecture was entitled, "Contemplations on the Art of OMT after Thirty Years of Practice". Dr. Steele compared osteopathy to sculpting with clay. The lessons she learned and the gifts she received from osteopathy are summed up by the following phrases: 1) "Do not expect to be good for a really, really, long time"; 2) "Center yourself first";

3) "When is enough, enough?"; and "Do your work, and then step back". Dr. Steele's lecture will be printed in its entirety in the December issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Osteopathy.

Dr. Steele received her Doctor of Osteopathy degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1978, after which she established a private family practice in Portland, Oregon, which included obstetrics. In 1986, she returned to KCOM to complete a residency in osteopathic manipulative medicine. She remained on the faculty at KCOM in the OMM department for five years, where she was director of the OMM hospital consultation service. In 1992, Dr. Steele came to West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine where she now serves as professor and Associate Dean for Osteopathic Medical Education and maintains an OMM specialty practice with a concentration on the osteopathic treatment for children. Her research interests include the effect of OMT on Otitis Media in Children. She is board certified in Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine by the AOBMM, Family Practice by AOBFP, credentialed by the Cranial Academy and earned the Fellowship in the AAO in 1995. Dr. Steele is a past president of the American Academy of Osteopathy, a member of the AAO Board of Governors, and a member of the Committees on Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training, and Nominating.

Muscle Energy: Three Visions

Twenty participants (14 osteopathic physicians, one international DO, two physical therapists and one chiropractor) attended the Masters program, "Muscle Energy: Three Visions" on November 6-8 at the Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale. This Masters program featured Philip Greenman, DO, FAAO, Carl W. Steele, DO, and Edward G. Stiles, DO, FAAO with Stephanie Waecker, DO as program chair. AAO Membership Director Ms. Bowersox staffed the course. Each day Drs. Greenman, Steele, and Stiles presented their perspective on an area of the body. In the afternoons, the participant chose from two of three workshops, developing their skills under the direction of one of three masters



Thank you to Drs. Greenman, Steele, and Stiles for facilitating this great program.

LBORC Update

LBORC met during AOA Convention. Topics for discussion included grant proposal review and assigning a person to oversee it as liaison on behalf of the AAO; improving our grant application process; informing the profession of the funds we have available; voting on a standard evaluation form; eSOAP utilization; recommendations to the Board regarding research goals of the Academy; research training and education at convocation 2009; Convocation poster session planning; and the registry project through Heritage and ICON. The committee moved to approve two grant applications and discussed methods of increasing the number of grant applications received. LBORC plans to reconvene at the AAO Convocation.

AAO Seeks New AAOJ Editor and Associate Editor

In July of 2008, Robert C. Clark, DO experienced an unexpected illness. Recognizing that the need to rest more, most will agree that Dr. Clark's family and practice come first and will understand that his volunteer activities must be curtailed, preventing him from having sufficient time to serve out his current three-year term (calendar years 2007-2009) as Editor of the AAO Journal, Dr. Clark notified AAO President Guy A. DeFeo, DO that he would end his service with the September 2008 edition of the AAOJ.

Dr. DeFeo invites interested AAO members to submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae to the AAO Board of Trustees, who have the responsibility for appointment of the journal editor and associate editor. Assuming there will be multiple qualified candidates, the Board may wish to conduct interviews at the 2009 AAO Convocation in Little Rock, Arkansas. Candidates should submit a cover letter and CV to AAO headquarters, postmarked no later than Friday February 15, 2009. In the cover letter, the candidates should explain why they wish to serve in this important post and document professional experience that would qualify them for the job.

The AAOJ Editor and Associate Editor serves without compensation. He/she is appointed to a three-year term and charged with the responsibility of publishing a quarterly journal within the annual budget appropriated by the Board of Trustees. The Editor will be responsible for soliciting contributions, submitting them to peer review, and selecting the final material for publication. The Journal Editor will have recourse to the advice and assistance of the Editorial Advisory Board, the Publications Committee and the AAO executive director. The Editor works with the AAO staff, particularly the Communications Director, to write various columns, proof blue-line drafts, and meet publication deadlines, i.e. the first day of March, June, September, and December. While there is considerable latitude given to the Journal Editor, the Board of Trustees will expect continued evolution of this professional journal with the long range goal to have it included in the National Library of Medicine's Index Medicus.

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Student Poster Competition at Convocation

It is almost time for the student poster competition at the AAO Convocation! Encourage your students to submit their "research design" type poster or clinical or basic science poster! Submission can be sent to the Louisa Burns Osteopathic Research Committee, c/o American Academy of Osteopathy, 3500 DePauw Blvd, Suite 1080, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

Communication Update

Work is continuing on remodeling the AAO website. The AAO staff solicited feedback about the navigations structure from the Board of Trustees and Informational Technology Committee and shared all recommendations with the web designer.

Ms Taylor is currently in the process of working with Hollis H. King, DO, PhD, FAAO on the development of two new books, Greenman's Works, and Thomas L. Northup Lectures 1983-2008. The goal is to have these two books available by the 2009 Convocation.

Ms Taylor is currently in the process of working with Raymond J. Hruby, DO, FAAO on the development of the December AAO Journal. The Journal is currently on time and set for distribution in early December.

AAO Photos Wanted

The AAO staff is looking for photos of the AAO that can be used for promotional materials and the website. If you have photographs that you would like to submit for review, please contact the AAO Office. Along with the photographs, please include written permission for the usage of the photo(s) by the AAO.

Upcoming educational opportunities

The 2009 AAO Course Calendar is available! Please click [HERE](#) to view the 2009 course catalogue for educational opportunities from January to May 2009.

December 5-7, 2008 Osteopathy Approach to Cranial Nerve Dysfunction ala Barral
Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Pomona, CA
Course is now full

January 9-11, 2009 – Fundamentals of OMM
NOVA Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSUCOM)
[Course brochure](#)

January 23-25, 2009 – Fundamentals of OMM
Midwestern University/ Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM)
[Course brochure](#)

February 28-March 1, 2009 – Dr. Fulford's Basic Percussion: A Systematic Approach to the Whole Body
Tucson Osteopathic Medical Foundation, Tucson, Arizona
[Course brochure](#)

March 25, 2009 – Progressive Inhibition of Neuromusculoskeletal Structures (PINS) Workshop
The Peabody Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas
[Course brochure](#)

March 25-29, 2009 – AAO Convocation
Basic Mechanisms of Osteopathy: Balancing the Neuroendocrine Immune System
The Peabody Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas
[Course brochure](#)

March 29-31, 2009 – Osteopathic Considerations in the Foregut with an Emphasis on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
The Peabody Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas
[Course brochure](#)

May 1-3, 2009 – Evidenced-Based Manual Medicine
Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP)
[Course brochure](#)

May 15-17, 2009 – The Still Technique
New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine (UMDNJ/SOM)
[Course brochure](#)

Golden Ram Society

2008-2009 Campaign Donor Categories

Career donors also receive recognition when they reach the \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$20,000 in lifetime contributions to the AAO's Golden Ram Society.

President's Club – \$2,500 or more

Club members receive recognition on the AAO website, the AAO annual report, AAO Leadership Newsletter, AAO Newsletter and acknowledgement as a Golden Ram contributor at the Academy's Annual Convocation as well as at the Gavel Club Reception.

A. T. Still Club – \$1,000 – \$2,499

Club members receive recognition on the AAO website, the AAO annual report, *AAO Leadership Newsletter*, *AAO Newsletter* and acknowledgement as a Golden Ram contributor at the Academy's Annual Convocation.

T. L. Northup Club – \$500 - \$999

Club members receive recognition in the AAO annual report and the *AAO Leadership Newsletter*, *AAO Newsletter* and acknowledgement as a Golden Ram contributor at the Academy's Annual Convocation.

Louisa Burns Club – \$250 - \$499

Club members receive recognition in the AAO annual report and the *AAO Newsletter* and acknowledgement as a Golden Ram contributor at the Academy's Annual Convocation.

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Club members receive recognition in the AAO annual report, *AAO Newsletter* and acknowledgement as a Golden Ram contributor at the Academy's Annual Convocation.

Supporter – \$99 or less

Club members receive recognition in the AAO annual report and acknowledgement as a Golden Ram contributor at the Academy's Annual Convocation.

Contributions to AAO Golden Ram Campaign Increase

Congratulations and thank you to all the generous donors who have contributed to the AAO's annual fund over the past month. They have helped the AAO reach 27.8% of its \$150,000 goal for the 2008-2009 campaign goal. As of November 26, 2008, 170 donors have contributed a total of \$41,768.73. The campaign is running behind last year's record since on November 26, 2007 the data shows 193 donors contributing \$49,384.18. This year, the Golden Ram campaign has a goal of \$150,000 to improve the use of informational technology through the AAO. The AAO leadership invites all members to make contributions to this annual campaign which continues through May 31, 2009. If you have not already made your contribution, we encourage you to do so.

The Golden Ram Society is a vehicle to enable members and friends of the AAO to provide an annual tax-deductible contribution to support the work of the AAO. Members of the Gold Ram Society are recognized both for their annual contributions as well as for their lifetime contributions to the Society. If you would like to donate, contact Kelli Bowersox at (317) 879-1881 or kbowersox@academyofosteopathy.org.

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Members in the News

Philip E. Greenman, DO, FAAO served as honorary chair of the AOF Honors Celebration.

The AOF Honors Ceremony was held in conjunction with the 113th Annual AOA Convention and Scientific Seminar in Las Vegas on October 26, 2008 at the Las Vegas House of Blues, located at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino. This black-tie event served as the osteopathic medical profession's Academy Awards. AAO Member, Philip E. Greenman, DO, FAAO served as honorary chair of the AOF Honors Celebration.

Russell G. Gamber, DO, MPH Honored

Russell G. Gamber, DO, MPH, was awarded the University of North Texas Health Science Center's Clyde Gallehugh, DO Memorial Award for 2008. The award is given annually in recognition of outstanding participation as a clinical science faculty member in the teaching of basic sciences. Dr. Gamber is a professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the UNT Health Science Center.

Need a holiday gift idea?

Looking for that unique gift for your colleague this holiday season? Try a gift certificate from the AAO! The AAO gift certificates are good for items for books, annual membership, or registration for an educational course.

Ms. McNamara recommends the following items as great holiday gifts:

50 AAO Yearbooks on one CD: 1938-1998 AAO Yearbooks. Hard copies of these yearbooks are almost out of print. Ensure you have a complete collection by ordering the 50 AAO Yearbooks on one CD today!

Autobiography of A. T. Still: Everyone should own a copy of this book. It also makes a great gift for students or those just entering the osteopathic profession.

Contact Phyllis McNamara the AAO office for more information!

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2009 Board/Committee calendar

January 2009:

AAO Board of Trustees: Teleconference meeting TBA

AAO Education Committee Meeting: Friday-Saturday, January 30-31, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN

February 2009:

AAO PS&E Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 6:00 pm (EST) phone conference

March 2009:

AAO Publications Committee

AOA DO Day on Capitol Hill: March 5, 2009

AAO Fellowship Committee Meeting and Exams: Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 8:00 am in Little Rock, Arkansas

AAO Board of Governors Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

AAO Board of Trustees Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm and Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

AAO PS&E Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm (CST) in Little Rock, Arkansas

April 2009:

May 2009:

June 2009:

Board of Trustees

PS&E Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:00 pm (EST) phone conference

July 2009:

August 2009:

Education Committee

September 2009:

PS&E Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:00 pm (EST) phone conference

October 2009:

PS&E Committee Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6:30 am (CST) in New Orleans, LA

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Register for DO Day on Capitol Hill 2009

Registration has opened for DO Day on Capitol Hill 2009. DO Day on Capitol Hill is the osteopathic profession's premier advocacy event. For veteran and first time advocates alike, DO Day provides you with your first opportunity to come to Washington, DC and lobby a new Congress and Administration on key health care issues.

Each year hundreds of your colleagues come to Washington and make their voices heard. Are you planning to be one of them? Join us on March 5th and impact health policy at its source. Register now at <http://www.do-online.org/doday>.

Component Society Relations

Cranial Academy

The Board of Directors for the Cranial Academy met Oct 18-19, 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona. They developed the following short term goals to be completed by June 2010:

1. Establish professional standards of practice with position papers.
2. Public relations program including outreach to MDs and their representative organizations.
3. Elevate quality of education of osteopathy in the cranial field including the re-writing of the Introductory Course Manual and developing a mentor program for physicians in training.
4. Support the Economic Viability of Clinical Practice including an information resource center, courses on practice management, and continued development of a risk purchasing group for professional liability insurance.

The Cranial Academy also revised their Cranial Academy Policy Manual and Bylaws. The Code of Ethics is posted in their membership section of the Cranial Academy website along with their core values.

Upcoming Component Society Courses

Cranial Academy

February 14-18, 2009

Midwinter Introductory Course, Osteopathy in the Cranial Field

William Lemley DO FAAO, Course Director

San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel

40 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated)

February 19-22, 2009

Intermediate Course: The Cranial Base

Paul E. Dart, MD FCA

R. Paul Lee, DO FAAO

Course Directors

San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel

22 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated)

April 17-19, 2009

Intermediate Course: Brain Parenchyma, Nuclei and Fluid (registration opens soon)

Bruno Chikly, MD DO

Course Director

Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

24.5 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated)

June 13-17, 2009

Summer Introductory Course, Osteopathy in the Cranial Field

Michael J. Porvaznik, DO

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Bethesda, MD

40 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated)

June 18-21, 2009

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Embryology and Osteopathy: Developmental Patterns and the Template of Health

Eric J. Dolgin, DO FCA

Ilene M. Spector, DO

Course Directors

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Bethesda, MD

21 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated)

For more information, please visit: <http://www.cranialacademy.com/>

Florida Academy of Osteopathy

January 16-19: 19th Annual Osteopathic Winter Seminar

TradeWinds Resort, St. Pete Beach, FL

Earn 27 hours AOA Category 1-A CME Credits.

Nationally known speakers, AOA President, Outstanding Exhibits and Special Attendance Prizes

For more information, contact (727) 581-9069 or Fax at (727) 581-8537 or visit: <http://www.faoonline.com/Events.html>

Indiana Academy of Osteopathy

December 5 - 7, 2008: Winter Update

Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis

Indiana Osteopathic Association Conventions

April 30 - May 3, 2009, Sheraton Hotel and Suites, Indianapolis

April 29 - May 2, 2010, Blue Chip Hotel and Casino, Michigan City

For more information, please visit: http://www.inosteo.org/Coming_Events_2ddbbsd27191537153.html

AAO Board Seeks AOBNMM Nominees

The AAO Board of Trustees has appointed the AOBNMM/Board of Governors Nominating Committee, which is charged to develop a slate of nominees who will be recommended to the AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists to serve three-year terms on the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. The AAO Manual of Procedures dictates that AOBNMM Chairperson Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAO will chair this Nominating Committee. The Committee is currently soliciting suggestions from AAO leaders.

Eligibility criteria for AOBNMM members are that (1) they must be AAO members and (2) must hold certification in either special proficiency in osteopathic manipulative medicine (includes FAOs certified under the former AOBFAO) or certification in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and OMM. This volunteer service requires considerable commitment on the part of Board members, who must (1) actively participate in the examinations process, i.e. attend up to two weekend meetings annually (April and November) in Indianapolis; (2) serve on one of the AOBNMM committees, e.g. credentials or test construction; and (3) attend an AOA item writing seminar and write new test questions in the required format. If you personally are interested in serving on the AOBNMM, or if you know of an eligible colleague willing to make a commitment to this important service, please forward your suggestions to AOBNMM headquarters to the attention of Chairperson Dr. Tettambel.

AOBNMM Update

Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAO and Diana L. Finley, CMP in her role as Executive Director of AOBNMM represented the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM) at last weekend's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS) meeting held at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Chicago, IL.

Ms. Finley as the AOBNMM Executive Director attended the Standards Review Committee (SRC) on Friday where the committee discussed SRC as a clearinghouse for best practices, finalized schedule for the Third Cycle Review, Reviewed and finalized Third Cycle Review Evaluation Form; reviewed and finalized the Continuous Compliance Templates; reviewed and finalized the Security Plan template, and discussed Osteopathic Continuous Competence (OCC).

Dr. McCarty and Ms. Finley represented the AOBNMM at the Executive Committee on Saturday morning. Item for discussion included: Nominations for membership on certifying boards, Core Competencies - efforts to begin implementing these should be considered a top priority to maintain certification competitive in the market place, OCC-next steps, Board Eligibility process, BOS Licensure Requirement - parameters for acceptable restricted license situations, Recertification policy for inclusion into the BOS, and CME policy on awarding AOA CME credit on completing JTA surveys, credit for preceptor issues.

On Saturday afternoon, Dr. McCarty and Ms. Finley represented AOBNMM in attending the Committee on Administrative and Financial Board Matters where in-depth review and approval of midyear specialty board reports/discussion of deficiencies, Review and approval of final report from the Task Force for Conjoint Certification of Added Qualifications Examination Committees took place. Following this committee, they moved to the Committee on Basic Documents and Certificates. This committee discussed BOS Handbook Amendments as well as basic document changes for each of the certifying boards. To conclude Saturday's meetings, the Committee on Jurisdiction was attended. This committee discussed issues concerning withdrawing and joining a conjoint board/committee.

The full Bureau met on Sunday morning to approve/disapprove/table recommendations from each of the committee.

The annual AOBNMM exam recently took place on November 15 and 16, 2008 in Indianapolis. Approximately 34 individuals registered to certify or recertify in neuromusculoskeletal medicine. We look forward to sharing with you soon the individuals who have earned their certification!