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President's Message



Since we left Little Rock and the fanfare of Convocation fades, we all return to the daily grind of the day-to-day. My first duty as your President was to attend the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Annual Convention in Oklahoma City from April 22-26, 2009. Executive Director Lynette McLain and Professional Education & Meetings Manager Mona Spivey made me feel right at home as they coordinated every detail to make my visit wonderfully hospitable.

A VIP dinner Thursday night gave me the opportunity to meet with the OOA Board of Trustees and my host for the meeting, JoAnn Ryan, DO. I was able to lend a hand at the OMT service that Dr. Ryan coordinated during the program and met and worked with many DOs from the area.

I delivered a presentation on "Risk of Vertebrobasilar Artery Injury Related to OMT in the Cervical Spine" followed by a hands-on workshop. This was well attended and included some interesting discussions with the attendees. Program Chair Scott Cyrus, DO put together a conference that was well attended and included topics that covered a broad scope of Primary Care as well as Urgent Care issues.

Ross Pope, DO graciously invited me to dine at Cattleman's in the Stockyard district of Oklahoma City. It was a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy a local favorite. He also acted as my tour guide of Oklahoma City including a visit to the Oklahoma City National Memorial. This was the site of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that was destroyed in the explosion. It was a moving experience to stand before the reflecting pool and hear Ross discuss his personal experience in providing medical support to the survivors.

The Castaway Party Friday night highlighted incoming president Duane Koehler, DO's "survivor" theme for the program. This included a Hawaiian style pig roast followed by a casino night. The casual atmosphere was a wonderful setting for me to interact with many of the OOA members.

The President's Banquet included me with other dignitaries, including AOA President-elect Larry Wickless, DO and ACOFP President Jan Zieren, DO. One of the highlights was the presentation to Dr. Wickless of an authentic Native American headdress by President Gilbert Rogers, DO honoring him as the Chief of the Osteopathic community.

The OOA Board and members were excellent hosts and left me with wonderful memories of Oklahoma where I forged new relationships within the Osteopathic Family and continued the tradition of AAO representation at this meeting.

Fraternally,

George Pasquarello, DO, FFAO
AAO President

Interim Executive Director Appointed

Dear friends,

I am writing to inform you of a change in the AAO office staff. Harriet O'Connor has resigned from the AAO as its Executive Director, effective May 8, 2009. The AAO Board of Trustees has appointed Diana Finley, CMP to serve as the Interim Executive Director. A search committee will be appointed later this year to fill the position.

Diana Finley has a career that spans over 40 years of dedication and service to the osteopathic profession. She has served as the AAO Associate Executive Director since 1993 and has worked tirelessly as the Meeting Planner for AAO CME programs and as publications coordinator for the AAO Journal and AAO Newsletter. She has also served as Executive Director of AOBNMM since 2007. Prior to her work with the AAO, she worked for Texas Osteopathic Medical Association for 25 years as the Membership Director, Associate Executive Director and Interim Executive Director. She is a member of Meeting Professionals International, American Society of Association Executives and American Osteopathic Association of State Executive Directors. She received recognition as a Certified Meeting Professional in 2003 by the Convention Industry Council. She was awarded Honorary Membership in both the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association and the Texas Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians in 1993 for dedication and service to TOMA and the osteopathic profession in Texas. She has earned the respect and support of the AAO Board of Trustees and the AAO staff and we are fortunate that she has agreed to serve in this Interim capacity.

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Over the next month, the AAO will be undergoing some internal reorganization. It is our goal to serve the members to the very best of our ability and I am confident that Diana will provide the leadership and insight to accomplish this. Please direct all future communications for the Executive Director to Diana Finley at the AAO office or by e-mail at dfinley@academyofosteopathy.org.

As always, please feel free to contact me or another member of the Board of Trustees with any questions or concerns.

Fraternally,

George Pasquarello, DO, FAAO
AAO President

AAO Members in the News

Eric J. Dolgin, DO, a former President of The Cranial Academy, has announced the creation of Kids' Brain Trust, a nonprofit clinic in Santa Monica, California, that uses osteopathic manipulative treatment including cranial techniques and dietary interventions to treat children who have mild to moderate autism. Kids' Brain Trust will provide one year of free treatment for children from low-to middle-income households.

The commissioner of health in Suffolk County, NY and fellow AAO member, **Humayun Chaudhry, DO** was interviewed in late March by new York City's WABC-TV regarding an outbreak of pertussis among elementary school students on Long Island. Although most children are vaccinated against this disease, vaccinations can lose their effectiveness, he pointed out.

Robert Kessler, DO, was installed as President of the Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association during the NOMA Annual Convention, April 30, 2009. To read a copy of the address given by Dr. Kessler, please click the following link: <http://www.academyofosteopathy.org/news/Kessler.pdf>.

Zachary Comeaux, DO, FAAO was recently elected President of the World Osteopathic Health Organization at its annual general meeting near Brisbane, Australia. Fellow AAO Member, **Jane E. Carriero, DO** was elected as a member of the WOHO Executive Committee. Founded in 2004, WOHO is an organization of individuals who work to support each other in extending the availability of quality osteopathic health care globally while also working toward improved standards in the diverse styles of practice and circumstances of regulation as the profession expands. The organization has contributed significantly toward the anticipated World Health Organization on Education and Practice Guidelines. Further information can be found at www.WOHO.org.

Zachary Comeaux, DO, FAAO, just added another contribution to the osteopathic fiction genre. Dr. Comeaux has published a novel entitled *The Healer's Heart*. The novel follows the adventures and challenges facing a young Brazilian discovering his destiny, a Harvard medical researcher questioning the scope of her science, and a German osteopath navigating career, romance, and personal tragedy. For additional information, please click this LINK to view the Spring 2009 Issue of WVSOM Magazine.
<http://www.academyofosteopathy.org/news/WVSOM%20Spring%2009%20Mag.pdf>

AAO member, **Adrian L. Woolley, DO** was elected as president-elect of the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association (IOMA) at the recent 111th Annual Conference of the IOMA. She is a 1995 graduate of Des Moines University, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, IA. Dr. Woolley is board certified in family medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine. She has been awarded a certificate of competency in cranial osteopathy by the Cranial Academy. Dr. Woolley is an assistant professor at Des Moines University in the Departments of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Family Practice. Congratulations Dr. Woolley!

AAO Member, **Harold Magoun Jr., DO, FAAO, FCA, DO Ed(Hon)** is hosting an internet radio talk show titled "The Good Health Hour." It is a one hour show on Saturday morning, starting in July, on www.castlerockradio.com. Dr. Magoun will promote Osteopathy and his first book, "Structured Healing," which discusses aspects of life-style necessary for good health, and the importance of Osteopathic treatment. Castle Rock Radio has listeners in all 50 states and 109 foreign countries. It averages 66,000 listeners per month, and they get 367,000 hits per month on their website.

Register Today for the 114th AOA Convention

Registration and housing is now open for the AOA's 114th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, which is taking place on November 1 – November 5, 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Please visit www.do-online.org to register for the convention. Convention Hotels. Hotel rates are guaranteed until September 18, 2009 Advance Convention registration online, mail, or fax, must be completed by October 2, 2009 ; registrations received after this date will be held for pickup onsite. Please be sure to REGISTER AS AN ACADEMY MEMBER since the AAO's only revenue from the Convention accrues from attendees who check the AAO on their registration forms. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans.

The Education Committee Highlights Upcoming Courses

The Education Committee brings osteopathic medicine back to Disney! August 21-24, 2009 is slated for the first OMT Update course in three years. "OMT for Common Conditions: Diagnosis, Treatment and Payment" is chaired by **Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO** and she promises that this will be an Excellent Review for Family Practice and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Boards. Additional faculty includes **Judith A. O'Connell, DO, FAAO** and **Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO**. This "hands-on" course will include one evening of rapid diagnostic procedures for areas of somatic dysfunction; mornings will be spent learning techniques that are based on restrictions of joints, muscles and fascia; additional techniques will be utilized to treat common clinical conditions in a busy Family Practice. Topics will include, but not limited to: Headache, ENT problems, Whiplash, Carpal Tunnel, Epicondylitis, LBP- Psoas/piriformis, Sacroiliac pain, COPD, Rib dysfunctions, foot/ankle pain. You will have ample opportunity to enjoy the parks with the course running from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm on Friday and from 6:30 am to 1:30 Saturday-Monday. 24 Category 1A CME applied for.

Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO and **George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO** continue to provide a weekend course on Prolotherapy, which is a nonsurgical ligament reconstruction, and is a treatment for chronic pain. This treatment is useful for many different types of musculo-skeletal pain, including arthritis, back pain, neck pain, fibromyalgia, sports injuries, unresolved whiplash injuries, carpal tunnel syndrome, chronic tendonitis, partially torn tendons, ligaments and cartilage, degenerated or herniated discs, TMJ and sciatica. This year's course is scheduled for October 8-10, 2009 at University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, ME. Thursday, October 8 will be required for those physicians who have not taken a prior course in prolotherapy. It will include an introduction to prolotherapy, wound healing, degenerative postural cascade, and coding and billing. On Friday and Saturday, October 9-10, participants will be divided into two groups, beginners and advanced. These two groups will alternate between lectures and injection technique while the other group will be in the anatomy lab performing injections under supervision and reviewing projections. 20 Category 1A CME applied for.

On October 31-November 1, 2009 (just prior to the AOA Convention), **Kenneth Lossing, DO** will present a course entitled, "Early Osteopathic Approaches to the Viscera; using principles and techniques from Still, Sutherland, and Chapman". This course is designed for all levels of physicians. Palpation, evaluation, and treatment of the viscera have a long tradition in osteopathy, starting with A.T. Still. Many of the early practitioners, such as William Sutherland, and Carl McConnell, also left us a written record of the importance of knowing how to evaluate and treat visceral structures. Clinically, visceral dysfunctions are found to be associated with frozen shoulders, spinal pain and dysfunction, pelvic pain, infertility, gastro esophageal reflux disease, asthma, chronic bronchitis, abdominal pain, sciatica, and many other conditions. In this course we will work with "layer palpation" to be able to specifically make a distinction between the container and the contents of the thorax, abdomen, and pelvis. Having once identified the contents, the viscera, we will work with fascial pull or "listening" and "motion tests" to determine where a visceral dysfunction may exist. General treatment principles will be discussed and utilized, as described by Still, Sutherland, McConnell, and Barral. 16 Category 1A CME applied for.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to AAO Staff member, **Kelli Bowersox, BA** as she graduates with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis. Way to go, Kelli!

AAO Travels

George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO represented the AAO at the annual Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Annual Convention in Oklahoma City from April 22-26, 2009.

Jennifer Taylor, MPH, CHES, AAO Director of Residency Education attended the AOA COPT and PTRC meetings in Chicago, April 30 to May 2, 2009.

Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO and **Diana L. Finley, CMP** attended the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists meeting on April 22-23, 2009.

Calendar of Events

June 2009

June 3: PS&E Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm (EST) via teleconference
June 18-21: Cranial Academy Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency Bethesda, MD

July 2009

July 11-12: AAO Board of Trustees Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
July 14-16: AOA Board of Trustees Meeting, Chicago, IL
July 17-19: AOA House of Delegates, Chicago, IL
July 29: AOA Council on OPTI (COPTI), Chicago, IL
July 30: AOA Program and Trainee Review Council (PTRC), Chicago, IL
July 31- August 1: AOA Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT), Chicago, IL

August 2009

August 7-8: Education Committee, Indianapolis, Indiana
August 21-24: OMT for Common Conditions: Diagnosis, Treatment and Payment, Orlando, FL

September 2009

September 9: PS&E Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm (EST) via teleconference
September 12-13: AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Education, Chicago, IL

October 2009

October 8-10: Prolotherapy Weekend, Biddeford, ME
October 21-24: Bone and Joint Decade Global Network Conference, JW Marriott in Washington, DC
October 29: AOA Program and Trainee Review Council (PTRC), Chicago, IL
October 30-31: AOA Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT), Chicago, IL
October 31-November 1: Two-Day Pre-AOA Convention Hands-on Workshop: "Early Osteopathic Approaches to the Viscera", New Orleans, LA

November 2009

November 1-3: AAO Program at the AOA Convention, New Orleans, LA
November 1-5: AOA 2009 Convention, New Orleans, LA
November 1: AAO Board of Trustees Meeting, New Orleans, LA
November 2: PS&E Committee Meeting, 6:30 am (CST) in New Orleans, LA
November 2: LBORC Committee meeting, 6:30 am (CST) in New Orleans, LA
November 2: Fellowship Committee meeting, 12:00 noon (CST) in New Orleans, LA
November: Education Committee meeting, 12:00 noon (CST) in New Orleans, LA

December 2009

December 5: AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Education, Chicago, IL

January 2010

January 22-24: Exercise Prescription, AZCOM in Glendale, AZ

February 2010

February 3: PSE Committee Telconference at 6:00 pm (EST)

March 2010

March 14-16: 3-Day Pre-Convocation Workshop with Dr. Lossing, Colorado Springs, CO
March 16: 1-Day Pre-Convocation Workshop with Dr. Vleeming, Colorado Springs, CO
March 17-21: AAO Convocation, Colorado Springs, CO
March 18: PSE Committee Meeting at 6:30 am (Mountain Time), Colorado Springs, CO
March 18: AAO Annual Business Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO

American Academy of Osteopathy®

Returns to
Walt Disney World® Resort
Disney's Contemporary Resort
Lake Buena Vista, FL
August 21-24, 2009

OMT for Common Conditions: Diagnosis, Treatment and Payment



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Excellent Review for Family Practice and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine

Are you taking your AOBFP or AOBNMM Exam this fall? This 4-day hands-on workshop will not only boost your skills in osteopathic manipulative medicine, but it will also help you study for the practical portion of the AOBFP Exam or the AOBNMM Exam this fall. At the completion of this truly “osteopathic” weekend, you will be just “9” weeks away from the Family Practice Board Exam and “12” weeks away from the Neuromusculoskeletal Board Exam. Join **Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO, Judith A. O’Connell, DO, FAAO** and **Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO** and practice hands-on OMT. Leave knowing you are ready for the upcoming exams!

This course was created so that YOU can include time with family at Walt Disney World® as well as earn “24” hours of Category 1A CME. Course hours begin on Friday, August 21, 2009 at 5:00 pm (to give you enough time to either fly in that morning or spend the day at one of the parks). Friday evening includes a light dinner. Saturday, Sunday and Monday hours begin at 6:30 am (with a CME breakfast lecture) and end at 1:30 pm to give you the rest of the day to enjoy Walt Disney World® Resort.

Are you coming alone and not interested in attending the parks? No problem, you will have plenty of time to rest and relax at the pool as well as enjoy some of the finest dining in the world. Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando has so much to offer ALL attendees!

This “hands-on” course will include

One evening of rapid diagnostic procedures for areas of somatic dysfunction.
 Mornings will be spent learning techniques that are based on restrictions of joints, muscles and fascia.
 Additional techniques will be utilized to treat common clinical conditions in a busy Family Practice. Topics will include, but not limited to: Head-ache, ENT problems, Whiplash, Carpal Tunnel, Epicondylitis, LBP- Psoas/piriformis, Sacroiliac pain, COPD, Rib dysfunctions, foot/ankle pain.

Who Should Attend?

- Physicians taking the AOBFP and AOBNMM Boards (excellent study tool).
- Physicians and physicians-in-training looking for different osteopathic manipulative techniques to treat your patients.
- Those Physicians seeking time efficient techniques for the busy office.
- Physicians who want a quick anatomy review and review of the basis of several technique modalities.
- Physicians wanting new techniques and exercises for their patients of all ages.
- Physicians who want to maximize their reimbursement for their time and treatments.
- Physicians who want to learn new methods yet have quality time with their families.

Hotel Information:

Disney's Contemporary Resort
 4600 World Wide Drive
 Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
 1-407-824-3869 (Group Reservation line)
 Reservation Deadline: July 22, 2009
 Room Rate: \$159.00 single/double
 Additional \$25 per person (18 yrs or older)
 (Identify yourself as attending the
 American Academy of Osteopathy's Conference)



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Early Bird (Prior to July 21, 2009)		
	AAO Member	Non AAO Member
DO/MD	\$695	\$795
Residents/Interns/students	\$450	\$550
On or after July 21, 2009		
	AAO Member	Non AAO Member
DO/MD	\$795	\$895
Residents/Interns/students	\$550	\$650
On-site Registration		
	AAO Member	Non AAO Member
DO/MD	\$845	\$945
Residents/Interns/students	\$600	\$700

Students Elect National Officers

UAAO and NUFA members from chapters throughout the country participated in activities during the 2009 AAO Convocation. One of the most important events was the election of officers to serve on the National UAAO Council to guide the organization throughout the next fiscal year. **David C. Mason, DO** of UMDNJ-SOM will continue to serve as Advisor to the national Council and Chairperson of the AAO's Undergraduate Academies Committee. Successful UAAO Council candidates included:

Chair – **Coral Peterson**
Vice Chair – **John Leuenberger**
Secretary-Treasurer – **Chris Minello**
National Coordinator – **Heather Werth**
NUFA Liaison – **Paula Ackerman**

The UAAO National Council will meet at AAO headquarters in August to begin planning for the next academic year, with special attention to the 2010 AAO Convocation in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

PAAO Selects New Leaders

Members of the Postgraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (PAAO) met during Convocation, streamlined the group's organizational chart, and elected leaders for the 2009-2010 academic year. **Lori Dillard, DO** will continue her duties as the PAAO's national advisor, with **Stacey Pierce-Talsma, DO** taking over as Chair and **Jamie Rapacciolo, DO** assuming the role of Vice Chair.

Residency Directors File Annual Reports

The AAO's Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee will be mailing revised annual report forms to directors of neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine residency training programs. The annual report forms reflect the osteopathic medical profession's incorporation of seven core competencies into postdoctoral training programs, the AOA inspection process, and into testing modalities for certification and re-certification of osteopathic physicians. The seven core competencies are (1) Osteopathic Philosophy and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine; (2) Medical Knowledge; (3) Patient Care; (4) Interpersonal and Communication Skills; (5) Professionalism; (6) Practice-based Learning Improvement; and (7) System-based Practice Competencies.

Staff Mails Dues Renewal Invoices

Director of Membership Relations, **Kelli Bowersox, BA** will be mailing membership dues renewal invoices next month to all eligible AAO members for the August 2009 through July 2010 fiscal year. However, members can make payments online via the Academy's website www.academyofosteopathy.org with VISA or MasterCard.

The AAO staff appreciates your prompt remittance of dues to provide needed cash flow for operational expenses. As in previous years, members have the opportunity to include their voluntary contributions to the Golden Ram Society along with their annual dues. The AAO leadership encourages all members to assist in this annual fund raising campaign to supplement ongoing programs and services.

AAO Nominates AOBNMM Members

The AAO Board of Governors selected three Academy members for nomination to service on the American Osteopathic Board of Neuro-musculoskeletal Medicine (AOBNMM). AOA President Carlo J. DiMarco, DO will make the official appointments at the AOA Board of Trustees meeting in July. Nominees for three-year terms (2009-2012) are Laura Griffin, DO, FAAO; Ann Habenicht, DO, FAAO; and Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO.

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www.une.edu

Featuring Course Faculty: Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO and George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO

Prolotherapy (“Proliferative Injection Therapy”) involves injecting an otherwise non-pharmacological and non-active irritant solution into the body, generally in the region of tendons or ligaments for the purpose of strengthening weakened connective tissue and alleviating musculoskeletal pain.

Course Benefits: After participating in this educational weekend, physicians will be able to understand the basic concepts of prolotherapy, wound healing, degenerative postural cascade, coding and billing as well as learn and practice prolotherapy injection techniques.

Courses Outline:

Thursday, Oct 8: This will be required for those physicians who have not taken a prior course in prolotherapy. It will include an introduction to prolotherapy, wound healing, degenerative postural cascade, coding and billing.

Friday and Saturday, Oct 9-10: Participants will be divided into two groups, beginners and advanced. These two groups will alternate between lectures and anatomy and injection technique while the other group will be in the anatomy lab performing injections under supervision and reviewing prosections.

CME: The program anticipates being approved for 20 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME credit pending approval by the AOA CCME.

For additional information contact the AAO Office at (317) 879-1881.

AOA Certifies Physicians in NMM/OMM

Upon the recommendation of the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, the AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists approved certification in neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM) for the osteopathic physicians listed below. Congratulations to these uniquely qualified osteopathic physicians who successfully passed their examinations in November 2008, joining their AAO-member colleagues now certified in this discipline.

The following have been approved for certification by the American Osteopathic Association.

Charles Beck, DO

Lilia Gorodinsky, DO

Eng T. Huu, DO

Patricia Kooyman, DO

Brooks M. Blake, DO

Kelly David Halma, DO

Joshua J. Iannetta, DO

James W. Kribs, DO

Gregory Esmer, DO

Joseph S. Hong, DO

David Keller, DO

Saskia Lytle-Vieira, DO

Rebecca R. Giusti, DO

The physicians who sat for the recertification exam in November 2008 and have received approval from the American Osteopathic Association for recertification in the specialty of NMM/OMM are:

Karen E. Arscott, DO

Elizabeth C. Clark, DO

Steven L. Funk, DO

Theodore R. Jordan, DO

Regina M. Asaro, DO

Daniel P. Conte, III, DO

Barbara H. Gordon-Cohen, DO

Joan M. Radjeski, DO

Ann M. Auburn, DO

Ten physicians sat for the recertification test in Little Rock, AR and are waiting for approval from the American Osteopathic Association. Dates for future AOBNMM exams are:

• Oral and Practical Exams: Saturday, November 21, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN -- APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1, 2009

• Written and Recertification Exam: Sunday, November 22, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN -- APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 1, 2009

• Recertification Exam: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in Colorado Springs, CO - APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 1, 2009

Trustees Nominate An Emerging Leader

The American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF) solicited from each of the 23 AOA practice affiliates one nominee for the 2009 Wyeth Emerging Leader Award. This award was established to recognize and honor outstanding osteopathic physicians who exhibit the exemplary characteristics of a future leader within the profession. Nominees shall exhibit the following characteristics/skills: demonstrates commitment to osteopathic philosophy and the profession, strong leadership skills, noteworthy accomplishments demonstrating his/her role as a future leader, outstanding character and the drive to be a leader. The goal of this award is to promote continued leadership within the osteopathic medical profession. Through a generous grant from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, the AOF will select two winners to receive a \$3,000 award during the AOF's Honors Ceremony at the AOA's UNIFIED Convention and Scientific Seminar in New Orleans.

The AAO Board of Trustees selected **Heather A. Ferrill, DO** as the Academy's nominee for the 2009 award and is confident that the AOF's award committee will agree that she exceeds the eligibility criteria for this award. Dr. Ferrill has a deep passion for the osteopathic medical profession and her commitment to osteopathic principles and practice is particularly strong in the critical educational arena.

Her skills are evidenced by these primary leadership roles:

- Program Evaluator—AAO Post-Doctoral Standards Committee for NMM/OMM Residency Programs
- Faculty Representative—AAO Education Council on Osteopathic Principals, UNECOM, 2005-present
- Faculty Advisor—Undergraduate American Academy of Osteopathy (UAAO), 2005-present
- Co-Chair—UNECOM Steering Committee Focus Group on Research, 2008
- Chair—OPP Faculty Search Committee, 2009
- Chair—Student Appeals Committee, 2006
- Course Director, Osteopathic Principles and Practice I & II (July 2008-present)
- Principal Investigator—The Effect of Osteopathic Manipulation in the Mechanically Ventilated Patient

Should the AOF select Dr. Ferrill for this recognition, she would join four other AAO members who have been so honored over the six-year history of this award – **Michael S. Carnes, DO** in 2002; **Douglas J. Jorgensen, DO** in 2003; **Sonia Rivera-Martinez, DO** in 2004; and **Kendi Hensel, DO** in 2005.

Component Society Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 2-6, 2009

Osteopathy in the Cranial Field
South Pointe Hospital,
Warrensville Heights, OH 44122
Contact SCTF, Judy Staser
P: 1-817-926-7705
JHS4116@sbcglobal.net

June 13-17, 2009

Summer Introductory Course: Osteopathy in the Cranial Field
40 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated)
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Bethesda, MD
Contact The Cranial Academy,
8202 Clearvista Parkway #9-D,
Indianapolis, IN 46256
P: 317-594-0411

June 18-21, 2009

Cranial Academy Annual Conference: Embryology and Osteopathy:
Developmental Patterns and The Template of Health
21 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated)
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Bethesda, MD
Contact The Cranial Academy, 8202 Clearvista Parkway #9-D,
Indianapolis, IN 46256
P: 317-594-0411

August 28 - 30, 2009

Annual Seminar: "The Dynamics of the Fluid Body"
21 hours category 1-A CME credit anticipated, pending approval by
AOA CCME
Radisson Hotel Carmel
Indianapolis, IN
Sponsor: Indiana Academy of Osteopathy
Co-Sponsor: Indiana Osteopathic Association
Contact: IAO, 3520 Guion Road, Suite 202, Indianapolis, IN 4622
P: (800) 942-0501 or (317) 926-3009

October 16-18, 2009

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JHS4116@sbcglobal.net

Call-to-Meeting for AOA House of Delegates

The AOA has issued an office Call-To-Meeting to the osteopathic family for the 2009 AOA Annual Business Meeting and House of Delegates. The meeting will once again be held at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago, with the Board of Trustees meeting on July 14-19 and the House of Delegates convening on July 14-16. This important meeting sets AOA policy and drives our actions over the following year, in addition to the leadership elections that take place here every year.