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## Report from the OOA CEO and Executive Director Lana G. Ivy, MBA, CFRE

Welcome to our post-convention issue of the *Oklahoma DO* magazine! Thanks to all of you who joined us for the annual convention in Norman. If you were unable to attend, we missed you and hope you will join us next April in Oklahoma City at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel. I encourage you to read the Presidential Inaugural speech that Dr. Timothy J. Moser made at the OOA Convention on pages 8-11. In his remarks, he emphasizes membership and the importance of advocacy and working together for the profession. As you know, advocacy is our central mission and the OOA remains the voice for all Oklahoma DOs, no matter what your specialty, no matter where you work or who you work for.

The OOA Board welcomed four new board members and a new resident board member at its annual meeting in April. We are very glad to have Teresa Hardesty, DO (Tulsa District); Justin S. Sparkes, DO (South Central District); Christopher C. Thurman, DO (Tulsa District); and Bob Aaron, DO (Resident Trustee from OSU-COM) as a part of the OOA Board. They each bring their own unique strengths to the Board and will serve the OOA well. More can be found about them on page 34.

It was a busy legislative session this year and a lot of work was done to improve SB1446 (new opioid prescribing bill) to make it more amenable to our physicians. This resulted in SB848 with input from medical associations, licensure boards, and many others. SB848 was signed into law by Governor Stitt on May 21 and went into effect immediately. It can be found on the OOA's website, [www.okosteo.org](http://www.okosteo.org), under the legislation tab. I would encourage you to read it if you are not familiar with the changes made for opioid prescribing in our state.

The APRN bill (SB839), which would have given APRNs full practice rights, gained some traction but was never heard in the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. The CRNA bills (SB801 & SB809) would have allowed CRNAs to practice without the supervision of a physician. Both of these bills died, but we anticipate they will be brought

forward again in the 2020 session along with the APRN bill. The OOA was part of a coalition that actively legislated for the passage of Step Therapy Reform. This bill had overwhelming support with 29 authors and passed through the House and Senate without opposition. Governor Stitt signed this bill into law on April 16, and it will go into effect on November 1. This bill is a win for the patient-physician relationship because patients will now be able to access the optimal treatment recommended and prescribed by their physician and bypass step therapy protocols required by health plans in connection with prescription drug access.

A petition initiative to get Medicaid expansion on the ballot for 2020 to allow Oklahomans to take a vote on Medicaid expansion for our State is in the works. Many groups, including the OOA, have come together to support this initiative. As you may know, a bill was introduced in session this year to expand Insure Oklahoma but was stalled due to differing opinions. This petition will require 178,000 signatures, so we will be reaching out to all licensed DOs for participation.

We are continuing to put a concerted focus on DO residents by meeting and presenting to residents across the state about the mission of the OOA and the value it brings to physicians. We have also attended several resident graduations this year to personally congratulate these new DO practicing physicians. Our Resident Outreach Program will continue to grow as we reach more residents face to face in the upcoming year. Our OOA Bureau on Residents is in its second year and has engaged several residents across various disciplines to help guide us in meeting residents' needs.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and taking time to relax. Please know we are a resource for you and welcome your feedback, phone calls, and inquiries. I am honored to serve as your CEO/Executive Director and you can reach out to me at any time. My email address is [lane@okosteo.org](mailto:lane@okosteo.org) or I can be reached at the office at 405-528-4848.

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TIMOTHY J. MOSER, DO, FACOFP

119<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention  
Presidential Dinner  
April 27, 2019

INAUGURAL  
ADDRESS



I would like to thank the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association for this great honor. I'd also like to thank the OOA staff for putting on this program. Thank you to my wife, Regina, and my daughter, Sydney, for supporting me to be active in my professional association and to sometimes take a back seat to events, conventions, and board meetings. I love you both. I would like to thank my brother, Chris, and his wife, Angelique, for attending. I wouldn't be here without the support of my parents, Fred and Margaret from Savannah, GA, who unfortunately could not be here due to health issues. My sister Margaret-Mary, who also lives in Georgia, is helping take care of them. I very much appreciate all my friends, partners and colleagues who have travelled here to attend this inauguration. I am touched by your support. Thank you to my office staff who help me care for my patients and take care of me so I can serve. I would like to thank Dr. Burns and Dr. Hensel for travelling to be here with us as well. I would like to thank Larry Bookman, MD, OSMA President, for attending. It was a privilege to attend his inauguration just a few weeks ago. We have practiced in the Midwest City area together since I arrived in 1996. Together we will continue to advocate for physicians, patients and our professions.

Building on the past two Presidents' themes of "Unity" and "Synergy," my theme for this next year is "Advocacy" for our profession and patients. I have been to many events and Advocacy seems to be a popular theme. All the players and healthcare stakeholders feel they should be influencing your relationship with your patients and how you should deliver care to them. Yet, it should be us, the ones who provide the healthcare services, who are setting the tone and standard for how healthcare should be delivered. Our advocacy has changed over time because in the early years it was a fight to be recognized and receive equal practice rights. When I was first getting out of the military, I interviewed at a Georgia hospital close to my parents' house where I had worked for a summer. I was told DOs were not allowed hospital privileges. In my next interview across town, I was told the exact opposite. We were preferred as primary care providers. Things have come a long way on that front, and we are currently trying to protect our distinctiveness during ACGME accreditations of professions. I was asked to travel to Chicago to read the MOU at an advanced session, and I remember com-

menting to a small, densely populated state seated next to me about how this would affect rural residencies. Unfortunately, they responded with "What's a rural residency? We don't have them in our area." We have seen initiatives that are okay for some states but harm Oklahoma's interests. Advocating for opioid reforms that make sense at the state level has been a struggle and full-time job. Trying to stop expansion of the scope-of-practice of Nurse Practitioners and other healthcare professions is a constant issue for our legislative bureau and lobbying team. I'll continue these efforts in conjunction with Dr. Bookman and OSMA to help protect the interests of physicians across the state.

Great things are happening for our teaching institutions. OSU has a new medical school in Tahlequah headed by Dean William Pettit, DO, within the Cherokee Nation, and the new Opioid Settlement funding going to support the Center for Wellness and Recovery. Dr. Shrum continues to go above and beyond in efforts for our profession. I will do whatever I can to help these endeavors, as I feel both are extraordinary in the impact on our profession and state.

You may have noticed lottery tickets at your seats as you sat down. When the lottery first started in Oklahoma I bought a ticket almost every time, but I was told by a very good friend that I had already won the lottery. At the time, I really didn't comprehend what he was saying. Over years of having students shadow me to get a letter for medical school, I've learned how many don't get in. I heard OSU had approximately 3,500 applications and eventually had to interview and then select the lucky 115 candidates to be the next new class. Nationwide statistics said there were 181,000 applications for AACOMAS in 2018 and a total of 21,000 applicants for only 7,200 class positions.

I have to be thankful I got in 30 years ago. OSU Medical School has one of the most diverse student bodies, including the new campus opening up on Tribal grounds, the first school of its kind. We had many like myself come straight from college, but also had a minister, several pharmacists, and a good friend of mine, your incoming President-Elect Rick Schafer, DO, who was a Veterinarian. I would like to share a funny story about Rick. We were on





Pediatric rounds and a case of cellulitis from the ER was being transferred to the floor. We all went in as students, but Rick was a little bit older than most of us and older than some attending physicians. We took our H and P on the child and the mom asked us, "What do you think caused this?" Rick with his deep voice said "Ma'am, those are flea bites. Trust me I'm a veterinarian." It took a few minutes of explaining that he was now a medical school student. I completed my residency training in Tulsa where I met my wife, Regina, at TRMC. I was in the Air Force Reserves at the time and was awaiting assignment once completed. After residency, the Air Force offered me an unaccompanied tour of Korea or I could volunteer to go to an underserved base in the US. Knowing that Hawaii is not underserved, we instead landed at Tinker Air Force Base in the Midwest City area. While practicing there, I got to interact with many of the local physicians in private practice. John Rapacz, MD, who was extremely well-respected, was the one I spoke with when it was time to go into private practice. I have had the pleasure of practicing with him for 21 years, along with Ryan Biggers, MD for 14 years, and Gary Griffin, DO for eight years. I owe them a debt of gratitude for covering for me when I had to be away from my practice for all these years. Sitting with them is Lynn Mitchell, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Wellness Officer for OU, and husband Barry Mitchell, MD, family physician in Edmond. I'd like to thank them for attending and helping with the sponsorship.

Within a few years, I had a thriving practice and had a patient experience that helped define me as an osteopathic physician. He was an older, white male who was underneath his truck changing his starter when he started experiencing chest pains. He was taken to our local emergency room and was thought to be having heart attack. When he came out of the cardiac suite he was told he had completely normal arteries. He was then evaluated for reflux and found to have a normal EGD. His ultrasound showed gallstones, so he had that removed. When he awoke from surgery, his pain was still just as bad. He wound up getting a post-operative pancreatitis and stayed in hospital for pain control and antibiotics. He was discharged from the floor to see me in the clinic. I examined him after taking his extensive workup hx and pushed on his chest and asked if that reproduced his pain. "Yes, definitely," he responded. I then palpated his spine and found a deformity in the mid-thoracic area and asked if that was tender. Again he said, "Yes, definitely."

Most of you know where I'm going with this. I adjusted his back, and he got instant relief of his pain. He asked how come the other doctors didn't figure it out. I responded we are trained differently and that I happened to have another tool they aren't given in medical school. I had a patient for life and he has sent me scores of patients telling the story of over \$100,000 of hospital bills and how he was finally fixed.

I'm afraid for what this ACGME merger will do to stories like this one. Currently, I have young medical school applicants who scribe for me, and they have told me I'm the only one they have seen do OMT on patients. I had a new DO graduate move into my town to replace a DO who passed away. She told all of his patients she didn't do OMT, so they were calling looking for a DO who did. Recent events have allowed our graduates to get certification with or without OMT. I hope as we move further down the road we protect our osteopathic teaching and practices, so they don't get lost to time or inconvenience.

I was recently at the ACOFP national convention in Chicago and advocacy was stressed by their leadership and the President of the AAFP. Dr. Cullen is from Alaska and told the story of a mother bear protecting her cubs. He challenged us to be that mother bear protecting our profession. You have a great team who coordinates, tracks, and works to change legislation from before it's introduced and all the way through the process. I can't tell you how much we owe a debt to Dr. Leroy Young. As our legislative chair, he spends countless hours between our Legislative Bureau meetings, Patients' Coalition Meetings, and visiting the Capitol to help with the issues that come up during session. Leroy is definitely the momma bear we all need. Our Lobbyists Mark Snyder and Gary Bastin take their directions from him and then try to help legislators understand our positions on issues. Our association sends out action alerts, and I hope you pay attention to them and act when needed. Many legislators that I've talked with over the years have reinforced that when we call or send them the reasons for our positions, it is definitely impactful. It is disheartening when we work on an issue for months and ask for input from members from all specialties, groups small and large, and then once a law is passed we get



the questions asking, "What about me?" Don't be that person. We have asked and sent out requests to all of our membership to introduce yourself to the Senator and Representative in your district. Establish a line of communication by taking them out for a breakfast or lunch and discuss the issues that are affecting you the most. I'm hoping most of you have already done that. For those of you who don't want to be involved, I would ask for your support financially to promote the issues you feel strongly about. If you've been at a few of these conventions in the past, there is a quote that I always remember from Dr. Ronnie B. Martin that says, "If you are not at the table, you are on the menu." Please pay attention and voice your opinion always. No matter how you feel, we are there to represent you, our membership. I remember going to conventions all the way back to Shangri La, and yes, things have changed, and they will continue to change, but I have always felt the utmost respect for the physicians who paved the way for me to be standing before you now. I'd like for our Board to stand and be recognized. I'd like for any past Presidents of the OOA to stand and be recognized. I'd like for Oklahoma Delegates to the AOA to stand and be recognized. I'd like for any Presidents or Past Presidents of our specialty associations to stand and be recognized. Deans or former deans please stand and be recognized. I'd like to recognize Mike Ogle, DO, our Representative on the AOA Board, who was unable to be with us tonight. I cannot imagine the time and effort he put in over the past few years, but I would like

to thank him for all his efforts. I would like David F. Hitzeman, DO to stand and be recognized as well. He has represented us countless years at the Chief Delegate to the AOA House of Delegates as well as on many AOA committees and on The RUC to help with payments that affect us all. Thank you all for your service to our state and profession.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for this great honor. I promise to take this responsibility seriously. I will give all my effort to make our association successful. Thank you and have a wonderful evening.





# BOARD OF TRUSTEES & National Guests



**Back Row (left to right)** Justin S. Sparkes, DO, newly-elected trustee; Douglas C. Nolan, DO, newly-elected trustee; Christopher C. Thurman, DO, newly-elected trustee; Kenneth E. Calabrese, DO, outgoing trustee; Christopher Trinh, DO, outgoing resident trustee; Robert Aran, DO, newly-elected resident trustee; Lana G. Ivy, MBA, CFRE, OOA CEO/Executive Director

**Front Row (left to right)** Teresa Hardesty, DO, newly-elected trustee; Jonathan B. Stone DO, trustee; Ronald R. Burns, DO, President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Association; Richard W. Schafer, DO, President-Elect; Timothy J. Moser, DO, newly-elected President; Christopher A. Shearer, DO, Past President; Jason L. Hill, DO, Vice-President; Jonathan K. Bushman, DO, trustee; and Rebecca D. Lewis, DO, trustee.

## Oklahoma Osteopathic Association elects Timothy J. Moser, DO, FACOFP, as 2019-2020 President

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association inducted Timothy J. Moser, DO, FACOFP, as the 2019-2020 President on April 27 at its 119th Annual Convention at the Embassy Suites Norman Hotel and Conference Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

Dr. Moser received his medical degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and has diligently served on the OOA Board. Additionally, he is an active member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians. Specializing in family practice, he has been serving his patients and the community for more than 20 years. Dr. Moser and his wife, Regina, live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

During his inaugural address, Dr. Moser reinforced the convention's "Advocacy" theme by calling on the Association's members to work together for the profession, speak to their State Representatives, and help guide future talent in school and residency programs. Advocating for sensible opioid reforms and protecting osteopathic physicians' scope of practice will be paramount to him during his time as the OOA President. Dr. Moser's speech was met with resounding applause and a standing ovation from members of the association, family, friends, and special guest Ronald R. Burns, DO, President-Elect of the American Osteopathic Association and Kendi H. Hensel, Presiden of the American Academy of Osteopathy.

# 2019 OEFOM Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine scholarships at the April 27 luncheon.



Anh Lam, OMS I  
\$3,000 Scholarship presented by OOA Past  
President Christopher A. Shearer, DO



Crystal Goree, OMS II  
\$3,000 Scholarship presented by OOA Past  
President Christopher A. Shearer, DO

Student Doctor Anh Lam (OMS-I) is a candidate at the Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She immigrated with her parents and siblings from Vietnam to Oklahoma City, where her family currently resides. Anh is among the first generation in her family to attend college. She received her Bachelor's degree in Chemical Biosciences with a minor in Chinese from the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Lam, albeit small, has a big passion for working with the underserved population and healthcare delivery improvement. At OSU-COM, she serves as the president of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association and represents the school as a student ambassador.

Crystal Goree is a second-year medical student at OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. She strives to serve medically underserved populations and volunteers at local schools, rural health fairs, medical summer camps, food banks, and participated in medical recruitment at an HBCU. She serves as the Student National Medical Association MAPS (Minority Association for Pre-Medical Students) Chair where she organized the annual conference at OSU-COM geared to recruit underserved medical populations into a career in medicine. Crystal plans to practice as a Primary Care Physician and desires to help bridge the gaps in health disparities in Oklahoma. She hopes to inspire the next generation to continue reaching back to those in need, while promoting preventative medicine and encouraging her future patients to be proactive in their personal healthcare.





# DOCTOR of the Year

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association named LeRoy E. Young, DO, FAOCOPM *dist.* as the Doctor of the Year on April 27 at its 119th Annual Convention at the Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center.

The award is given to an osteopathic physician who has shown exemplary leadership qualities in the profession, demonstrates high moral characteristics, and is highly respected among their colleagues and peers. The recipient is selected by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Bureau on Awards from nominations received by the membership.

Dr. Young received his medical degree in 1978 from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. In 1979, he began private practice in Moore, Oklahoma with Dr. C. B. Pettigrew. He then served as Chief of Staff of Moore Municipal Hospital from 1982-1984. He relocated to Oklahoma City and practiced with Dr. Pettigrew for 38 years.

He was a founding member of the American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine and in 1984 was one of the first 20 DO physicians to be certified in Occupational Medicine by the American Osteopathic Association.

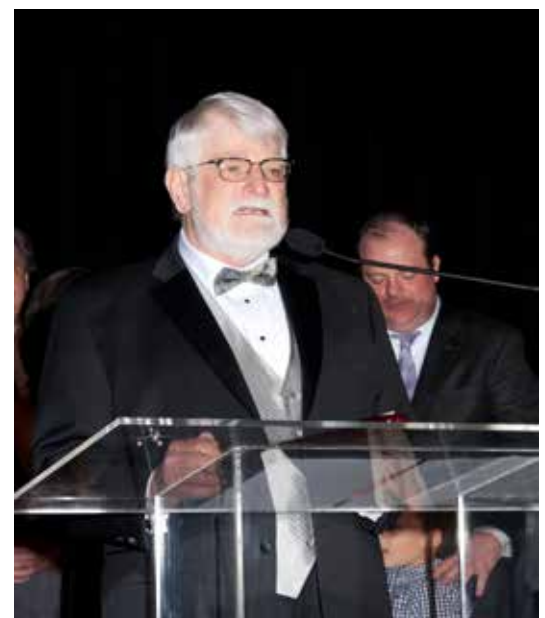
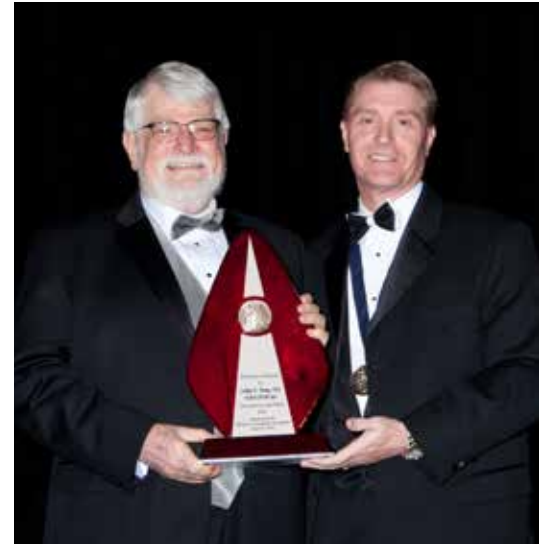
In 1988, Dr. Young served a one-year term as the president of the College of Occupational and Preventative Medicine. In 1990, he was appointed to the certification board of American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine and served as president from 1992 to 2007. He continues to serve on that board today.

Serving his state and its association has always been a priority and passion for Dr. Young. He served as a member of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2013 and was elected president in 2011. He represented the association as a board member of the Oklahoma Health Professionals for Impaired Physicians from 2007 to 2012. He served on the OSU Advisory Council, appointed by President Burns Hargis, from 2005-2016. He continues to serve as legislative chair for the OOA, chairman of Oklahoma Osteopathic PAC, and was recently appointed the president-elect of the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine.

This physician has been appointed twice by Governors Henry and Fallon to the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners and was most recently president of the board. He was appointed by the Senate Pro Tempore, the Speaker of House, and the Governor to the Physician Advisory Committee Oklahoma Worker Compensation System completing seven terms.

In 2017, he was pleased to join Dr. Kayse Shrum and the OSU Center for Health Science as Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs College of Osteopathic Medicine in the Oklahoma City campus.

Dr. Young's commitment to the osteopathic profession deserves recognition, and the OOA was honored to present Dr. LeRoy E. Young with the 2019 Doctor of the Year Award.



**LeRoy E. Young, DO, FAOCOPM *dist.***

# OUTSTANDING & Distinguished Service



**Layne E. Subera, DO, FACOPF**

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association presented Layne E. Subera, DO, FACOPF with the 2019 Outstanding and Distinguished Service Award on April 27 at its 119th Annual Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center. This award honors a physician who has significantly contributed to improving the community and promoting osteopathic medicine.

Dr. Subera was born in 1968 in Wichita, KS. In 1980, he moved with his family to their farm in Medford, OK. He attended the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and graduated in 1995. Following completion of his internship and residency at OSU Medical Center, he began his rural practice in Skiatook, OK in 1998. It's no surprise he was selected as the OOA's Rookie Physician of the Year that year.

Dr. Subera is a 2010 graduate of the AOA Health Policy Fellowship program, and has earned his Public Health Policy Certificates from New York Institute of Technology and Ohio University, and a Master's Degree in Bioethics and Health Policy from Loyola University - Chicago. He is also board-certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment with added qualifications in Pain Medicine.

Throughout his career, he has served in many roles in our profession and state. He's served as OOA President from 2012-2013, on numerous AOA Committees, and is past president of the Oklahoma State Society of ACOFP. Currently, he serves on the Commission of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, is a member of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, a Commissioner of the Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse, and is a member of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Council.

## A.T. STILL Award of Excellence

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association presented Binh T. Phung, DO, FACOP with the 2019 A.T. Still Award on April 27 at its 119th Annual Convention at the Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center.

Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO is the founder of Osteopathic Medicine. The A.T. Still Award is given to one doctor who embodies and exemplifies his teachings and has contributed significantly to the advancement of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Phung graduated from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2010, where he was named Student Doctor of the Year. He completed his pediatric residency at the Oklahoma State University Medical Center in 2013 and was named the AOA's Pediatric Resident of the Year. Dr. Phung received several nominations, not only from colleagues, but students and residents whom Dr. Phung has personally mentored. Over and over again, the nominations described how patient, kind and dedicated Dr. Phung is to instilling osteopathic principles into the next generation of DO physicians. With the impact he's made in the short time since completing his residency training, we cannot wait to see the effect Dr. Phung's unwavering enthusiasm has in the years to come.



**Binh T. Phung, DO, FACOP**

# ROOKIE

## Physicians of the Year

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Association presented Mark A. Keuchel, DO, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Teresa Hardesty, DO, of Tulsa, Oklahoma with the 2019 Rookie Physician of the Year Awards at its 119th Annual Convention Awards Luncheon on April 27th at the Embassy Suites Norman Hotel and Conference Center. The award is given to those excelling in their respective fields and setting a standard of excellence from the outset of their career. Physicians in their first two years of practice qualify for the Rookie Physician of the Year Award.

Mark A. Keuchel, DO, an emergency medicine physician in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2013, and he completed his residency at Integris Southwest Medical Center in 2017. Dr. Keuchel has shown extraordinary commitment to the osteopathic profession. He has a passion for improving patient care through his practice and through medical education. He is an excellent ambassador for the profession and the OOA was proud to honor him.

Teresa Hardesty, DO, is an internal medicine physician in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Hardesty earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015 and completed her internal medicine residency at the Oklahoma State University Medical Center in 2018. Although she is just one year out of her residency, Dr. Hardesty is already stepping up to serve. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Tulsa Osteopathic Medical Society and has been elected to serve as a board member on the OOA's Board of Trustees. Congratulations Dr. Hardesty.

If you would like to nominate a deserving physician for an award through the OOA, contact Tyler Lenz at [tyler@okosteo.org](mailto:tyler@okosteo.org) to receive a nomination form.



Mark A. Kuechel, DO, and Timothy J. Moser, DO



Teresa Hardesty, DO, and Timothy J. Moser, DO





# AWARD of Appreciation

Congratulations to Dale Derby, DO, who was honored with an Award of Appreciation presented by OOA President Timothy J. Moser, DO, on April 27. Dr. Derby was recognized for his extensive service and dedication to the osteopathic profession. He had served on the OOA Board of Trustees for six years. In 2016, Dr. Derby set his practice aside to serve as a State Representative for District 74. During his term, Dr. Derby worked to ensure that physicians and patients were protected. His advocacy efforts and service have left a lasting impact on all Oklahoma DO's.



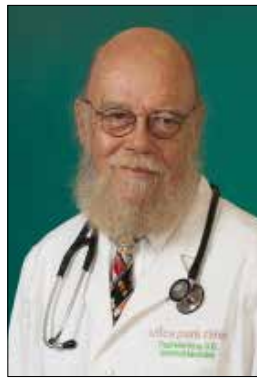
Dale Derby, DO, and Timothy J. Moser, DO

## Life Members

Congratulations to the physicians who received their Oklahoma Osteopathic Association life memberships April 27, 2019.



Leon J. Yoder, DO



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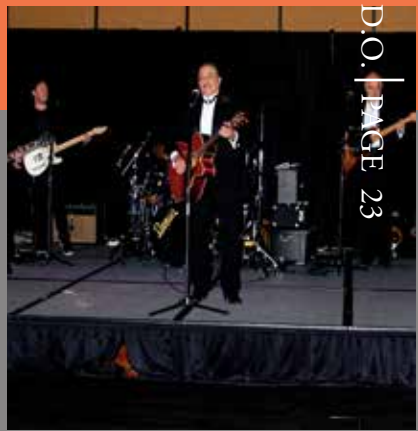














# 2019 Legislative Update

by Lana G. Ivy, MBA, CFRE CEO/Executive Director

## THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 57TH LEGISLATURE

Governor Stitt completed his consideration of the more than 530 bills and joint resolutions sent to him by lawmakers during the 2019 regular session. In the course of the session, Stitt signed 515 of the 535 bills sent to him, issued one line-item veto, vetoed 16 bills completely, allowed two bills to become law without his signature and signed two joint resolutions.

The 535 measures sent to Stitt were considerably more than those placed on former Gov. Mary Fallin's desk in any of her eight years in office. Lawmakers sent 462 measures to her desk in 2014, the most during any session of her tenure. On average, Fallin received 411 measures annually from the Legislature and signed 395 of them, just over 96.0 percent. Stitt signed 96.3 percent of the bills put before him during the 2019 legislative session.

Lawmakers pre-filed a record 2,815 bills and joint resolutions prior to the start of the First Session of the 57th Legislature. By the time lawmakers finished their work on May 23, that number had grown to 2,899, including bills filed to implement the fiscal year 2020 budget, some additional joint resolutions and two other bills filed late by Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, and Rep. Charles McCall, R-Atoka.

Lawmakers adjourned on May 23.

### OOA TRACKS 313 BILLS

The OOA tracked 313 of the 2,899 bills that were filed this session. The following is an update on the most pressing issues the OOA tracked.

**SB 100 by Sen. David** – SB 100 allows for optometrists to rent space near or within a retail store for the purposes of practicing optometry. The measure allows retail stores to rent to optometrists and specifies the conditions of

renting property. Specifically stating that the practice of optometry must be separate from other occupants and accessible by the public. Further, no lease may contain provisions allowing a reduction of rent based on revenue of the optometrist. The measure provides requirements for assessment mechanisms used to conduct eye examinations, such as requiring that a patient has had an in-person examination within the last 24 months for a visual aid glasses prescription. The measure also provides requirements for visual glasses and contact lens prescriptions, including requiring contact lens prescriptions to be valid for a minimum of 12 months. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 21, 2019 and goes into effect on November 1, 2019.

**SB 497 by Sen. Standridge** – SB 497 requires insurers to provide reimbursements to pharmacists for providing medical services related to managing drug therapy, administering immunizations, and administering therapeutic injections. Additionally, insurers must reimburse pharmacists if the health benefit policy, contract, or agreement of the individual provides for payment or reimbursement of the service. This bill passed the Senate and was assigned to the House Insurance Committee. In the committee, two amendments were submitted with one requiring payment being sent directing to providers if the patient "signed as assignment of benefits agreement". The bill is dead.

**SB 509 by Sen. Rader/ HB 2638** – These bills are step therapy reform bills. Step therapy, often called "fail first," is a process that requires patients to try and fail one or more medications chosen by their insurer before they can access the optimal treatment recommended and prescribed by their healthcare provider. Step therapy protocols can interfere with the patient-provider relationship and limit a healthcare provider's ability to tailor care to an individual patient's needs. These bills will address step

therapy protocols required by health plans in connection with prescription drug access and protect patients. With the two bills being nearly identical, HB 2638 passed out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee but was not heard on the Senate floor. SB 509 was signed by the Governor on April 16, 2019 and goes into effect on November 1, 2019. The OOA supported these bills.

**SB 801/SB 890 by Sen. Smalley** – SB 801 would modify the authority of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists to administer anesthesia and in collaboration with a medical doctor, osteopathic physician, pediatric physician, or dentist as opposed to under their supervision. SB 801 died on the Senate floor but the language from this bill was submitted as a committee substitute in SB 890 in the House Public Health Committee. The substituted language passed the committee 7-3 but did not make it to the House floor. An action alert was sent on April 9th for members to contact their Representatives. The OOA opposes this bill.

**SB 839 by Sen. Smalley** – SB 839 creates a path to independent practice for APRNs by creating a “Waiver of Supervision”. Sen. Smalley removed himself as the author of this bill so it died. The OOA hopes to work alongside our health care partners to develop a solution with the APRNs.

**SB 848 by Sen. Rader** – Clean-up bill for SB1446. It modifies certain provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. This bill requires all osteopathic physicians to obtain one hour of education in pain management or one hour of education in opioid use or addiction each year preceding an application for renewal of a license, unless the licensee has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board that the licensee does not currently hold a valid federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 21, 2019 and goes into effect immediately. All osteopathic physicians must complete their one hour of Proper Prescribing by June 20, 2019, and every year following. The course must be approved by the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

**SB 890 by Sen. Smalley** – SB 890 modifies the authority of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists to administer anesthesia and controlled substances. It requires a hospital or other medical facility to select either the traditional

supervised practice model or collaborative practice model for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists and to disclose such model upon request of the patient. It requires a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist or their employer to carry specified medical professional liability insurance policy coverage of at least \$1 million with an aggregate limit of at least \$3 million if they fall under the traditional supervised practice model. It provides for liability. This bill died before being heard on the House floor.

**SB 917 by Sen. McCortney** – SB 917 includes Advanced Practice Registered Nurses as licensed practitioners authorized to prescribe dangerous drugs within the scope of practice of such practitioner. The act adds Oklahoma licensed Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse-Midwives as those licensed to prescribe under the supervision of an Oklahoma licensed physician, along with Certified Nurse Practitioners who have received a waiver of supervision from the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The act only allows pharmacists to dispense prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances prescribed by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed and located in Oklahoma. This bill died before being heard in committee.

**SB 955 by Sen. Scott** – SB 955 creates the Radiologic Technologist Licensure Act and makes the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to be the licensing board. The bill sets requirements and fees for the license and requires practitioners be licensed by Jan. 1, 2021. This bill died in Senate Committee.

**SB 1019 by Sen. Hicks** – SB 1019 allows pharmacists to dispense devices or medications to a patient without a prescription in order to prevent the death of, or serious harm to the health of, the patient if:

There is a current record of a prescription for the medication or device in the name of the patient requesting it;

- The prescription has expired and a refill requires authorization;
- Records indicate that the patient has been on consistent medication therapy;
- The amount of the medication or device dispensed is for a reasonable amount of time; and
- The medication or device, excluding controlled dangerous substances, is listed on the inclusionary formulary to be developed by the State Board of Phar-

macy.

The measure also provides that a pharmacist who, in good faith, dispenses a medication or device to a patient pursuant to these provisions is immune to civil liability and not subject to criminal prosecution. This bill was signed by the Governor on April 23, 2019

**SB 1043 by Sen. Rader** – SB 1043 stipulates that the OSUMA must spend \$1.5 million for medical school certification and \$1 million to enhance physician recruitment. Additionally, the OSUMA shall use up to \$28,927,141.00 for duties including the Oklahoma State University Dean's GME Program. The OSUMA must use this allocation to reimburse the Oklahoma Health Care Authority an amount equal to the proportionate share of Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences' Dean's GME program disallowance. Twenty million dollars of the allocation shall be used to construct a new building which will also serve as the Tulsa location for the Board of Medicolegal Investigations. The CEO of the OSUMA may request an early transfer of funds to support cash flow. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 28, 2019 and goes into effect immediately.

**SB 1044 by Sen. Rader** – SB 1044 sets the provider rates to Sooner-Care related providers to 5.0 percent. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 29, 2019 and goes into effect on July 1, 2019.

**SB 1078 by Sen. Rader** – SB 1078 provides an income tax credit for a portion of compensation to qualifying doctors practicing in rural areas of the state. It requires the credit to be available for tax years 2021 through 2025. This bill died in Appropriations.

**HB 1027 by Rep. McEntire** – HB 1027 was stripped of its original language regarding CRNAs in committee and substituted for SB 955's language, Sen. Scott's bill regarding the Radiology Tech Licensure Act. This bill is now sponsored by Rep. Lewis Moore. The substituted language passed out of committee but was not heard on the House floor and is now dead.

**HB 1155 by Rep. Worthen** – HB 1155 provides that if a practitioner believes after one year of continuous treatment that the patient is in compliance with the pain-management agreement and it is in the best interests of the patient, the practitioner is authorized to set the review

of the treatment plan at four- or six-month intervals and issue prescriptions for the patient as necessary. This bill was signed by Governor Stitt on April 25, 2019 and goes into effect on November 1, 2019.

**HB 1445 by Rep. Gann** – HB 1445 recreates the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners until July 1, 2024. This bill was signed by Governor Stitt on May 23, 2019.

**HB 2194 by Rep. Randleman** – HB 2194 expands the definition of "physician" to include individuals with a doctoral degree who are licensed psychologists. This bill passed out of the House and assigned to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee but has not been heard. The reason for this legislation, we are told, is to ensure psychologists are reimbursed by Medicaid for their services. We have spoken with the author and even voiced our support to get the Medicaid laws changed but to no avail. The OOA opposes this legislation and signed onto a letter voicing that opposition. This bill died as it was not heard in the Senate HHS Committee.

**HB 2349 by Rep. Chad Caldwell** – HB 2349 allows an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to apply for a waiver of supervision to be considered by the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and establishes guidelines for the waiver. The bill allows the applicant to be designated as an unsupervised advanced practice registered nurse if the waiver is granted. The bill prohibits an unsupervised APRN from having authority of oversight over other nurse practitioners. This bill was never heard in its House committee. The OOA supported this bill and will continue to work alongside our partners and the APRNs in the interim to find a solution.

**HB 2368 by Rep. Kannady** – Officially creates the Oklahoma Commission on Opioid Abuse. The 13-member commission chaired by the Attorney General is to study, evaluate and make recommendations for any changes to state policy, rules or statutes to better combat opioid abuse in Oklahoma. An amendment put forth in Senate Committee states that the Governor shall appoint a doctor of osteopathy and the President Pro Tempore shall appoint a licensed practicing medical doctor. The OOA successfully worked with Rep. Kannady to ensure the osteopathic voice is represented on this commission. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 16, 2019 and goes into effect immediately.

eral appropriations bills, for the purpose of constructing a new Tulsa facility in conjunction with the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 29, 2019.

**HB 2767 by Rep. Wallace** – HB 2767 creates the Rate Preservation Fund for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. It requires the funds be used for the sole purpose of maintaining reimbursement rates to providers when decreases in the states Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) would result in reimbursement rate decreases by the authority. This bill was signed by the Governor on May 24, 2019 and goes into effect immediately.

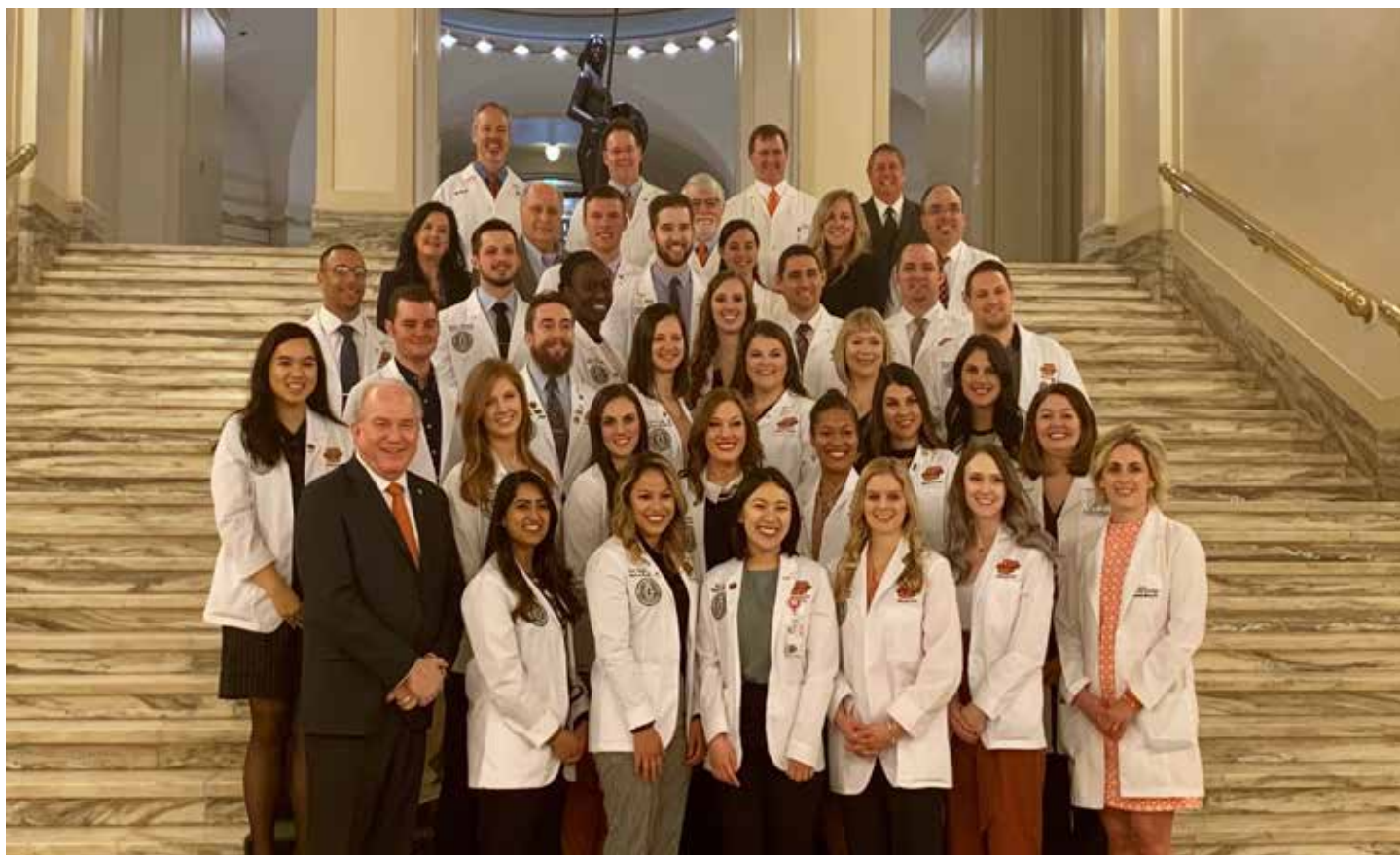
**SB 86 by Senators Jech, McEntire, Sanders and HB 1927 by Rep. Roe** - This is legislation being presented by the Oklahoma Nurses Association and SSM Health-St. Anthony. This bill expands Oklahoma's existing law addressing the assaults of first responders and those specifically working in Hospital Emergency Departments to include all hospital workers that interact with patients. The OOA supports these bills. SB 86 was signed by the Governor on May 28, 2019 and goes into effect immediately. HB 1927 died in conference.

**HB 2288 by Rep. Wright** – Creates the “Oklahoma Workplace Clean Air Act” and prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places, recreational areas, places of employment, areas and vehicles owned/operated by the state; and, certain facilities and outdoor public places. These are updates to previous laws regulating smoking cigarettes to include medical marijuana. The OOA supports this bill. This has passed out of House Committee but was not heard on the floor and was held over until next year.

**HB 2511 by Rep. McCall** – An amendment for HB 2511 passed by the Senate Finance Committee, creates an income tax credit for taxable income from compensation from the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine by a qualifying doctor in a rural area. A rural area is defined as any municipality that has a population of less than 25,000 and is at least 25 miles from the nearest municipality with a population greater than 25,000. The bill caps the credit at \$25,000 per qualifying taxpayer. The bill provides the credit cannot reduce the taxpayer's tax liability to less than zero. The bill permits the credit to be claimed up to five years. The bill caps the credits allowed at \$1 million per year. The version of the bill passed by the House proposed a tax exemption. Oklahoma Tax Commission Executive Director Tony Mastin said the switch from an exemption to a credit would reduce the benefit received by qualifying doctors by roughly one-half, so it was amended as a tax credit. To qualify, a doctor must have an Oklahoma medical license, have graduated from a medical school located in Oklahoma and reside in the same county as the rural area where the compensation is earned. This bill passed the Senate Finance Committee with the title stricken and was referred to Appropriations but was not heard. The OOA supports this bill.

**HB 2612 by Rep. Echols** – HB 2612, the Medical Marijuana Unity Bill was sent and approved by the Governor on March 14, 2019. Two changes relevant to physicians are recommending physicians are no longer required to be board certified and physicians can now rescind patients' licenses by reporting them to the Medical Marijuana Authority.

**HB 2758 by Rep. Wallace** – HB 2758 provides legislative intent for the use of \$5.5 million in FY2020 appropriations along with \$4.5 million in appropriations to the Board of Medicolegal Investigations in HB2765, the gen-



## OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY 2019

The OOA's ultimate advocacy day, Osteopathic Medicine Day, was a great success this year thanks to the participation of 35 students, residents and physicians. The day began with lunch and a legislative briefing from OOA Past President and Chair of the Bureau on Legislation LeRoy E. Young, DO. Former OOA President Christopher A. Shearer, DO presented three student doctor leaders Brooke Cloud, OMS II, Trevor Bickford, OMS II and Brendan Bailey, OMS II with citations recognizing their leadership and selfless service to their fellow students over the past year.

At the Capitol, participants had the opportunity to sit in on a special joint session recognizing Oklahoma's veterans before heading to meetings with their elected officials. Senator John Haste presented President Shearer with a citation for the OOA, recognizing the work our members do for their communities and state. The day came to a close with a special opportunity for the group to spend time with Speaker Charles McCall who answered questions from the students regarding his thoughts on how to improve Oklahoma's health care. Several thanked Speaker McCall for HB 2511 which gives a tax credit to rural physicians. He acknowledged it didn't go far enough but it was a first step towards increasing access to care. Before our time came to a close, Speaker McCall presented President Shearer with a citation for the OOA and thanked all our physicians for their tireless service to our state.

We are appreciative of all who attended and the work they did. In total, 47 meetings took place with 26 Representatives and 21 Senators. If you'd like to participate next year, signups will begin towards the end of January or beginning of February.

If you would like to attend Osteopathic Medicine Day in 2020, contact Maegan Dunn at [maegan@okosteo.org](mailto:maegan@okosteo.org).



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Mary McDermott, RN, wife of of Edward Joseph McDermott, DO, and mother of Terry McDermott, DO, passed away on February 23, 2019. Mary was an amazing nurse and a loving mother. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and patients.

### In Memory...

Ralph B. Coffman, DO, passed away on June 3, 2019 in Tulsa, OK. Dr. Coffman served as Chief of Staff at Enid Memorial Hospital and was President of the OOA from 1983-1984. From the Navy to mission trips, his life was one of service. He will be missed.



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### July 25-28, 2019

AOA House of Delegates  
Chicago, Illinois

### Aug. 1, 2019

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings  
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting  
Oklahoma City, OK

### Aug. 3, 2019

White Coat Ceremony  
Tulsa Community College's VanTrease-Pace Theater  
Tulsa, OK

### Aug. 23-25, 2019

2019 Summer CME Seminar  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Edmond, OK

### Sept. 5, 2019

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings  
OEFOM Board of Trustees Meeting  
Oklahoma City, OK

### Oct. 2, 2019

Bureau on Legislation  
Dinner 6 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m.  
(Remote Zoom Available)  
Oklahoma City, OK

### Oct. 3, 2019

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings  
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting  
Oklahoma City, OK

### Dec. 5, 2019

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings  
OSU-COM Advisory Council Meeting  
OEFOM Board of Trustees Meeting  
Oklahoma City, OK

### Jan. 2, 2019

OOA Bureaus & Board of Trustees Meetings  
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### Jan. 17-19, 2019

OOA 2020 Winter CME Seminar  
Hard Rock Hotel  
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