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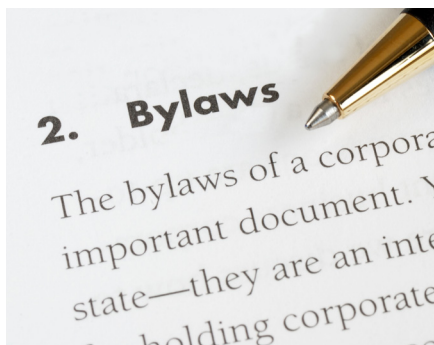
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10 OSBOE EXECUTIVE TO RETIRE

Deborah Bruce, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners is retiring after a decade of service. We wish Deborah a happy retirement.

20 PROPOSED UPDATES TO OOA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

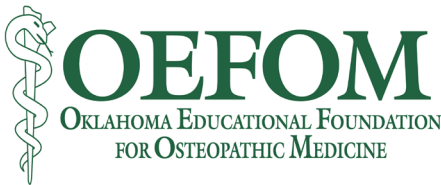
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22 119th Annual Convention

Join us at the 2019 Annual Convention in Norman, OK at the Embassy Suites & Conference Center on April 25-28, 2019. Program Chair Timothy J. Moser, DO has put together an exciting program you won't want to miss.

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Tyler Lenz, *Editor-in-Chief*



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

as of March 10, 2019

Lana Ivy, MBA, CFRE
CEO/Executive Director

The OOA began the session tracking 295 bills. 174 bills are now dead for this session because they did not make the committee deadline. We are currently tracking 121 bills, and want to share some of the most important bills we are influencing.

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 is on general order in the Senate but is not on the agenda yet. The OOA opposes this bill.

SB 801 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 passed out of committee Feb. 11 and is headed to the Senate floor soon. A Senate Floor Amendment, which was submitted this week, now allows hospitals and other medical facilities to choose either a supervision model or collaboration model for CRNAs and would be required to disclose the model to patients. The OOA continues to oppose this bill. An action alert

was sent out on this bill asking all D.O. physicians to contact their Senators.

SB 839 by Sen. Smalley – SB 839 creates a path to independent practice for APRNs by creating a “Waiver of Supervision”. Sen. Smalley has now removed himself as the author of this bill, but APRNs are still actively working to keep this legislation alive. We expect this legislation will appear towards the end of session like last year so please keep an eye out for alerts to take action quickly. The OOA opposes this bill.

SB 848 by Sen. Rader – Clean-up bill for SB1446. It modifies certain provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. The title has been stricken and the OOA continues to work on this bill.

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 after discussions with Rep. Moore, we do not believe it will be heard in the House unless assigned to a new legislator.

HB 2194 by Rep. Randleman – HB 2194 expands the definition of “physician” to include individuals with a doctoral degree who are licensed psy-

chologists. This bill passed out of committee and it is on general order in the House. 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.

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 and now heads to the floor.

HB 2511 by Rep. McCall – HB 2511 creates an income tax exemption for doctors that practice medicine in rural areas beginning tax year 2020. Any income, up to \$25,000 each year for up to 5 years, directly related to the practice of medicine in a rural area would be exempt from taxable income for a qualifying doctor. 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. 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. The measure also requires the Oklahoma Tax Commission to calculate and publish an estimate of the cumulative total of taxes forgone as a result of the exemption. When the estimate by the OTC exceeds \$1 million, the exemption will sunset and no longer be available to qualifying doctors. This bill has passed the House and has been sent to Senate. The OOA supports this bill.

HB 2612 by Rep. Echols – HB 2612, the Medical Marijuana Unity Bill, passed from the House to the Senate, as well as through the Senate Rules Committee and is headed to the Senate Floor. Two changes relevant to physicians are they are not requiring recommending physicians to be board certified and physicians can now rescind patients’ licenses by reporting them to the Medical Marijuana Authority.

HB 2638/SB 509 by Sen. Rader – 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. HB 2638 and SB 509 both passed out of their committees and are headed to the House and Senate floors respectively. The OOA supports these bills. Recent opposition to this bill has surfaced and the OOA sent an action alert to all D.O. physicians asking them to call their Senators and Representatives to support this bill.

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.

HB 2368 by Rep. Kannady and Sen. Thompson – 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. The bill states that the Governor shall appoint a licensed medical doctor or a doctor of osteopathy; the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a licensed practicing medical doctor and the President Pro Tempore shall appoint a licensed practicing medical doctor. The OOA is currently working on this and feels strongly that osteopathic physicians should be included in committee selections and feels strongly that the osteopathic profession should be equally represented.



WILLIAM S. MAYO, DO

From the President

AOA APPROVES CREATION OF TWO PATHWAYS FOR AOA BOARD CERTIFICATION

Dear Reader,

The AOA Board of Trustees today announced it has approved the creation of two pathways for AOA board certification. Candidate diplomates will be given the choice of two initial certification pathways: To become board certified in the osteopathic practice of their specialty; or to become board certified in their specialty only, taking an exam without formal osteopathic content.

The existing osteopathic specialty board certification exams will continue to serve DOs who wish to validate their expertise of osteopathic principles and practice. The AOA also will develop an examination pathway that embraces osteopathic medicine's unique holistic thinking, but does not evaluate candidates' skills in the principles and practice of osteopathic medicine. Exams for both pathways will be developed by practicing osteopathic physicians, and distinctive certificates will be awarded for each.

The decision at the AOA's Midyear Meeting followed thoughtful consideration of perspectives from physician leaders across the profession and specialties.

The Board's commitment to realign and enhance board certification is in response to changing demographics and the evolving needs and expectations of a new generation of DOs.

Demand for certification options has grown, and the potential diplomate pool for initial and ongoing continuous certification is larger due to the Single Accreditation System. This is an opportunity to reach a broader market of DOs and to provide a certification pathway for MDs as well, especially those trained in osteopathically-recognized programs.

Sincerely,

William S. Mayo, DO
President, AOA

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OSBOE Executive Director is Retiring

Applications are being accepted for a new Executive Director

Deborah Jeane (McWhirter) Bruce received her Bachelor of Arts degree in communication. During her collegiate career, she was an award winning debater, President of Murdaugh Hall, President of Delta Zeta Sorority for two years, President of the Presidents Club, the Chapter and Province Sweetheart of Tau Kappa Epsilon, named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and the top collegiate Delta Zeta in Oklahoma. Additionally, she was selected by the Delta Zeta National Council as one of the top six collegiate Delta Zetas from more than 100,000 members in the nation.

She began her professional career as a speech and drama teacher at Star-Spencer High School in Oklahoma City. During her ten year tenure she was twice recognized as an Outstanding Educator by the school district and continues to be a popular speaker at class reunions. Concurrently, Ms. Bruce engaged in volunteer work for several organizations including Delta Zeta, where she served as both a National Director and National Vice-President of Membership. Thereafter, she entered law school at Oklahoma City University, receiving her Juris Doctor in 1987. While at O.C.U. she was a Kerr Foundation Scholar, winner of the Moot Court Competition, and was awarded the Order of the Barrister for outstanding trial advocacy.

She entered the private practice of law as a solo practitioner and developed a clientele of small family businesses. At the same time, she was a teacher and later the first Department Chair of the Legal Assistant Program at Oklahoma Junior College. She was twice honored as the Outstanding Faculty Member. Deborah was instrumental in developing the program, bringing it into compliance with American Bar Association standards and obtaining A.B.A. approval.

Ms. Bruce was appointed Director of Continuing Legal Education for the Oklahoma Bar Association in 1993 and honored for her expansion of programs to include more women and minority participants. She compiled the first Form Book for Oklahoma lawyers and helped establish the Oklahoma Bar Association's Women In Law Committee and for many years chaired the OBA Women In Law Awards Committee. She also served on the faculty of the national Association for Continuing Legal Education. In 1998 she was recognized by Iota Tau Tau, an international legal fraternal organization, for her advancement of women in the legal profession. She was the 2011 Chairperson of the OBA Women In Law Committee.

In 1998, Deborah Bruce was recruited and appointed by the Chief Justice to be the Director of Judicial Education for the Oklahoma Supreme

Court where she served with distinction. As the first person to hold this position, she was instrumental in designing and implementing training programs for all Oklahoma judges. She developed training manuals for “New Judges” and “Handling Domestic Violence Cases”. She updated the Desk Book, a reference guide for judges. Her training programs were highly regarded by Oklahoma judges and the quality recognized by the prestigious National Judicial College. In 2003 the Oklahoma Judicial Conference recognized her for the innovative, practical and useful educational programs and materials developed during her tenure.

In 1999 she received the Oklahoma Bar Association Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award for her professional accomplishments. A plaque bearing her name hangs in the Oklahoma Bar Center. She was one of the original members of the Governor’s Task Force on Domestic Violence and served on the task force that drafted the latest version of the Victim’s Protective Order Statute. A constant and tireless advocate for victims of domestic violence, in 2003 she was honored by the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for raising judicial awareness of this significant social problem.

In 2005, Deborah became the first In-House Counsel and Deputy Director of Investigations for the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. During her service there she streamlined the investigation process and developed new forms and procedures. She taught classes for the Board and Staff on topics including “Government Ethics” and “Due Process of Law”. In 2006 she was certified by the national Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation.

She most recently served as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Board of Examiners, a post she has held since 2008. It is her responsibility to supervise the licensure, training and discipline of all osteopathic physicians in Oklahoma. She designed and developed a Case Review Process that continues to be utilized in Oklahoma and has been copied by other state medical boards. On the national level she served on the Rules Com-

mittee as well as the Education Committee for the national Federation of State Medical Boards. In addition, she sat on the Board of Directors for the national organization, Administrators in Medicine, where she served as the Central Region Representative. She developed and implemented an Orientation and training program for new Executive Directors from medical boards across the country.

In 2008, Ms. Bruce was honored as the Panhellenic Woman of the Year (Delta Zeta). An article highlighting her professional accomplishments appeared in the April 2008 edition of the publication “Oklahoma Woman”. She is also featured in the book *Leading the Way: A Look at Oklahoma’s Pioneering Women Lawyers*. And, in 2011 she was honored by her alma mater, University of Central Oklahoma, as a Distinguished Alumni.

When asked about her upcoming retirement, Ms. Bruce said it had been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Board of Examiners. She praised the dedication of all the Board Members with whom she had worked for the past eleven years claiming they are the unsung heroes of osteopathic medicine in Oklahoma.

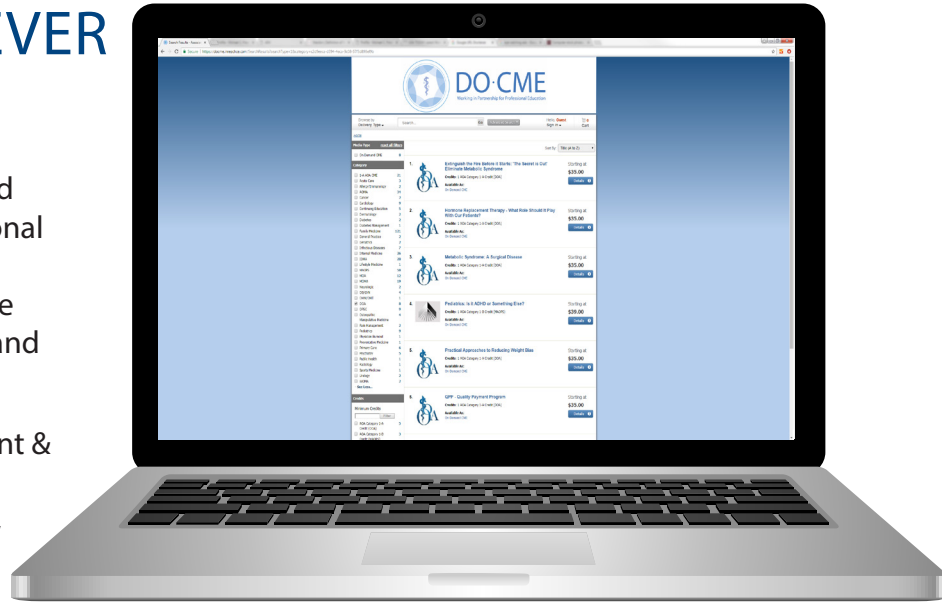
Application for Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners

OSBOE is currently accepting applications for a new Executive Director. If you would like to apply, send you cover letter, resume, and at least three references to osboeboardmember@ok.gov. You will need to send a completed Executive Director Applicant Questionnaire as well. Visit www.ok.gov/osboe to download the questionnaire.

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From left to right: Hanna Crow, DO, PGY-2, Jason Hill, DO (program chair), Carlee Henderson, OMS-II, Daniel Sisco, OMS-I

10th Annual Research Poster Symposium

We are proud to share with you the winners of the 10th Annual Poster Symposium. This competition is just one of the many ways that the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association supports osteopathic students and residents. The mission of the Research Poster Symposium is to showcase current osteopathic research and stimulate interest in future research projects. This will be accomplished through the exchange of ideas and information between participants of the symposium and attendees of the OOA Winter CME Seminar.

First Place (\$2,500): Nathan Weber, DO, PGY-2: "Analysis of Blood Transfusions Utilizing a Restricted Hemoglobin Threshold and the Use of a Transfusion Review Process." (This award was sponsored by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association) Hanna Crow, DO, PGY-2 was a co-author that presented and accepted on the behalf of Nathan Weber, DO.

Second Place (\$2000): Carlee Henderson, OMS-II: "Estrogen Does Not Reduce Blood Pressure During a Ten-Day Angiotensin II Infusion Period." (This award was sponsored by the Osteopathic Founder's Foundation)

Third Place (\$1,500): Daniel Sisco, OMS-I: "Effect of Soda Intake on Taste Preferences in Male Rats." (This award was sponsored by the Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine)

Congratulation to these up-and-coming osteopathic physicians. The future of osteopathic medicine is bright.



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You can find free promotional materials such as brochures, pens and tip cards are available to order for your office at OKhelpline.com.

New Year's provides an ideal moment to redefine how your patients approach their resolutions in 2019. Start a discussion with your patients and help them leave tobacco behind. Visit www.okhelpline.com today.

OOA ADVOCACY AT WORK

The advocacy work at the OOA never stops. Below are some examples of the advocacy work being done on your behalf:

- The OOA sent a letter to Joseph R. Cunningham, M.D. President, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBS), expressing our concerns that D.O. physicians are not being paid for Evaluation and Management (E&M) services for the second and subsequent visits. BCBS responded letting the OOA know that they are having internal discussions and consulting with our counterparts in IL, and also shared that they have been made aware that American Osteopathic Association has been engaged in meetings with their parent company Health Care Service Corporate (HCSC). They need to determine the result of those discussions to be able to appropriately reply to our concerns.
- The OOA signed a joint letter to Governor Stitt asking that he support the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) budget request for FY2020 to restore physician provider rates back 100% of the Medicare provider fee level.
- The OOA signed a letter of support for the AOA Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) Nominee Omar Lateef, DO. The MedPAC is a statutorily established advisory commission of Congress whose mandate is to analyze access to care, quality of care, and other issues affecting Medicare and to advise Congress on payments to health plans participating in the Medicare Advantage program and to providers in Medicare's traditional fee-for-service program.
- The OOA signed a joint letter to members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives opposing HB2194 which expands the definition of "physician" to include psychologists.
- The OOA signed on to the talking points to support SB86 and HB1927 that 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 signed a joint letter to legislators opposing HB2041. This bill changes the established practice of x-rays taken by an assistant or technologist working under the license and direction of a physician to requiring four separate licenses and six separate permits to x-ray separate portions of the body. HB2041 would require several different licenses primarily for people who are already certified by other professional entities.

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices - by Stan Grogg, DO, AOA's Liaison Member

The ACIP met on February 27-28, 2019 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia to discuss vaccinations. At the meeting, two vaccine motions, both for travelers, were approved by the ACIP.

Here is a brief draft of the minutes from that meeting:

1. **Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine: Ixiaro**
 - Added accelerated JE vaccine: In adults aged 18-65 years, the primary vaccination schedule is two doses
 - Booster dose (3rd) should be given at one year or after completion of the primary JE-VC series if ongoing exposure or re-exposure to JE virus is expected.
2. **Anthrax Vaccine**
 - A booster dose of AVA should be given every 3 years to persons not currently at high risk of exposure to B. anthracis who have been previously primed with AVA and wish to maintain protection. (Passed 15/0)
3. **Influenza Vaccines**
 - CDC recommends that health care providers continue to administer influenza vaccine because influenza activity is ongoing and the vaccine can still prevent illness, hospitalization, and death associated with currently circulating influenza viruses, or other influenza viruses that might circulate later in the season.
4. **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine**
 - Work group continues to study persons aged 27-45 years who were not previously vaccinated.
5. **Zoster Vaccines**
 - Vaccine shortage will continue to be a problem.
6. **Pneumococcal Vaccines**
 - No vote. Discussion involved whether Prevnar 13 is cost effective for age 65 and over. Vote is planned in June 2019. Two new vaccines are anticipated soon.
7. **Meningococcal Vaccines**
 - Bexsero (GSK): Vaccine antibodies persist up to 7.5 years. Work-group looking at timing of a booster dose for high risk patients.
8. **Combination Vaccines**
 - A new Pediatric Hexavalent Vaccine (Vaxelis) by Merck and Sanofi for 3 dose series (2,4,6 months): Approved by FDA Dec. 21, 2018.
9. **Hemophilus Influenza Type B**
 - Because of the risk of invasive Hib disease at younger ages, the IHS has recommended a preference for the PRP-OMP (Pedvax-Hib) Hib conjugate vaccine based on seroconversion rates of 60% after the first dose of PRP-OMP, compared with rates of only 20% for the other Hib conjugate vaccines.
10. **Major Updates to the Childhood Vaccine Schedule**
 - Children between the ages six to 11 months of age and unvaccinated persons 12 months of age or older receive the hepatitis A vaccine for international travel.
 - The second update pertains to the word “all” that has been added to the Hep B vaccine recommendation for the birth dose for medically stable infants (more than 2000 grams or 4.4 lbs.) born to hepatitis B surface antigen-negative mothers. According to federal health officials, this clarification was added to emphasize the recommendation that all healthy infants receive the Hep B at birth.
 - The live nasal spray influenza vaccine, FluMist (LAIV) is an option for children 24 months and older. The AAP still has reservations about its effectiveness. The AAP says it should be reserved for children who refuse to get the injection.
 - Pregnant adolescents 13-18 y/o should receive Tdap vaccine.

Welcome new members!

The OOA Board of Trustees welcomes the following new members to the OOA family!

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The OOA Constitution & Bylaws

The following are proposed amendments to the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association's Constitution & Bylaws. Recommendations were made by the Bureau on Constitution & Bylaws for the 2019 annual business meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 during the OOA Annual Convention.

Proposed Amendment A: OOA Constitution, Article IV, Section 3 and 4

Proposed Amendment B: OOA Bylaws Article IV, Section 1

Section 3. Vote

All elections shall be by any form of ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. In case of no election on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes shall be dropped from the list before taking the next ballot, which process shall be repeated until a majority vote is cast for one (1) candidate. Any member of the Association in good standing and in attendance at the business meeting shall be qualified to vote.

Section 4. American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

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AMENDMENTS:

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Proposed Amendment B: OOA Bylaws Article I, Section 1

Section 1. Regular Member

Any graduate of a college accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, who is legally qualified by the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners and ethically qualified by the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association to practice as an osteopathic physician and/or osteopathic physician and surgeon is eligible for membership in this Association. An applicant is required to make application in writing for membership in the Association on the prescribed form as furnished by the Executive Director of this Association and shall present the full amount of the fee with said application, which shall be signed by two members of the Association and shall be acted upon by the Board of Trustees. The provisions of this section shall not be retroactive.

Upon receipt of application for membership, the Executive Director shall present the same to the Bureau on Membership for recommendation to the Board of Trustees for their approval or disapproval at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

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All regular members in good standing shall have voting privileges

Proposed Amendment B: OOA Bylaws Article I, Section 7

Section 7. Out-Of-State Membership

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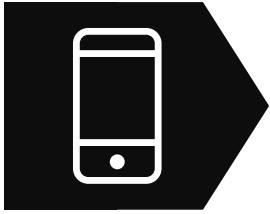
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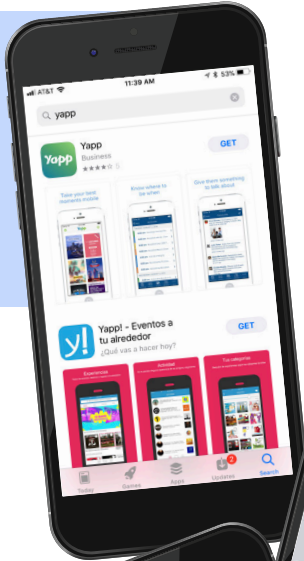


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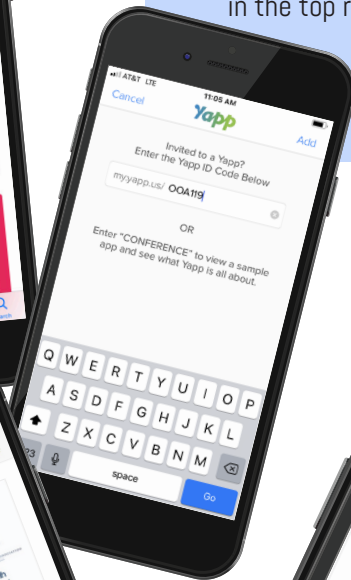
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8 AM - 6 PM	Registration Open
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2 - 3 PM	OOA Business Meeting (No CME Credit)
3 - 4 PM	ACOFPP Update
4 - 6 PM	General CME Sessions
6 - 7 PM	Bureau on Legislation

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7 AM - 6 PM	Registration Open
8 - 10 AM	General CME Sessions
10 - 11 AM	Legislative Update
11 AM - Noon	Proper Prescribing
Noon - 2 PM	Lunch in Exhibitor Hall <i>Sign-in required to receive credit</i>
2 - 4 PM	Risk Management <i>Sign-in required to receive credit</i>
4 - 4:15 PM	Physician \$1,000 Drawing
4:15 - 6 PM	General CME Sessions
7 - 11 PM	Family Fun Night at the Embassy Suites Hotel

SATURDAY

7 AM - 5 PM	Registration Open
8 AM - Noon	Speciality Track CME Sessions Tracks include: Office-Based Medicine; Surgery; Emergency Medicine; OMT; Neuro/Psych; Internal Medicine; Pain Management/Anesthesiology; Internal Medicine; New Physicians; & Pediatric Medicine.
Noon - 1:30 PM	AOA Update & Awards Luncheon
1:30 - 2 PM	OSU Alumni Meeting

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2 - 5 PM	Speciality Track CME Sessions
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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The OOA is pleased to welcome two new board members. Christopher C. Thurman, DO is a family practice doctor who lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is on the faculty at OSU-COM. He graduated from OSU-COM in 2000. Douglas C. Nolan, DO specializes in family practice and lives in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He also graduated from OSUCOM in 2000. Dr. Nolan works for Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital. Join us in welcoming these two distinguished osteopathic physicians to the board. We are thankful to have their passion and experience on our team.



Do you have good news to share?

We would love to include it in our next edition of *Okahoma D.O.*! Contact Tyler Lenz at 405-528-4848 or tyler@okosteo.org to submit your news today.

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*In Memorial:
Deaths in the Osteopathic Family*



Dr. Ron Heim, 74, passed away in Tulsa on Tuesday, November 28, 2018. Ron was a caring father and devoted husband. He graduated from the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1975. From there, he began his practice in Sand Springs. Later, he became a General Practice Physician with the Warren Clinic. He loved his profession, neighbors, and family.



Margaret "Midge" Ann Coffman passed away on December 13, 2018 in Tulsa, OK at the age of 81 years. She was devoted to her family, as well as the Kansas City Chiefs and the OU Sooners. Margaret always gave back to her community, and served as a coach, PTA leader, Meals-on-Wheels driver, and also served on the boards of Hospice and Women's Shelters while in Enid.

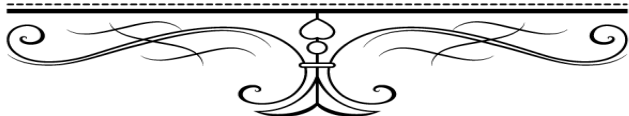


Gerald Wootan, DO, passed away on October 4, 2018 in Tulsa. He was a longtime resident of that city and was the owner of the Jenks Health Team. With degrees from both OU and OSU medical programs, Dr. Wootan made a large impact in the medical community. He served as Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Board of Review, and

was himself an Eagle Scout at the age of 12. Jenks health team is continuing under the medical direction of brother George, as Jerry wished.



Karen Ann Rogers, age 69, passed away on December 28, 2018. She was born in Ft. Worth, Texas and grew up there. In 1981, she married Dr. Gilbert Rogers and moved to Enid in 1987. Karen loved her community and animals of all kinds. She was known as a great host and an even better mother. She is survived by her husband, three children, and three grandchildren.



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March 7-29, 2019

DO Doctor of the Day at the Capitol

March 28, 2019

Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Capitol

April 3, 2019

Bureau on Legislation
Dinner 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7 p.m

April 4, 2019

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

April 25 - 28, 2019

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June 21, 2019

Proper Prescribing Afternoon Seminar
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