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A strong advocate for the profession and patients, Dr. Moser focused his presidential year on empowering physicians to make their voices heard on issues affecting their practice.

An avid believer that those providing health care should shape legislation, he partnered closely with other provider groups to ensure the osteopathic profession was represented in every aspect of health care policy.

Dr. Moser’s involvement in legislative work positioned him to represent the OOA’s concerns to the Attorney General and the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs regarding opioid laws, fighting to lower the impact of the new regulations on the most vulnerable patients and on primary care physicians. His service on the Opioid Fatality Review Board has ensured the osteopathic voice is heard as all work together to better understand pain, pain management, and addiction.

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realized, while writing this report, that this week Oklahoma is expected to experience its COVID-19 surge. My respect and gratitude go out to our members. You are continuing to provide patient care during this challenging pandemic and protecting your most vulnerable patients. Some of you are working on the frontlines risking your personal health to do what must be done.

All our predictable routines quickly began to unravel on March 13 when President Trump declared a national emergency in the United States due to the nationwide spread of COVID-19. It was quickly followed by Governor Stitt issuing his first Executive Order (E.O.) on March 14 for all 77 counties after Oklahoma confirmed its eighth positive case of COVID-19. The E.O. has been updated eight times as of today with more expected to come.

We realize this virus has changed the way you practice medicine, and for many it is the first time for you to see patients without physically touching them, resorting to telehealth and telemedicine platforms.

Information and messaging to members has been key during this pandemic, as well as advocating for our members’ needs. Timothy J. Moser, DO, FACOFP, OOA President, and I have been engaged with numerous groups since Oklahoma’s state of emergency took place. These include on-going conference calls and zoom meetings with the Oklahoma Department of Health, the Governor’s Solutions Task Force Members for COVID-19, Kayse M. Shrum, DO, FACOP, and Secretary of Health Jerome Loughridge, and the Health Preparedness Coalition.

The Health Preparedness Coalition was formed under the direction of Senator Greg Treat, President Pro Tempore, after the legislature adjourned on March 18 due to COVID-19. Senator Treat appointed Senator Greg McCortney as chair of the coalition, which is made up of medical organizations and lobbyists. It has served as a useful mechanism in proposing issues to the Governor such as pay parity for telemedicine and liability language that need to be done by Executive Order.

The Oklahoma legislature was called back on Monday, April 6, to stabilize the budget after adjourning
to work remotely on March 18. They passed three bills: SB1053, SB199, and SB617. The Governor signed only two, SB1053 and SB617, covering the budget shortfall through April, stating that the legislature would have to come back to discuss May and June. On pages 22 and 23, you will find a listing of selected bills that were heard this session. A full list of bills can be found on our website under the “Legislative” tab.

During this challenging time, the OOA Board and staff have continued to work on your behalf and will continue to serve you. We have transitioned our OOA Annual Convention to a virtual live-streaming program, and I hope you will join us April 23-25. Our annual business meeting will include the inauguration of President-Elect, Richard W. Schafer, DO, FACOFP, and his Presidential address.

Based upon your expressed concerns and, in most part, working in collaboration with other medical groups, we have advocated for you at the state and national level during this crisis in a variety of ways:

These letters/drafts can be found on our website under COVID-19.

- OOA letter to Governor Stitt for Pay Parity for Telemedicine (3/17)

- Letter to Governor Stitt calling for Public Measures and the Support of Healthcare Workers. Signed by the OOA and seven other medical associations (3/20)

- Letter to President Trump, Vice President Pence and Ambassador Birx asking for increased access to safety equipment and medical supplies and recommending the continuation of social distancing. Signed by the OOA, other state affiliates, and AOA (3/31)

- Letter to US Administration asking for financial relief to our physician providers through the CAREs act. Signed by the OOA, other state affiliates, and AOA (4/9)

- Letter sent to U.S. Senate Members asking for Support for 501(c)(6)’s Non-Profits Relief in Future COVID-19 Legislation. Signed by OOA, other state affiliates, and AOA (4/9)

- Liability Limiting Language (draft)– By our initiative and others a draft was submitted to Senator Greg McCortney per his request asking for an Executive Order to make health care providers, facilities and workers immune to civil liability or any injury or death alleged to have been caused by an act or omission that occurs during the COVID-19 public health emergency. All members of the Health Preparedness Coalition agreed to the language (4/9)

In closing, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this unprecedented time. We will continue to reach out to you and respond just as we have while you serve the public. God bless you and be safe.
The 120th Annual Convention is Going Virtual!

Due to the rapid progression of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association has determined that it would be in the best interest of our members to transition the 120th Annual Convention from a live, in-person seminar to an online, virtual conference.

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This CME features a variety of topics to allow time to immerse in the new and savor the old. After attending, participants will feel rejuvenated and have a better understanding of medicine as seen on both sides of the fence.

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2020 OEFOM Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following students:

**Toni Nigro, OMS-II**

$2,500 Scholarship

Toni Nigro is a current second year medical student at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Toni grew up in Miami, Oklahoma where she graduated high school and attended NEO junior college. Following NEO, she moved to Stillwater where she graduated summa cum laude from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Biochemistry—the first in her family to obtain a college degree. Toni was accepted to the M.S./D.O. program at OSU-COM where she has conducted Neuroscience research under Dr. Vazquez-Sanroman. Additionally, Toni is currently an Albert Schweitzer Fellow, a leadership program in only 13 cities across the nation that challenges graduate students to identify a health need in the community and develop a project to bridge that gap. Toni has worked over the last year to create and implement a mentorship program called STEMinists at two middle schools in Tulsa. STEMinists is aimed at mentoring middle school girls by bringing in female professionals from various STEM backgrounds (engineering, computer programming, paleontology) to participate in career-related projects to increase the young women’s exposure to various career fields and inspire them to pursue higher education in the future. Toni hopes to pursue an Internal Medicine Residency at OSU Medical Center following graduation and return to her hometown to practice.

**Marvin Carr, OMS-I**

$2,500 Scholarship

Growing up on the South Side of Chicago, Marvin Carr witnessed unsurmountable trauma and violence. As an undergraduate he began to recognize the geography of socioeconomic differences, and its impact on health disparities. Through mentorship and shadowing he explored social and political forces affecting health disparities. Creating health education services for the community of North Tulsa, including hypertension care, diabetes management, and nutritional advice, as well as specialized reading programs for children are opportunities he enjoys serving in his down time. As an osteopathic physician, he plans to create an integrated form of healthcare for patients. This includes nutrition education, mental health care, primary care, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics and a wellness facility all within the same location. Ultimately it is his goal to provide equity for all communities.

**Adam Warren, OMS-I**

$2,500 Scholarship

Adam Warren, class of 2023, is a first-year osteopathic medical student at Oklahoma State University College of Health Sciences. He earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in 2011. He grew up in rural Northeastern Oklahoma and plans to use both his pharmacy and medical training in serving rural Oklahomans who may face barriers to healthcare.
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The OOA building is now 34 years old and we are proud of the visibility it provides to the OOA profession. It is used by OOA members, board members, legislators, partner groups, community organizations on a weekly basis and it is home to the staff of the OOA staff and the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The OOA Constitution & Bylaws

The following is a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association’s Constitution & Bylaws. Recommendations were made by the Bureau on Constitution & Bylaws for the 2020 annual business meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 during the OOA Annual Convention.

Proposed Amendment A: Dues Rates and Assessments, Article II, Section II

Section 2. Dues Rates

(a) Regular members: The first year in practice the dues shall be $300. The second year in practice the dues shall be $400. The third and subsequent years the dues shall be $600 per year. All membership classes shall pay annual dues, with the exception of life members whose membership is free, as set by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis, after membership comment at the annual business meeting.

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*Student Delegate has not yet been determined.
Below is an update on several bills the OOA has been tracking this legislative session. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oklahoma Legislature adjourned March 18th and has only been back at the Capitol one day since.

Please check our website www.okosteo.org for the most up-to-date information regarding this legislative session and the bills we’re tracking on your behalf.

SUPPORT

Surprise Billing: Both bills are similar in their approach and language, which closely resembles the surprise billing language which passed last year in Texas. They provide for a payment of a “usual and customary rate” for out of network services and provides language for arbitration in the case there is a dispute on that amount between the provider and the insurer. The arbitrator must look at several things when ruling including the 80th percentile of billed charges according to Fair Health for that geographic area and the 50th percentile of allowed charges. HB 3388 received a do pass from the House Insurance Committee. The title is off the measure and it passed the full House 92 to 3. It’s been referred to the Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee. SB 1868 received a do pass from the Senate Retirement & Insurance Committee and a do pass from the Senate Appropriations Committee. It passed the full Senate 44 to 0.

HB 3823 – Rep. Charles McCall, R-Atoka; Sen. Chuck Hall, R-Perry
Provides a $25,000 per year, claimable for up to five years, income tax credit for physicians who practice medicine in rural and tribal areas of the state beginning in tax year 2021. Amended to limit the tax credit to doctors that become licensed in the state on or after January 1, 2019 and requires any doctor claiming the credit to have lived in the rural or tribal area for the entire taxable year. This bill received a do pass from the House Rules Committee and passed the full House 89 to 0. It has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee then to Senate Appropriations Committee.

HB 3968 – Rep. Merleyn Bell, D-Oklahoma City
Opioid Commission: Excludes patients currently in active treatment for sickle cell anemia from opioid prescription restrictions. This bill received a do pass from the House Public Health Committee and passed the full House 90 to 0. It has been referred to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.

HB 3877/ SB 1525 – Rep. Chad Caldwell, R-Enid; Sen. Adam Pugh, R-Edmond
Osteopathic Licensure Board: Gives the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners with the exclusive authority to determine qualifications and fitness of applicants for admission to practice osteopathic medicine. HB 3877 received a do pass from the House Health Services and Long-Term Care Committee and passed the full House 84 to 1. SB 1525 received a do pass from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee and passed the full Senate 44 to 2.

Opioid Commission: Exempts hospice program practitioners from pill limit restrictions. This bill received a do pass from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee and passed the full Senate 45 to 0.

SB 1423 – Sen. Greg McCortney, R-Ada
Tobacco related: Increases the legal smoking age to 21. It
received a do pass from the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and passed the full Senate 28 to 19.

SB 1606 – Sen. David Bullard R-Durant
Directs sheriffs and police officers to use telemedicine to assess a person officers reasonably believe require mental health treatment. This bill received a do pass from the Senate Public Safety Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. It passed the full Senate 42 to 0.

Mental Health: Requires all health benefit plans to provide benefits for treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders and provides for additional requirements of health benefit plans, insurers and the Commissioner. This bill received a do pass from the Senate Retirement & Insurance Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. It passed the full Senate 44 to 1.

SB 1892 – Sen. Dave Rader R-Tulsa
PMTC: Allows tax credit for a faculty preceptor who conducts a preceptorship rotation for allopathic and osteopathic medicine, advance practice registered nursing and physician assistant training programs. This bill received a do pass from the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee. The title is off the measure and it passed the full Senate 40 to 2.

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SB 1046 – Sen. Roger Thompson, R-Okemah; Rep. Kevin Wallace, R-Oklahoma City
SHOPP; Relates to Medicaid and the supplemental hospital offset payment program by defining newly eligible Medicaid populations directing additional funds to the Health Care Authority and authorizing certain related expenditures for FY-21 only. This bill was not heard by the Senate Joint Appropriations & Budget Committee.

SB 1391 – Sen. Bill Coleman, Ponca City; Rep. Marcus McEntire, R-Duncan
Scope of Practice of APRNs: Permits certain qualified advanced practice registered nurses to prescribe and administer Schedule II controlled dangerous substances under the direction of a physician.

This bill was not heard by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee prior to the deadline. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.

SB 1891 – Sen. Adam Pugh, R-Edmond; Rep. Kevin Wallace, R-Oklahoma City
This bill is part of the ongoing occupational licensing reforms that started a few years ago and what we heard about in the Governor’s State of the State. Arizona was the first state to pass a universal occupational licensing bill and this bill will make Oklahoma the second state to do so. The OOA is working with Sen. Pugh to exempt osteopathic physicians from this bill. It received a do pass from the Senate Business, Commerce & Tourism Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee. It passed the full Senate 36 to 9.

Scope of Practice of PAs: Makes changes to terminology, duties, and definitions of physician assistants by replacing supervision by to collaboration with physicians and are to be considered as primary care providers in certain settings. This bill received a do pass from the Senate Health & Human Service Committee. The title is off the measure and it has passed the Senate 42 to 3.

HB 3506 – Rep. Chris Sneed R-Fort Gibson
Would allow tanning for minors 16 and older with parental consent. This bill was no heard by the House Business and Commerce Committee prior to the deadline. The bill is dead pursuant to the rules.

HB 4064 – Rep. Charles McCall R-Atoka
Mental Health: Consolidates the Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services into the Health Care Authority, transferring related powers, duties, responsibilities, and authority. This bill received a do pass from the House Rules Committee. The title is off this measure and passed the full House 61 to 28. It has been referred to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee then to the Appropriations Committee.
Volunteers Needed for OSDH COVID-19 Hotline

The rapidly changing situation with COVID-19 has left the public and providers with many questions. To that end, the OOA is partnering with the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the governor’s office to staff a COVID-19 hotline, which is currently ongoing. The hotline is physically located at the OSDH building (1000 NE 10th St. Oklahoma City) and they are eight hour shifts. If you are interested in volunteering to serve in this capacity, please contact Tyler Lenz at tyler@okosteo.org.
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