

2009-2010 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It has been a great honor to represent the AAO this year. The AAO Board of Trustees has been very active and engaged in the managing and conducting of AAO business. Communication to the AAO leadership and membership has been a priority and seems to be going well. CME programs have been successful this year. Since the resignation of our former Executive Director last May, Diana Finley has served as Interim Executive Director and was offered the position of Executive Director in January. She has been able to restructure the office staff and continue the progress of updating office software and processes. She has attended many AOA and component society meetings and is well respected in the Osteopathic profession. The work this year has been done by many hands and I am grateful to the AAO staff, committees and Board of Trustees who have given so much time and effort to support our Academy.

Since assuming the office of President, I have had several opportunities to formally represent the AAO:

4/22-4/26/09 OOA Annual Conference - Oklahoma City, OK

- Met with the OOA BOT
- Presented lecture and workshop on OMT in cervical spine
- Volunteered at OMT service
- Represented AAO at Alumni luncheon and Banquet

5/8/09 Meeting with the Executive Committee and Executive Director – Indianapolis, IN

- Conducted Annual Review for Executive Director
- BOT Conference Call

6/12/09 Payor Relations Summit Meeting - Rockport, ME

- Met with representatives from AOA, ACOFP, Maine Osteopathic Association and Florida Academy of Osteopathy to discuss issues with reimbursement for OMT

6/12-6/14/09 Maine Osteopathic Association Annual Conference - Rockport ME

- Met with MOA BOT
- Presented lecture on OMT for thoracic and cervical injuries
- Addressed MOA at business meeting
- Volunteered at OMT service

6/20-6/21/09 Cranial Academy Annual Conference - Bethesda, MD

- Attended program
- Represented AAO and addressed CA members at Annual Banquet

7/10-7/11/09 AAO BOT Meeting – Indianapolis, IN

7/13-7/15/09 AOA BOT Meeting - Chicago, IL

- Represented AAO at BOT meetings
- Worked with leadership of ACOFP, ACOS, ACOOG, ACOI, ACOEP, AOCC to address BOT issues as a group regarding CME and affiliate relationships

7/16-7/18/09 AOA HOD Meeting - Chicago, IL

- Represented RI as a delegate
- Represented AAO at meeting with M. Mallie and P. Schmeltzer regarding leasing options at AOA and ACOFP locations
- Volunteered at OMT service

8/7-8/8/09 AAO Education Committee Meeting – Indianapolis, IN

10/8-10/10/09 AAO Prolotherapy Course – Biddeford, ME

- Taught program with M. Cantieri (23 attendees)

11/1/09 AAO Strategic Planning Meeting – New Orleans, LA

- Ad hoc committee appointed to work with a consultant to make recommendations on location for the AAO office when the lease at the Pyramids in Indianapolis ends in 2012.

11/2/09 AAO BOT Meeting – Indianapolis, IN

2/4-2/6/10 AOA BOT Meeting/BOSS meeting – Chicago, IL

The ACOFP proposed to discontinue support of the Integrated FP/NMM residency programs in November. I was able to negotiate with the ACOFP President Zieren a compromise that will allow recruitment to continue for the 2010-2011 class and continued support until the 2010 resident class finishes in 2014. A joint subcommittee has reviewed the FP/NMM Basic Standards Document and made recommendations for amendments to allow the needs of each portion of the program to be met. AAO BOT member Laura Griffin, DO, FAAO and PTRC Chair Doris Newman, DO represented the AAO on this joint subcommittee.

I represented the AAO by participating on an AOA expert panel assigned to develop and implement a plan to address the scheduled 5-year review of the OMT CPT codes by the RUC (Relative Value Update Committee), which will ultimately be considered in their recommendation to CMS. This panel was compiled by the AOA Bureau of Socioeconomic Affairs and includes AAO members Drs. Buser, O'Connell and Mason.

I communicate with Dr. Feely regularly every 1-2 weeks and intermittently to discuss AAO business.

I have been in close contact with the AAO office as it continues managing day-to-day issues.

I continue to be involved in undergraduate medical education by taking students on rotation for April, May, September, December, January and February.

I continue to serve as a reviewer for NBOME-PE.

I participated in several conference calls with the Executive Committee, BOT, Postdoctoral Standards and Evaluation Committee, our accounting firm Ent & Imler and our legal representative Kathy Brickley.

I continue to be involved in resident education by assisting with the FP and EM programs at Kent Hospital in Warwick, RI and precepting an OMM clinic at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket, RI for the Brown University Family Practice residency program.

I continue my service on the BOT of the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and serve as Chair of the Annual Yankee Conference in Newport, RI that will be co-presented with the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society.

There are 40 lbs. less of me to love since I took office last March!

My practice is doing well with four physicians (two DOs and two MDs) and a Nurse Practitioner. In the past 6 months, we brought billing in-house, implemented new scheduling software, started e-prescribing, hired a new doc and will be moving to a bigger space when I return from Convocation.

Respectfully submitted,



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