

<b>AAO Annual Business Meeting Minutes</b>		
Date: March 26, 2009		Chair: Guy A. DeFeo, DO
Time: 12:00 Noon		Location: SCC, Little Rock, Arkansas
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motions</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Guy A. DeFeo, DO, Chair welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.	
<b>Invocation</b>	The invocation was presented by Dr. Cantieri	
<b>Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment</b>	Dr. DeFeo lead the group in reciting the Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment	
<b>Luncheon</b>		
<b>Additions and Approval of Agenda</b>	Dr. DeFeo noted that he would provide an update on items from last year's meeting as part of old business.	Moved, seconded and approved
<b>Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2008 Meeting</b>	Dr. Jones noted a correction to the 2008 minutes. Change from the Cranial Academy to a Component Society.	Moved, seconded and approved the minutes of the March 27, 2008 Annual Meeting of the Membership with an editorial correction presented by Dr. Jones changing Cranial Academy to Component Society.
<b>Elections</b>	<p>Dr. DeFeo called Boyd R. Buser, DO, Chair of the AAO Nominating Committee to conduct the annual elections. Dr. Buser explained that the President-elect automatically ascends to the presidency as stipulated in the AAO Constitution and Bylaws. Therefore George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO will be installed as President at the Banquet on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>President-elect:</i> Dr. Buser announced that the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the name of Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO for the office of President-elect.</p> <p>Dr. Buser announced that Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO was elected to serve a one year term as AAO President-elect.</p> <p><i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> Dr. Buser announced that the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the name of Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO for the office of Secretary-Treasurer.</p> <p>Dr. Buser announced that Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO was elected to serve a three-year term as AAO Secretary-Treasurer.</p> <p><i>Board of Trustees:</i> Nominating Committee had placed the following names in nomination: John E. Balmer, Do, Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, and Kenneth J. Lossing, DO.</p> <p>Dr. Buser instructed the members to strike Dr. Feely's name</p>	<p>Moved, seconded and approved the closing of nominations for the office of President-elect and the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO.</p> <p>Moved, seconded and approved the closing of nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer and the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO.</p> <p>Move to nominate David Coffey, DO, FAAO as a candidate for Trustee. Dr. Coffey was present and agreed to serve if elected.</p>

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	<p>from the ballot since he was just elected to the office of President-elect. He also advised members to vote for only two candidates for Trustee, each of whom will serve a three-year term. Dr. Buser reiterated the voter eligibility criteria for AAO members and appointed a number of AAO active members to collect written ballots and tally the votes.</p> <p>Following the completion of the tally of votes, Dr. Buser announced that the members had elected Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO and David Coffey, DO, FAAO to serve a three-year term (2009-2012) on the Board of Trustees.</p> <p><i>Board of Governors:</i> The Nominating Committee had placed the following names in nomination: Stephen D. Blood, DO, FAAO; Boyd R. Buser, DO; Wm. Thomas Crow, DO, FAAO; William H. Devine, DO; John C. Glover, DO, FAAO; Sharon Gustowski, DO; Jeanne E. Heyser-Easterly, DO; John G. Hohner, DO, FAAO; Hemwattie (Shantie) Jaimangal, DO; Kenneth J. Lossing, DO; David C. Mason, DO; Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO; Gary L. Ostrow, DO; Mark E. Rosen, DO; Charles J. Smutny, DO, FAAO; Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAAO; Richard L. VanBuskirk, DO, FAAO. There were no nominations from the floor.</p> <p>Dr. Buser instructed members to vote for only 10 candidates to serve a three-year term.</p> <p>After completion of the vote tallies, Dr. Buser announced the election of ten new members to the AAO Board of Governors to serve a three-year term (2009-2012): Stephen D. Blood, DO, FAAO; Boyd R. Buser, DO; Wm. Thomas Crow, DO, FAAO; John C. Glover, DO, FAAO; John G. Hohner, DO, FAAO; Kenneth J. Lossing, DO; Mark E. Rosen, DO; Charles J. Smutny, DO, FAAO; Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAAO; and Richard L. VanBuskirk, DO, FAAO.</p> <p><i>Nominating Committee:</i> The Nominating Committee had placed the following names in nomination for a one-year term on the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee: Boyd R. Buser, DO; Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO; Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO; John C. Glover, DO, FAAO; Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, FAAO; Hollis H. King, DO, PhD, FAAO; Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO; Karen M. Steele, DO, FAAO; and Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAAO. He advised that Guy A. DeFeo, DO will serve ex-officio as the Immediate Past President.</p> <p>Dr. Buser instructed members to vote for only four candidates.</p> <p>Following the completion of the voting process, Dr. Buser announced that Boyd R. Buser, DO; Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO; John C. Glover, DO, FAAO; Karen M. Steele, DO, FAAO; and Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAAO were elected to a one-year term on the Nominating Committee. He asked that these four members join him at the close of the meeting to</p>	<p>Moved, seconded and approved the closing of nominations for the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Moved, seconded and approved the closing of nominations for the Board of Governors.</p> <p>Moved, seconded and approved the closing of nominations for the Nominating Committee.</p>
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<b>Academy Award</b>	select a chairperson for the committee.  Dr. DeFeo called to the podium Stephen J. Noone, CAE, whom the AAO Board of Trustees selected to receive the 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Academy Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the osteopathic medical profession. Dr. DeFeo presented a brief history of the award and presented the prestigious honor to Mr. Noone. In his brief acceptance speech, Mr. Noone expressed his appreciation for this recognition.	
Greetings from the American Osteopathic Association	Dr. DeFeo welcomed John B. Crosby, Executive Director of the American Osteopathic Association who was filling in for AOA President Carlo J. DiMarco, DO, who had been called to testify in the TCOM matter. Mr. Crosby addressed the membership, providing a brief AOA update and shared information about his recent meeting in Washington, DC on the future of healthcare.	
<b>Officers' Reports</b>	Dr. DeFeo briefly expressed appreciation to the membership for their support throughout his presidential term. He noted that the 2009 <i>Membership Information Guide</i> included the written reports of the President, President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past President; and the Executive Director. Since there were no questions or comments on any of these reports, Dr. DeFeo proceeded with the meeting agenda.	
<b>New Business</b>		Moved, seconded and approved the addition of the Bylaws amendment to the Agenda.
<i>Motion to Amend the AAO Bylaws</i>	Dr. DeFeo noted that the Academy had published the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws in the AAO Newsletter and sent it via Blast e-mail and by US Postal Service mail to AAO members.	It was moved, seconded, and approved to change the following in the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Academy of Osteopathy, Section B: Bylaws, Article I. Membership, Section 3, as follows: H. Life Membership <del>shall</del> <b>may</b> be conferred upon any Active or Associate Member who has been in good standing, <b>paying regular dues</b> for a minimum of five consecutive years <b>immediately prior to application</b> and who has paid his or her lifetime dues in one payment of <del>\$2,500</del> <b>the sum of 12 times the current membership dues at the time of the AAO member's application for life membership.</b> Life members shall continue to hold all rights and privileges

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<i>AAO Component Societies</i>	Dr. DeFeo advised that 18 of the existing component societies filed an annual report in accordance with the AAO Manual of Procedures: Arizona Academy of Osteopathy; Florida Academy of Osteopathy; Indiana Academy of Osteopathy; Iowa Academy of Osteopathy; Michigan-Great Lakes Academy of Osteopathy; New England Academy of Osteopathy; New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy; New York Academy of Osteopathy; Northern California Academy of Osteopathy; Ohio Academy of Osteopathy; Oklahoma Academy of Osteopathy; Pennsylvania Academy of Osteopathy; Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy; Puget Sound Academy of Osteopathy; Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy; Texas Academy of Osteopathy; The Cranial Academy; and Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation.	they held with their previous membership status.  It was moved, seconded and approved to recertify the listed Component Societies of the American Academy of Osteopathy.  Move to recertify two additional component societies: Northwest Academy of Osteopathy and Upper Mississippi River Osteopathic Study Group. Approved.
<i>Approval of two new UAAO Chapters.</i>	Dr. DeFeo also advised that the Board of Trustees had received bylaws from two new UAAO Chapters. These groups fulfilled all the requirements for creating UAAO Chapters that are outlined in the AAO Bylaws and Manual of Procedures.	Moved, seconded, and approved two new UAAO Chapters: Rocky Vista College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) and Pacific Northwest University of Health Science College of Osteopathic Medicine.
<i>Advancing the AAO One Contribution at a Time and Recognition of AAO Donors</i>	Ms. O'Connor, AAO Executive Director, presented a brief PowerPoint presentation about the AAO activities during the past year and some of the activities proposed for the coming year.  Dr. Cantieri recognized the members of the Golden Ram Society and acting on the Investment Committee's recommendation, the Board of Trustees voted to recognize the outstanding generosity of Golden Ram Society donors by awarding cumulative giving awards, a lapel pin with depiction of the AAO's mascot—the Ram. Dr. DeFeo presented Dr. Hugh Ettlinger with a Ruby Pin signifying his lifetime contribution of \$5,000 to the Golden Ram Society.	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<i>Recognition of Committee Service</i>	In appreciation for their expiring terms of service as AAO committee chairpersons, Dr. DeFeo presented the AT Still Founder resin plaque of service to: Jane E. Carreiro, DO (Education Chair); and John E. Balmer, DO (External Fundraising Chair).	
<i>Call for Volunteers</i>	Dr. DeFeo invited all AAO members to consider volunteer service on one of the Academy's committees. He called attention to the description of committee charges that were published in the Member Information Guide. Interested members should communicate their interests directly either to incoming President George J. Pasquarello, DO, FFAO or to one of the AAO staff members.	
<b>Announcements</b>	Dr. DeFeo announced that the next Annual Business Meeting of the membership is scheduled for Thursday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado.	

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	Doris Newman, DO, who will serve as Convocation Program Chairperson, has chosen the theme tentatively entitled "Pelvis and Sacrum: Where it All Comes Together".	
<b>Adjournment</b>	With business concluded, Dr. DeFeo adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.	