



**AAO Component Societies
Report to the AAO Boards
March 2009**

Arizona Academy of Osteopathy

The Arizona Academy of Osteopathy is continuing to function with innovative programs and assistance to osteopathic medical students and giving osteopathic education component to the TOMF and the AOMA programs

The Fall Retreat this year was cancelled because their guest main speaker, Christian Fossum, DO (UK) was unable to lecture with Dr. Devine due to the premature birth of his daughter. Their election of officers was to be on that weekend and it was decided to delay the elections until the spring of 2009. They plan to have Dr. Fossum return then for a Still-Littlejohn Technique Seminar.

The AzAO treasury remains in a Chase checking account at about \$5000.00

They confirmed their commitment to the AAO's "Who May Attend" Policy.

The executive committee will remain the same as last year until the anticipated spring election of officers.:

William H. Devine, D.O.	President
Craig Hoffbauer, D.O.	Vice-President
Jordan Ross, D.O.	Secretary-Treasurer

Board Members at Large:

Harmon Myers, D.O.	Trustee
Frederick P. Wedel, D.O.	Trustee
Jonathon Kirsch, D.O.	Trustee

Florida Academy of Osteopathy

The Florida Academy of Osteopathy (FAO), now in its 57th year, holds Board meetings three times per year, in January, April/May, and September. Through those many years we have strived to serve the Osteopathic family of physicians of this state. The FAO remains dedicated to the promotion and understanding of the Osteopathic Principles and Practice, and the Osteopathic profession that have provided us with the opportunity to serve our patients in our special ways due to the unique skills we have been taught. Every year we attempt to increase our membership statewide in order to grow the FAO's leadership role and to increase the public's awareness of services offered by Osteopathic physicians. We are further striving to improve the educational opportunities for the training of Osteopathic physicians/students/interns/residents through our annual conference and affiliated seminars throughout the state.

We hold an annual conference every spring, the latest, our 53rd, on April 18-20, 2008, at NSUCOM, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. This conference featured 9 speakers, offering 22 hours of AOA Category I-A



CME credits, including 3 Florida mandated courses (Risk Management, Florida Laws, and Prevention of Medical Errors). The program included family practice updates, OMT reviews, nationally known speakers, excellent exhibits with 10 sponsors, attendance prizes, a conference dinner banquet program featuring AOA Past-President Phillip Shettle, DO (who is also a long-time FAO member), FOMA President Anna Hayden, DO, and the Deans from our two Osteopathic COMs in Florida - Anthony Silvagni, DO (NSUCOM and Robert George, DO (LECOM/Bradenton). We had awards and entertainment. Our Student of the Year Awards were given to Brian Caswell-Monack (LECOM) and Alberto Caban-Martinez (NSUCOM). Kenneth Webster, EdD, our Executive Director, was congratulated on receiving the first FAO Honorary Membership award for his years of service to the FAO. I was re-elected to a second two-year term as President of the FAO. Our Board meeting included updating our FAO Constitution and Bylaws, which hadn't been revised since 1962. Our next Annual Conference will be May 1-3, 2009, at LECOM/Bradenton, Bradenton, FL.

Our annual membership dues are \$195, which do provide discounted registration fees at our annual conference. As always, our annual membership and conference for our Osteopathic students/interns/residents are free. We normally provide several hotel rooms completely paid for them, as well as honor the outstanding ones with annual awards.

In an effort to increase our membership, provide an even better conference program attracting both in-state and out-of-state attendees, and increase our student/intern/resident membership and participation, the annual FAO conferences since 2007 have been held at our two Florida Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (COMs): NSUCOM, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and LECO/Bradenton, FL. The courses will be held on the campuses within the OMM departments, enjoying state-of-the-art facilities. Dr. George, Dean of LECOM/Bradenton, and Dr. Silvagni, Dean of NSUCOM, continue to be enthusiastic supporters and gracious hosts.

The FAO physician membership continues to remain between 40-50; with approximately that number also attending our annual conferences, including attendees from both in-state and out-of-state.

The FAO News newsletter is published quarterly, sent to all members as well as interested non-members and Florida Osteopathic organizations.

The FAO has a new website at <http://faonline.com>, which provides information and links to those interested in OMT.

The FAO has a booth/table with membership and conference brochures available at the major Osteopathic conferences throughout the year in Florida.

On behalf of the FAO, Dr. William H. Stager, lectured and demonstrated OMT at the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) annual convention, in September, 2008, in Tampa, FL. The FAO arranged that the \$3000 they would have paid for the speaker went directly to the FAO. On behalf of the FAO, Dr. Stager also lectured and demonstrated OMT at the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society's annual convention, January 17-20, 2008, in St. Petersburg Beach, FL. Dr. Stager also lectured on OMT at the ACOFP annual conference March 11-16, 2008 in Denver, CO, where he also serve on their OPP Committee.

Dr. Stager spoke and demonstrated OMT to the UAAO group at LECOM/Bradenton, FL on January 18, 2008, and to the UAAO group at NSUCOM in Ft. Lauderdale, FL on March 8, 2008. He will ask all future FAO Presidents to make speaking at both Florida COMs an annual event.



Last year, Dr. Stager actively represented all Osteopathic physicians in Florida by testifying at Medicare in Jacksonville, FL to establish a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for Somatic Dysfunction and OMT which had never been done before. This remains ongoing this year as they are revising it.

As FAO President, Dr. Stager is personally active in a number of Osteopathic national, state, and county organizations (AOA, AAO, ACOFP), and created and fill the positions of FAO liaison to the FOMA and FSACOF. He is also President of the FSACOF and FOMA District 9. He is politically active as a FOMA Key Contract Physician, and OPAC and FOMAPAC donor/member. He is on the faculties of both NSUCOM and LECOM, and voluntarily teach OMT in three local hospitals. Dr. Stager lecture, writes articles, is the medical editor of the FSACOF Newsletter and the Palm Beach/Martin/St. Lucie counties editions of the Natural Awakenings health and fitness magazines read by over 60,000 people each month and publish papers and research in peer reviewed medical journals.

The Florida Academy of Osteopathy has confirmed they are in complete agreement and compliance with the AAO's attendance policy.

Sincerely yours,
William H. Stager, DO, MS, FAAMA, FACOF
President, Florida Academy of Osteopathy 2006-2008

Kenneth Webster, Ed.D Executive Director

Board Directory 2008-2010:

William H. Stager, DO	President
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Indiana Academy of Osteopathy

No activity reported for 2008



Iowa Academy of Osteopathy

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, Iowa Academy of Osteopathy Program:
“Short Leg Syndrome” by Shane Hess, OMM Fellow - Des Moines University - College of Osteopathic Medicine. “Thoracic Outlet Syndrome” by Jennifer Lane, OMM Fellow - Des Moines University - College of Osteopathic Medicine. 22 physicians attended. CME credit was provided by the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association.

Members of the IAO provided an Osteopathic Diagnosis and Treatment Service at the Iowa Mid-Winter Family Practice Update in January and the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association’s Annual Convention May 2008.

IAO members have been meeting on a near monthly basis at the home of Sara Sutton, D.O. for food and a program on Osteopathic principals, philosophy, and favorite techniques.

The IOWA Academy of Osteopathy has confirmed they are in complete agreement and compliance with the AAO's attendance policy.

Respectfully submitted,

David D. Musgrave, D.O., President

Michigan-Great Lakes Academy of Osteopathy

Inactive

New England Academy of Osteopathy

Inactive

New Jersey Academy of Osteopathy

No activity reported for 2008

New York Academy of Osteopathy

Inactive

Northwest Academy of Osteopathy

No activity reported for 2008. Talked to NAO and they stated they are still very new. They are in the process of registering for their state tax id and opening up a bank account to accept payment for programs and events.



Northern California Academy of Osteopathy

The Northern California Academy of Osteopathy continues to have as its sole officer David W. Crotty DO.

The Northern California Academy of Osteopathy had one informal meeting in 2008. This meeting was a meeting between Ken Lossing DO and David W. Crotty DO regarding reinstatement of more active meetings in the Northern California region. Dr. Lossing and Dr. Crotty have not had a second meeting to begin the planning of attempts to gather the Northern California Academy members for educational purposes. It is my sincere hope that this will be accomplished before the summer of 2009 begins.

I have had no requests for meeting sponsorship this year.

The Northern California Academy of Osteopathy has certified that they will be in compliance with the AOA's policy on who may attend any educational offering that they may give in the upcoming year.

Thank you very much for all the assistance you give the component societies

Sincerely

David W. Crotty DO.

Ohio Academy of Osteopathy

The Ohio Academy of Osteopathy (OAO) has been presided over by the chairman of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine CORE Osteopathic Principles & Practice Committee (COPPC). I was the chair of that committee through the end of June of 2008, Stevan Walkowski, DO took over as chair July 1, 2008. The chair acts as the sole officer of the OAO for the time being.

For the last several years the OAO has met in conjunction with the COPPC. In 2008 we met 6 times. The primary purpose of those meetings has been to assist OUCOM in creating a resident program and refining a year 3& 4 OMM curriculum. This has been very productive.

The members have been instrumental in designing and creating a set of powerpoint presentations divided according to the regions of the body. The group is involved in, creating case-based powerpoints for teaching purposes for the remainder of the year. The residency focus has been on creating evaluation material based upon the AOA OMM core competency. This has been refined several times over the course of the last year.

Dr. Walkowski is currently spearheading an effort to get pocket reference materials for the students and other references for the hospital libraries while continuing the other COPPC efforts

Sincerely,

David C. Eland, DO, FAAO



Oklahoma Academy of Osteopathy

No activity reported for 2008

Pennsylvania Academy of Osteopathy

No activity reported for 2008

Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy

2008 was the charter year for the Presque Isle Academy of Osteopathy.

Twenty four dinner meetings were held during the calendar year. Educational sessions and networking opportunities occurred in addition to business meetings. Ten physician members regularly attended the meetings. Medical students on rotation also attended.

Individual members welcomed medical students into their practices for clinical rotations and provided educational sessions to the Undergraduate Academy members at LECOM - Erie Campus.

Respectfully Submitted,
John E. Balmer, DO

Puget Sound Academy of Osteopathy

The Puget Sound Academy of Osteopathy had (3) business meetings in the 2008 calendar year.

We also had (2) well-attended one-day educational programs.

We made connections with some of the faculty of the new osteopathic school in Yakima, Washington.

Officers: Maureen Thomson, DO, President
 Daniel Bensky, DO, Secretary/Treasurer

Sincerely,
Maureen Thomson, DO,

Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy

This year the Rocky Mountain Academy of Osteopathy hosted a one-day CME for all its members in September. We did the program jointly with the Denver Osteopathic Foundation. Dr. Dickey came from Texas to teach along with Dr. Gish from Rocky Vista University. Dr. Judd gave a presentation on billing for OMT. We plan to have future meetings on a quarterly basis in 2009. The members



have expressed a desire to do a CME on a regular basis and share ideas. It worked at well to do the CME jointly with the Denver Osteopathic Foundation. We hope to have quarterly meetings with a CME presentation in 2009.

Rocky Vista University has a large OMM lab and they have graciously let us use their facility. We have 18 members in our component society. The current officers are:

Ellice Goldberg, DO President
Maria Gentile, DO Vice President
Eric Gish, DO Secretary/Treasure

We will abide by the AAO policy of attendance for all CME and meetings. We hope to invite members of the UAAO from Rocky Vista University to our future CME programs.

I plan to attend the meeting on March 26 in Little Rock and represent our chapter.

Sincerely,

Ellice Goldberg, DO

Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation

Officers: Pres. M. Tettambel, DO
Vice-Pres. E. Lay, DO
Secretary D. Moore, DO
Treasurer D. Vick, DO

Courses co-sponsored by AAO – 40 hour basic course at CCOM May, 2008
Board meeting held 10/08.

SCTF agrees to follow the educational policy of the AAO.

Submitted by,
M Tettambel, DO

Texas Academy of Osteopathy

Inactive

The Cranial Academy

Elected to the Board of Directors for the 2008-2009 year were:

President - Mark E. Rosen, DO
President-Elect - Melvin R. Friedman, DO
Vice President - Ilene M. Spector, DO



Secretary/Treasurer - Virginia M. Johnson, DO
Immediate Past President - Eric f, Dolgin, DO FCA

The Cranial Academy had another successful year in 2008. The Board met in October for a follow-up to its 2007 strategic planning session to consider both short and long-term goals. They quantified four areas to concentrate on in the coming three year period.

A full complement of educational programming took place in 2008 beginning in January with the "Brain Parenchyma, Nuclei and Fluid Course held at AZ-COM in Glendale , Arizona, directed by Bruno Chikly, MD, DO (hon). The course had thirty-two participants.

In February, programming continued with the 40-hour Introductory Course, "Osteopathy in the Cranial Field" held in Albuquerque, New Mexico and directed by Ralph W. Thieme, DO. The course had twenty-eight participants.

In May, sixteen physicians participated in the very successful "Crash Recovery, The Long Road Home: Treating Victims of Motor Vehicle Accidents and Brain Injuries," directed by Maud H. Nerman, DO in Corte Madera, California.

The June 40-hour Introductory Course, "osteopathy in the cranial Field" was held in Indianapolis, Indiana directed by Michael J. Porvaznik, DO and registered fifty-two participants.

Immediately following was the 2008 Annual Conference, "Bent Faces: Craniofacial Development Birth to Adult," co-chaired by Eric J. Dolgin, DO, FCA and Tasha Tutzo, DO also held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The 2008 Annual Conference registered one hundred seventy-eight participants, the largest meeting since the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1997. The Sutherland Memorial Lecture was presented by Eliot Blackman, DO, titled, "Be Still to Know: The Origins of Creativity." David Coffey, DO, FAAO, FCA received the Fellow of The Cranial Academy designation, becoming the thirty-fourth recipient in the history of The Cranial Academy. The Exceptional Service Award was presented to Anthony C. Chila, DO, FAAO, FCA and Steven Noone, CAE for their many years of service to and support of The Cranial Academy.

In September, 2008, "Deepening Your Osteopathic Perceptual Field: Experiencing the Phenomena of Primary Respiration Through Continuum Movement, directed by Bonnie M. Gintis, DO was presented in Hartford, Connecticut with seventeen registrants.

The Cranial Academy website continued to show increased activity, expanding its research section and continuing development of a member's only section, which will offer private access to the site for articles, membership updates and research.

Five osteopathic colleges (DMU/OMC, KCOM, OUCOM, TUCOM and WUHS) offered approved forty hour Introductory Courses in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field for students in 2008. Total registration for these courses was two hundred and fifty-six.

Two Introductory Courses, one in San Francisco, California and another in Bethesda, Maryland, will be offered in 2009.

Additionally, two intermediate courses have already been scheduled. "The Cranial Base course," directed by R. Paul Lee Do, FAAO and Paul E. Dart, MD FCA will be held in San Francisco following the February Introductory Course, and "Brain Parenchyma Nuclei and Fluid Course,"



directed by Bruno Chikly, MD, DO will be held on the campus of the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale, Arizona in April.

The 2009 Annual Conference, "Osteopathy and Embryology: Developmental patterns and the Template of Health," directed by Eric J. Dolgin, DO, FCA and Ilene M. Spector, DO will be held in Bethesda, Maryland in June. A 40-hour Introductory Course for French MDs has also been scheduled for 2009.

Daniel J. Kary, DO successfully completed the Proficiency Examination in 2008 bringing the total number of physicians who have successfully completed and maintained Certificates of Proficiency to one hundred thirty-two. In addition, eleven dentists have successfully completed the dental competency examination. The Cranial Academy accepted 96 new members in 2008.

In July, Executive Director, Sidney N. Dunn completed his third year of service for The Cranial Academy and Administrative Coordinator Jenny Southworth began her fourteenth year on staff.