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### CALL TO ACTION!!!

We need your help now! The fall veto session of the Illinois Legislature is scheduled to begin on November 12, 2008. There are two very important Illinois legislative issues that need your

attention.

### Medical Practice Act

First, the Illinois Medical Practice Act will expire on December 31, 2008. No extensions were passed during the earlier sessions this year. Please contact your legislator and urge them to pass an extension for this act. If this act is not extended, there will be no practice act in place for our state. This could result in disastrous outcomes.

### Lay Midwives

Second, the lay midwives are continuing to lobby for specific practice rights. Please be clear about this issue. Lay Midwives or Certified Professional Midwives are NOT the same as Nurse Practitioners and NOT the same

as Nurse Midwives. The Lay Midwives are lobbying for the right to perform histories and physicals, provide prenatal care including labs, manage labor including the dispensing of drugs, and manage postpartum care. They do NOT have the appropriate training or supervision for this type of critical patient care. Please read the Legislative Report by our lobbyist, Betsy Mitchell, for additional information regarding this very important patient safety issue.

### Attention — Medical Liability Reform

Medical liability reform is being challenged and will be heard in the Illinois Supreme Court this fall. The current caps on non-economic damages in medical litigation cases were determined unconstitutional by a Cook county judge. These caps have already resulted in stabilization of professional liability insurance (PLI) premiums and have reduced the number of medical liability cases that have been filed. Let your legislator know that we need to keep these caps on non-economic damages. Reversal of this liability reform will most certainly result in another exodus of

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## IOMS Salutes Its Pioneers of the Profession!



**George T. Caleel, DO**  
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# GREETINGS from the DEAN



**SUBJECT:** Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

We have just matriculated the new Class of 2012! They are fully oriented to MWU/CCOM, and are deep into the rigors of their first quarter of study.

I have established a tradition of getting to know each class by taking all the members of the first year class to lunch, 10 at a time. They answer three questions:

1. Where did they go to undergraduate school and if they graduated prior to this spring what have they been doing?
2. Tell something unique about themselves to help everyone get acquainted
3. Why did they choose CCOM?

The answer to the third question can be quite varied in the specifics, but always follows three themes which relate to the nice interview experience, sense of the campus they get when they come to visit, and the

Chicago location's great clinical rotations. The third theme always trumps the other two, however.

The main reason students apply to CCOM is because they know of the great reputation of this school and the type of physicians it graduates. Time and again, I get stories about the great doctors they shadowed, or the excellent care they received. Many students take jobs in entry level positions at hospitals while applying to medical school, so they see the true character of the physicians they work near.

Over and over, I hear your names praised. The students see the quality, they see the caring, they see the osteopathic difference. They want to be like you, so they apply to CCOM.

Because of you, we get the best and the brightest. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!



**Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI**  
Dean – Professor of Internal Medicine  
Midwestern University  
Chicago College –  
Osteopathic Medicine

## Condolences...

Please join IOMS in sending condolences to the family of Mrs. Helen Tarulis (nee Condon), who passed away September 30, 2008 at 92 years of age at the Lexington Nursing Home in Orland Park, IL. Mrs. Tarulis was the widow of Seaver Tarulis, DO, FACOOG who headed up the OB department at Chicago Osteopathic Hospital and Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Tarulis was President of the Illinois Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (now IOMS) in 1949-50 and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1976. A national leader, Dr. Tarulis was President of the

American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists from 1971-72. Mrs. Tarulis is survived by her son Seaver, Jr. and daughter Marilyn Cederlund and their children and grandchildren. For additional information, please contact [www.ColonialChapel.com](http://www.ColonialChapel.com).



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Hello IOMS members,

With this issue I would like to report some of the memorable experiences I have had while representing the organization and you, my fellow DOs. First, this year's service has been exciting. There have been many opportunities to REPRESENT.

Before I proceed with my brief summary, I want to challenge you to participate in the President's Blog at [www.IOMS.com](http://www.IOMS.com). I am opening the dialogue to all DOs to discuss any issue that matters to you! Let's discuss and plan and solve...LOG ON!

The DO Days in Springfield in **March** and Washington DC in April put us face-to-face with our elected officials to discuss the issues that matter to doctors and patients. We had great turn-outs of students and IOMS leadership and just as importantly, we had our state and federal representatives stop by to hear us out.

In **April**, Illinois Representative Patti Bellock held a town hall meeting in Hinsdale on matters related to MRSA infections in the community. She had an expert panel and although we were not contacted to be on the panel, I attended to discuss the issues of testing and isolation. It was wonderful to be able to contact Stephen Sokalski, DO (eminent Infectious Disease specialist in Chicago) and get his insights into this issue and to bring those forward at the meeting and when I spoke with Rep. Bellock following the formal session.

In **May**, the AOA sponsored a summer Nutrition and Fitness clinic for second



Dr DeLorenzo leads discussion with CPS students

and third graders at an inner city public school in Chicago, Manierre Elementary School. Our team included Osteopathic Physicians Karen Nichols, Christopher Messina, John Burckett, and me. We taught and challenged and motivated using materials that were age-appropriate and the event seemed to be quite well received by the bright-eyed youngsters.

**June** provided an opportunity to congratulate the CCOM Class of 2008 and present the IOMS scholarship award to John Lavelle, DO. He served the IOMS as an excellent student board member and contributed his time and talents generously. The address I gave encouraged all in attendance to rethink our role as participants in the political process and to join together as colleagues to take on the many challenges facing osteopathic medicine, the medical delivery system, and the best practices and policies for the health and welfare of our state and nation.

**July** brought the 2008 AOA House of Delegates (HOD). You were very well represented by a full contingent of Illinois' DO leadership. As you know, the HOD puts forth the principles and resolutions that define our profession. Hundreds of pages of documents were reviewed and issues were debated. I was asked to come to center stage and give a welcome to the hundreds of DOs from across country in attendance. The 22-member delegation, including alternates, gave of their time to represent you from Thursday to Sunday with late nights and early mornings.

In **August**, IOMS sponsored the annual Big Brother/Big Sister BBQ Picnic. It was once again well received by both the first and second year classes. We gave T-shirts to the '1st years' to commemorate the occasion. Here too I addressed the group with words of encouragement for their academics and for their participation in organized medicine. I have already received emails from these students requesting an opportunity to serve on our committees. In addition Kathy Naegele, DO, Nicky Ottens, DO and I spoke at one of Dean Nichols' freshman lunches. We talked about our enthusiasm as members of the osteopathic profession and IOMS.

Most recently in **September**, IOMS was represented at a booth for the 2008 Annual Women's Health Fair at the Yorktown Mall sponsored by State Representatives Patti Bellock and Sandi Pihos. Student Dr. Rebecca Ferguson, OMS IV helped me staff the booth and answer many questions about Osteopathic medicine. I learned from this experience that we still have a long way to go to get the word out about whom we are as a profession. But all those who knew a DO or had a DO as their physician had glowing remarks. Also this month, I will be presenting a lecture to the freshman class on Personal Health Records.

The next few months will bring the final preparations for our Winter Scientific Seminar. There is a lot to be done and I am glad that I have had these opportunities to do some of the good work on behalf of this great organization.

## 2008 Winter Scientific Seminar and Silent Auction

Come Join the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society (IOMS) at the 2008 Winter Scientific Seminar on December 4-7, 2008 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center! This CME has been approved by the AOA Council on CME to offer 30 hours of Category 1-A CME credit.

Additionally, visit our Exhibit Hall on Friday and Saturday to talk with exhibitors from various pharmaceutical companies and other service providers.

Need to do some last minute shopping? No problem! While you are visiting the Exhibit Hall, be sure to check out our Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will be open to everyone all day Friday and Saturday. Winners do not need to be present to collect their items. If you are interested in donating items to the auction, please contact IOMS at [ioms@ioms.org](mailto:ioms@ioms.org) or (312) 202-8174.

We hope to see you in Lombard!

## 3rd Annual Primary Care CME



The 3rd Annual Primary Care Update CME sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOPF) and IOMS was held on August 1-2, 2008 at the Sheraton Four Points

Hotel in Fairview Heights, IL. The CME offered 10 hours of Category 1-A CME, and it was well attended. Course director was President Elect of the Illinois Chapter, Thomas W. Kupferer, DO, FACOPF, who is also a Past President of the IOMS.

Frederic Schwarz, DO, FACOPF provided a timely update on the *Current Approach to Treatment of Type II Diabetes and Hypertension*, leading a round table discussion with those in attendance Friday evening during a dinner seminar sponsored by Merck. Angela Brown, MD, a clinical hypertension specialist at Washington University provided a relevant lecture on the *Latest Advances in the Treatment of Hypertension*

sponsored by Forest Pharmaceuticals. Prominent national lecturer William Valenski, DO returned this year to provide information on the recently mandated *Federal Guidelines on Appropriate Use and Prescription of Opiate Analgesics. Evaluation and Treatment of Unstable Angina and Non ST Elevation MI* was presented by Frank Bleyer, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Cardiology at St. Louis University. An *OMT Update* was presented by Robert Marino, DO, current President of IL ACOPF with demonstrations of various OMT techniques that were appreciated by those in attendance.

In addition, current information on the *Treatment of Restless Leg Syndrome and Parkinson's Disease* was presented by Dr. J. Michael Hatelid, a Clinical Professor of Neurology at Washington University during our noon luncheon lecture series, sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim. Past President of IOMS, Gary Knepp, DO, FACOPF, Professor of Geriatrics at the West Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, returned this summer to pro-

vide an excellent lecture on *Upper Gastrointestinal Issues in the Geriatric Patient*. IL ACOPF board member Harald Lausen, DO, FACOPF gave a lecture on the *Patient-Centered Medical Home* while fellow board member William Moran, DO gave insight on *Pediatric GI Disorders*. Nichole Mirocha, DO of Springfield, IL presented information on *Substance Abuse Counseling for the Family Physician*.

We sincerely appreciate Novartis, Purdue Pharma, Forest Pharmaceuticals, and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceutical companies for providing support of our CME along with staff support provided by Jonathan Webb, MPH of IOMS. Planning for next year's joint CME is underway. Please hold the first weekend of August 2009 and watch your mailboxes.

Respectfully submitted,

**Thomas Kupferer, DO, FACOPF**  
 Summer CME Program Chair and President Elect, IL-ACOPF

# 2008 Physician Job Fair

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## Legislative Update (Continued from page one)

Illinois physicians, causing an increasing shortage of physicians, hindering patient access to care, and certainly affecting patient safety.

### Thank You — Medicare Reimbursements

The reduction in Medicare reimbursements has once again been averted. The AOA, IOMS, and members like you worked together to contact Congressmen, educate them on the issues, and affect change for society. This extension has strengthened the access to care for Medicare recipients. Let's continue this great effort by pushing for termination of the faulty Medicare sustainable growth rate (SGR) and suggest implementation of a permanent reimbursement plan that makes sense.



President Dr. DeLorenzo joins fellow organized medicine leaders from IAFF, ISMS, and AMA in support of Illinois Senior Senator Dick Durbin's (D-IL) call for passage of the Medicare Reform bill. Voting YES with physicians and patients on the override of the President's veto were IL Senators Durbin and Obama and IL Congressmen/women: Bean, Biggert, Costello, Emmanuel, Foster, Gutierrez, Hare, Jackson, Kirk, LaHood, Lipinski, Manzullo, Schakowsky and Weller. This press conference was held July 12th at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

### Representing IL DOs to the Profession

IOMS has been busy representing its members within the profession. We again sent a full delegation to the AOA House of Delegates under the excellent leadership of our delegation co-chairs, Drs. Teresa Hubka and Earle Pescatore. Our presence has become significant over the past several years and our standing within the "Small

States" Caucus has been solidified. We have numerous members that participate on various AOA committees and boards. If you have an interest in becoming active on the state and national level, please let us know.



On July 16th, AOA President Peter Ajluni, DO (left-right) held a joint press conference with AMA Executive Vice President Michael Maves and American College of Surgeons Executive Director Thomas Russell, MD in Chicago calling on Congress to override the President's veto of the Medicare Reform bill.

### IL State Health Improvement organizations

I had the personal privilege of attending the Illinois State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) summit and the Illinois Foundation for Quality Healthcare (IFQH) stakeholders meetings during the last few months. The Illinois SHIP summit gathered state and organizational stakeholders to assist with the prioritization of state healthcare issues.

The IFQH meeting was an opportunity to share ideas about ways to potentially improve healthcare for Medicare recipients within the state. IFQH is the Medicare quality improvement organization (QIO) for Illinois. Representatives from both organizations will be presenting information at the IOMS Annual Winter Conference in Lombard, Illinois during the first week of December. Additionally, Dr. Margaret Kirkegaard will also be discussing the Illinois Health Connect system during the conference.

At this time, I would like to thank Betsy Mitchell, our dedicated lobbyist; Elizabeth Harano, IOMS Executive Director; Jonathan Webb, IOMS Associate Executive Director; IOMS staff; Drs. Teresa Hubka and Earle Pescatore, AOA HOD Delegation Co-chairs; Dr. Bob Good, SCOPE Chair; and all of the AOA HOD delegation members, SCOPE board members, and Legislative Committee members for their participation and excellent work this year. If you would like to become an active IOMS member or are interested in any of our committees or activities, please contact us at [ioms@ioms.org](mailto:ioms@ioms.org) or 312-202-8174.



Student Dr. Ferguson joined President DeLorenzo at the Women's Health Fair in Lombard in early September 2008, organized by IL State Representatives Bellock and Pihos. Getting the word out about osteopathic medicine to the public and to Legislators is one part of what IOMS can do for you.

**P.S. — DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**VOTE**



## News You Can Use

### Illinois Compensation Alert from the AOA's Division of Socioeconomic Affairs

As reported on July 14, 2008 by Foley & Lardner LLP's Legal News-Health Care, Illinois law prohibits percentage-based compensation arrangements between physician groups and medical billing companies as clarified in the ruling on May 28th by the Illinois Appellate Court, Third Division for Center for Athletic Medicine Ltd. v. Independent Medical Billers of Illinois Inc. (Ill. App. Ct., No. 1-07-1594). According to the report, "Percentage-based compensation has traditionally been used in physician billing and other arrangements in the health care industry, and this ruling will have a substantial impact on how private medical practices are managed and operated in Illinois."

According to Yolanda Doss, Director of Socioeconomic Affairs for the AOA: "This is a very interesting ruling and I am sure that a lot of physicians will be impacted by this because many of the billing companies base their compensation arrangements with physicians on a percentage of the accounts receivable. ...you probably want to alert your members that they need to look at their compensation arrangements with their billing companies to insure that they are not violating the Medical Practice Act. This is truly designed to be protective of the physician, since ultimately the physician is responsible for all of their billing, and if they were to have an unethical billing company that was coding and billing incorrectly in order to increase their compensation it would be the physician who would take the fall." If you need additional information on this, please email us at [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org).

### Health Care Reform

The 9/16/08 *New York Times* reported that 20 million Americans with employer-based

health insurance would lose their coverage under Presidential candidate John McCain's health care reform plan, according to a study published this week in *Health Affairs*.

### Important Information for EMR Users: January 1st CMS Regulatory Changes Could Impact the Way You Prescribe

As of January 1, 2009, CMS will require that any Medicare Part D computer-generated prescription comply with the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs Script Standard, and be transmitted electronically and not via fax. If you use an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system to prepare and submit prescriptions to pharmacies, it is very possible that your EMR is automatically routing prescriptions to the pharmacy's fax machine. This will not be in compliance with the upcoming shift in requirements. That's why the American Osteopathic Association is participating in a national program to help practices prepare for this change. Visit [www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA](http://www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA) to complete a quick e-prescribing readiness assessment and instantly get a free, personalized practice capability report. The report also contains a feature that will allow you to instantly send your vendor a request for connectivity. **Act now!** There are less than three months left until the new regulations go into affect and your vendor will need time to upgrade your system and familiarize your practice with any changes that are made. Don't have an EMR? Visit [www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA](http://www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA) for guidance on how to evaluate and acquire e-prescribing technology.

### NIH Loan Repayment Program Accepting Applications

Osteopathic medical students and recent graduates should be advised that the National Institutes of Health is now accepting applications for its extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP), which repays up to \$35,000 of educational loan debt annually for individuals who will conduct two years of biomedical or behavioral research at a nonprofit institution of their choice. Applications will be accepted from

9/1/08 through 12/1/08 for the following LRPs: Clinical Research, Pediatric Research, Health Disparities Research, Contraception and Infertility Research, and Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds. To qualify for the LRP, applicants must possess a doctoral degree (except for the Contraception and Infertility Research LRP), devote at least 20 hours per week to research, and be a US citizen, national, or permanent resident. Learn more online at: [www.lrp.nih.gov](http://www.lrp.nih.gov).

### Announcing the JOSEPH H. KANTER PRIZE for Physicians

The Joseph H. Kanter Prize will be given to one U.S. practicing physician each year who has contributed significantly to enhancing the delivery of healthcare in our nation using a method that will diminish existing healthcare disparities. This prize is open to physicians who have either a DO or an MD degree. This award will include \$100,000, to be awarded in the spring of 2009. With this award, granters hope to:

- Contribute to uncovering solutions for health care disparities due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, beliefs, bias, etc.
- Recognize the talent, dedication, and creativity of a physician and elevate them to the ranks of professional prize winners.

As stated by AOA President Carlo J. DiMarco, DO, "To live in one of the wealthiest nations in the world and still see people not receive the health care they need because of race, religion or socioeconomic status is an atrocity. It's time for the U.S. to find a solution to cover the uninsured, especially our children, and take care of our growing health care costs. The Joseph H. Kanter Prize recognizes a physician with extraordinary ideas who can be a catalyst to change our system today, so all Americans will have high quality health care tomorrow."

Please contact IOMS, if you are aware of a potential nominee via (312) 202-8174 or [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org). Visit the Kanter Prize website at [www.healthlegacy.org](http://www.healthlegacy.org) to learn more about nomination and selection criteria or for additional information contact them at [KanterPrize@healthlegacy.org](mailto:KanterPrize@healthlegacy.org). NOTE - the deadline for nominations has recently been extended until February 6, 2009.



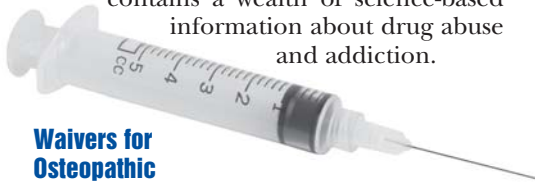
## FYI - News You Can Use (continued)

### Primary Care Internal Medicine Numbers

Numerous news outlets, including MSNBC.com and the *Chicago Sun Times*, reported on 9/9/08 that only about 2% of 1,200 medical students recently surveyed indicated they were going to specialize in primary care internal medicine, down from 9% in 1990.

### National Institute on Drug Abuse Physician Resources

In an effort to make resources about drug abuse and addiction more readily available to practicing primary care physicians, the National Institute on Drug Abuse has asked IOMS to notify our members about their new physicians' webpage, [www.nida.nih.gov/medstaff.html](http://www.nida.nih.gov/medstaff.html), which contains a wealth of science-based information about drug abuse and addiction.



### Waivers for Osteopathic Subspecialty CME Credits

The AOA Board of Trustees approved a resolution at its July 2008 Annual Meeting to help specialists and subspecialists obtain AOA Category 1-A CME credit. To allow osteopathic specialty colleges time to develop quality osteopathic subspecialty CME for subspecialist DOs while enabling these subspecialists to obtain relevant CME credit for AOA membership, this resolution creates a pathway for specialties numbering fewer than 250 members to satisfy some of their 1-A CME requirement using ACCME Category 1 credits. This policy will sunset in 2016. The entire policy and list-

ings of ABMS and AOA Certification and Current Member Status is listed on [www.DO-Online.org](http://www.DO-Online.org) in the For Physicians, Education, CME section of the AOA's member website.

### Illinois Osteopathic Physicians PAC 100%

According to Chairperson Robert Good, DO, FACOI of the Illinois Osteopathic Physicians political action fund (SCOPE), during the AOA House of Delegates meetings last July, all 22 Delegates and Alternates contributed to the state's osteopathic political action committee. Congratulations on this 100% participation level by IOMS leaders!

### DO Discrimination? AOA Can Help

**From:** American Osteopathic Association  
**Sent:** Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 9:22am  
**To:** Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society  
**Subject:** DO Discrimination? AOA Can Help

Recently, the AOA has been contacted by members experiencing discrimination in hospitals in Boise, Idaho (St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and St Luke's Boise Medical Center) and North Carolina (Carolinas Medical Center and Moore Regional Health Center). These hospitals and health systems have denied hospital privileges to DOs with osteopathic training and board certification, rather than ACGME/ABMS credentials.



The AOA is here to help educate health care facilities about osteopathic medical education to ensure that DOs are treated fairly. If you are currently experiencing discrimination or have experienced discrimination in the past regarding hospital privileges, whether at the hospitals listed above or elsewhere, please contact the AOA's General Counsel, Josh Prober, at 800-621-1773 ext. 8024 or [jprober@osteopathic.org](mailto:jprober@osteopathic.org).

The AOA is committed to protecting DOs' practice rights.  
[www.do-online.org](http://www.do-online.org) | [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org)

### IL DO seeks Sponsorship for Kenya Mission

Alicia Martin, DO, an FP resident, plans to join the OU-COM SHARE Kenya medical mission at a remote health clinic in rural western Kenya in late November 2008. Her costs will run nearly \$5,000 for this three-week clinical program (\$1700 alone is for the airfare). She would truly appreciate any help at all to meet this financial hurdle. She has already garnered help from the Sisters and from the Dayton (OH) District Academy. For questions: [amartin-do@gmail.com](mailto:amartin-do@gmail.com) or [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org) and for donations: Alicia Martin, DO, Resurrection Hospital, Dept. of Family Practice, Suite 182, 7447 W. Talcott, Chicago, IL 60631. Thank you for your consideration.

*Do you have a question about legislation, regulations, reimbursement, or other practice-related issues? Submit them in writing to IOMS Insights newsletter via fax (312) 202-8224 or [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org).*

# AOA's Bureau of State Government Affairs Report

The Bureau of State Government Affairs (BSGA) met on July 17, 2008 prior to the AOA House of Delegates in Chicago to discuss and consider several advocacy issues and develop action plans. Fred Meoli, DO, President of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners gave a presentation on the assessment of COMLEX-USA exam. Another topic of interest was the maintenance of Licensure and the Accountability for Physician

Competence. Ongoing discussions revolved around the following topics: scope of practice of non-physician clinicians, health care systems reform measures in each state, professional liability reform, patient-centered medical home, and the future of pharmaceutical support for medical education meetings. The next BSGA meeting will be Wednesday October 29, 2008 at the AOA convention. In addition to the BSGA meeting, the AOA will be holding a related meeting

called, "Advocacy for Healthy Partnerships" (AHP) at the AOA Convention on October 27 and 28, 2008. If you are interested in participating, please contact IOMS staff by mid-October.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOG (Dist), FACOG, Bureau Member

## CCOM Corner



The 2008-2009 school year has started and activities on and off of campus are moving along well. The new CCOM class of 2012 experienced their first few weeks of medical school, and no doubt their first round of tests. As always, they seem to be an outstanding group of students, eager and ready to continue the great traditions that CCOM has established over the last one hundred and eight years. The first year medical student orientation went well this year with activities including community service and a visit to the Chicago Art Institute. The week was topped off by a personal challenge from CCOM Executive Council president Aaron Huser OMS III, to be the best class that CCOM has ever seen.

We were also fortunate to have IOMS sponsor the annual Big Sibling Picnic, which was a huge success. We had a great turnout and even had the opportunity to hear from IOMS president Dr. DeLorenzo. This year we also started a new tradition of providing t-shirts for the first year students with their class year and a logo, which IOMS was kind enough to help sponsor. The students received food and drinks, and had the opportunity to meet their big siblings and other students and physicians who have been in their position in the past. It was a great event for everyone. Midwestern University and CCOM initiated a new event this year, the CCOM organization fair. IOMS had a booth at the event, which Jonathan Webb and I attended, and many students learned about IOMS and signed up for several committees.

tion process, the third years are getting comfortable with the clinical education process, and first and second years are taking over campus and getting used to the constant testing regimen. The fall season is approaching quickly and everyone is spending as much free time as possible outside while we still can. The students are very excited about the winter conference and student program, and talk about the presidential inauguration banquet has already started.

We are looking forward to another great year at CCOM, and thank IOMS for all of their support over the past year and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeremy Jacobs OMSIII**  
IOMS Student Trustee

This is the time of year when the fourth year students start the residency applica-



### Immediate Past President's Report

Autumn is fast approaching, footballs are flying, and snow will be falling soon. All these signs point toward the end of

another calendar year, as well as another successful year for IOMS.

Dr. DeLorenzo has led the organization with skill while infusing new ideas. The

continued success of IOMS and the members that we serve will require other physicians to step forward to continue the good work. Please consider additional ways that each of us can help to grow the organization.

As I will be coming off the Board of IOMS after the Annual Winter Conference, I wish everyone the very best. I encourage everyone to attend the Winter

Conference in early December — Dr. Kirstein once again has assembled an excellent educational opportunity. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Respectfully submitted,

**Donald G. Johnston, DO**  
Immediate Past President

## WOMEN'S Health Committee Report



The IOMS Women's Health Committee had a great time at the Fiddlehead café on March 20, 2008. About 20 students from Midwestern University turned out to show their support for Women's health and involvement with IOMS. It was exciting and inspirational for me to meet all these

wonderful student doctors that are the future of Osteopathic Medicine! Another event will be planned late fall—so keep your email boxes open.

We are excited to have filled our Woman's Health Block for the IOMS Winter Scientific Seminar CME program. I look forward to hearing Dr. Hubka provide a lecture on outpatient surgical procedures in women. We are so pleased to have our new IOMS member, Dr. Laura Carothers,

speaking to us about her experiences at the VA with her busy internal medicine practice and women's health issues. Other lectures will cover HPV, vaccination updates, and breast cancer surgical outcomes. Fill up on those CME hours and enjoy yourself while you do it.

Respectfully submitted,

**Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI**  
Chairperson, Women's Health Committee

## DOs in the News

Congratulations to **John Graneto, DO**, M Ed, FACOP, FACOEP, who is now Chair of Emergency Medicine for Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and named Chair in July.

On 7/12/08, Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society President **Anthony W. DeLorenzo, DO**, FACOI participated in a press conference given by Illinois' Senior Senator, Dick Durbin, urging the President to sign into law HR 6331, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. Senator Durbin addressed the need for this legislation to ensure continued access to health care for those patients on Medicare. Dr. DeLorenzo explained how his Chicago-based private practice, which has a strong percentage of Medicare patients, will have to be altered should these cuts become effective. On behalf of the entire osteopathic profession, Dr. DeLorenzo also thanked Senator Durbin, Senator Obama, and the mem-

bers of the House of Representatives from Illinois for their support of this critical legislation. (See photo on page five.) *NOTE: Congress successfully overrode the President's veto.*

At the Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Specialists held in September 2008 in Boca Raton, three Illinois surgeons were inducted into the Fellows of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. IOMS Member **Andrew Dennis, DO**, of Chicago, and **Lawrence Nelson, DO**, of Rockford, were inducted by IOMS Life Member **Robert Lombardo, DO**, FACOS. **John Kotis, DO**, of Arlington Heights, was inducted by Sherman Leis, DO of Pennsylvania. "Well done to all of you on this achievement!"

New leadership for the national Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) includes CCOM students **Kerri Kulovitz, OMS IV**, who is Membership Coordinator; **Courtney Stellar, OMS III**, who is Convention Coordinator; and

**Meghan Cox, OMS III**, who is the Foundation Associate Director of Grants. Best wishes to a new generation of SOMA leaders.

Osteopathic leadership for the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians begins at the top with the 2008-09 Presidency of **William P. Sullivan, DO**, JD, FACEP and President-Elect **Mark E. Cichon, DO**, FACEP, FACOEP. The board also includes Resident Member **Christopher M. Lloyd, DO**. Councilors chosen for the 2008-09 term include President Sullivan; President Elect Cichon; **John Graneto, DO**, M Ed, FACOEP; and **Carolynn Zonia, DO**, FACEP, FACOEP. Congratulations to fellow DOs and also to ICEP for your outstanding selections!

IOMS President Elect **Rodey Wassef, DO**, MPH, FACOFP has been appointed to represent the IOMS on the Illinois Hospital Association's Physician Workforce Advisory Group.

## IOMS Fall Education Committee Report

The IOMS is continuing to provide its members and all of our osteopathic family an excellent menu of Continuing Medical Education activities.

Our Second Annual IOMS/MWU-CCOM Spring conference was a big success. The conference focused on End-of-Life Care issues and included some of our nation's highest regarded experts in the specialty. James Leleszi, DO, Advisor to the AOA Council on Palliative Care Issues, opened up the program as keynote speaker. The conference was held right in the

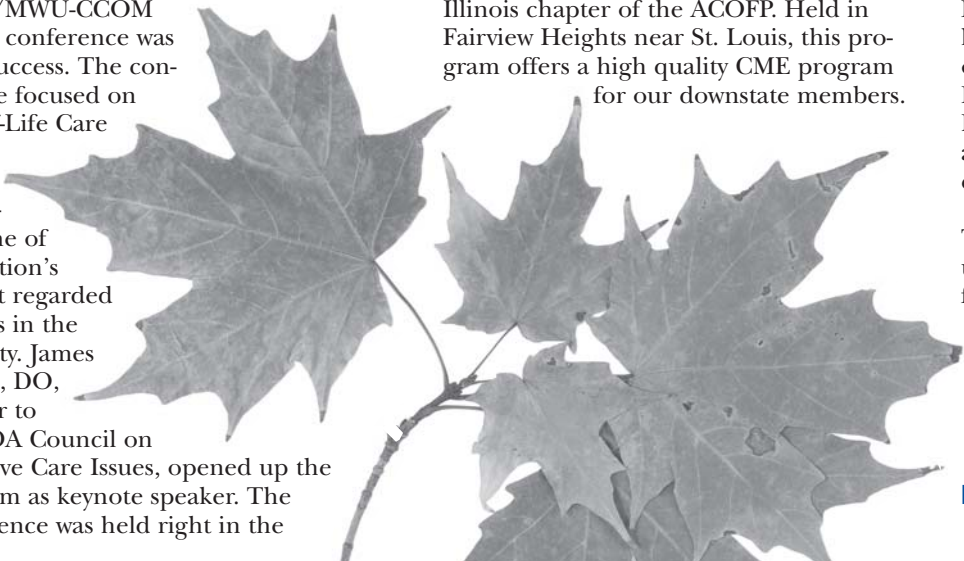
AOA Headquarters building giving the attendees an up-close opportunity to see the AOA in action.

The educational offerings continued with another successful joint meeting with the Illinois chapter of the ACOFP. Held in Fairview Heights near St. Louis, this program offers a high quality CME program for our downstate members.

This winter we will be holding our Annual Winter Conference and Scientific Seminar on December 4th - 7th at the Westin Lombard. This excellent program will provide 30 hours of 1-A CME and a wide variety of excellent lectures. Following our well-received format from last year, the conference will be composed of half-day topic blocks that will include Pediatrics, Women's Health, Internal Medicine, Palliative Care, Men's Health, and more! We hope you can join us for an exciting program.

The IOMS will continue to strive to provide for all of our members CME needs and we look forward to your participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Isaac J. Kirstein, DO, FACOI, Chair**





## Legislative Report from our State Capitol Lobbyist

**Overview:** Last May, the Illinois General Assembly adjourned its Spring Session on time, but not on budget. Throughout the summer, the House and Senate have convened in several special sessions to consider various revenue streams to supplement the ailing budget. On September 10, 2008 the House voted to lease the lottery and sweep many different funds in order to produce some funding. The Senate is expected to return to consider these measures *before* the Fall Veto Session which is scheduled to begin on November 12, 2008 after Election Day on November 6.

Please find an update below on some of the issues reported on in the previous newsletter. During the last session, the legislature heard hundreds of bills in committee hearings. This is a brief overview of the bills important to IOMS. For a complete history of each bill go to [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).

### Illinois Medical Practice Act —

On December 31, 2008, the Illinois Medical Practice Act will sunset (expire). The Illinois General Assembly took no action to extend the deadline during the Spring Session or any of the Special Sessions. This means that action must be taken during Fall Veto Session. IOMS is working in conjunction with the other medical societies to ensure the Illinois Practice Act remains in effect. **Please contact your legislators to urge them to extend the sunset provision of this act during the Fall Veto Session. Describe to your legislator the disaster that would take place without the Act being effective for one day.**

### Medicaid Reimbursement —

This is beginning to sound like a broken record, however, Medicaid reimbursement continues to be a massive problem

for physicians and all Medicaid providers. IOMS members are encouraged to continue to stay in constant contact with their legislators regarding the status of their Medicaid reimbursements.

Senate Bill 2173 introduced by Senator Delgado (2006 IOMS Legislator of the Year) attempted to increase access to health care for Medicaid clients by increasing physician reimbursement levels. Both the Adequate Health Care Task Force and the Legislative Joint Task Force on Rural Health & Medically Underserved Areas have recommended significant increases in physician reimbursement as a means to increase access to health care. The bill was passed in the Senate but was not considered in the House. Look for this issue to be reintroduced in 2009.

### Midwifery Licensure of Lay Midwives —

In 2007, Senate Bill 385 was introduced to license lay midwives in Illinois. The bill passed overwhelmingly in the Senate. In 2008, Rep. Julie Hamos (2008 IOMS Legislator of the Year) became the House sponsor of Senate Bill 385. Throughout this year, Rep. Hamos has worked diligently to find a compromise between the lay midwives, nurses, and physicians. To date a compromise has not been reached.

The lay midwives have continued their extremely active lobbying efforts. The issue has received much empathy from legislators due to religious freedoms and cultural differences. At this time it is known that the lay midwives are working to garner the support of the Illinois Nurses Association. It is my understanding that the Lay Midwives may attempt to pass this legislation during the Fall Veto Session this November. Therefore, it is imperative that IOMS members contact legislators regarding the negative impact licensed lay midwives could have on public safety. Tell your story...Loud and clear and NOW! Please do not delay your contacts!

- Highlight the differences between lay midwives and certified nurse midwives. Lay midwives do not consider obstetrical care medical; nor do they consider themselves medical providers. Senate Bill 385 would allow lay midwives to per-

form histories and physicals, provide prenatal care, dispense drugs, treat hemorrhages and other emergencies, and treat the woman postpartum. All of these responsibilities are medical in nature and should only be performed by the professionals who are adequately trained to do so.

- Discuss that this issue would allow the least trained individual to *independently* provide one of the most critical services to women in Illinois.
- Emphasize that the majority of a lay midwife's training is an apprenticeship program that only requires that a candidate attend a certain number of home births with a preceptor - someone already "recognized" as a midwife. Proposals for licensure require only that individuals receive minimal education in science and first aid, be credentialed as a *certified professional midwife* and be in good standing with the *North American Registry of Midwives*.

### BE AN ACTIVE DO — Contact your Legislator Today!

When legislators do not hear from you, they believe that everything is going well for your profession. Do not delay. Contact your legislator and share your personal stories of what is happening in the medical community. Become your legislator's expert on medical issues in Illinois.

- Tell your story
- Describe the last time you received reimbursement from Medicaid and what this is doing to your business and most importantly to access to care in your area
- Highlight the importance of extending the Illinois Medical Practice Act
- Describe an OB patient being treated in ER after a lay midwife has badly mishandled a home delivery

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy D. Mitchell, MPA  
Betsy D. Mitchell & Associates  
Legislative Consultant

## IOMS Mission Statement

The purpose of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society is to protect, advocate, maintain and support the philosophy of osteopathic medicine for the benefit of the profession and the patients it serves.

## Report of the Executive Director

### THIS IS THE BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR FOR YOUR IOMS STAFF...

#### Education

We are putting to bed the processing for the Summer CME held in conjunction with ACOFP-IL, and finalizing preparations for the Annual Winter Scientific Seminar. The winter conference, approved for 30 hours of 1-A CME, will include outstanding lectures, an expanded exhibit hall, and an upgraded venue. We are also arranging for the Gala Presidential Banquet, the Past Presidents Council Breakfast, the IL Program Directors and Medical Educators meeting, the Student Program, the annual Board Meeting and the Annual General Membership Meeting, plus fundraising initiatives such as the Silent Auction, Raffle, and the Presidential Gala Program Book.

#### Legislation

Together with our Springfield lobbyist, we continue to advocate on behalf of DOs to the State Legislature and the State Executive Departments, including those responsible for Medicaid, Licensing, Public Health, and more. In addition, we support IOMS to expand its involvement with the entire osteopathic community. P.S., don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 4th!

#### Communication

We continue to add resources to the IOMS website, including the launching of the President's Blog ([www.IOMS.org](http://www.IOMS.org)) and

activating the renew-online function and the Winter Conference online-registration option. Also, we have published this fall issue of Illinois *Insights*. On occasion, I have the sad duty of sharing with our current and past leadership news of the passing of a member of the IOMS family. On the other hand, it is a joy when I can pass on great news about an Illinois DO or student. Please don't hesitate to share your joyful news with the IOMS community!

#### Membership

Working in tandem with the Membership Committee, staff launched the Membership Challenge Contest and is implementing new Awards programs, including the Mentor of the Year and the Student Book Awards. An IOMS booth was staffed at the campus, and we helped begin a more active outreach program. The annual dues invoices have gone out, together with invitations to non-members to join IOMS. These include our annual Report Card to Members, which outlines the year's significant achievements and member benefits. Finally, we continue to research new member benefits, such as the Patient360 program, so please be sure to drop us a note or call if there is a benefit you'd like to see that we are not yet providing!

#### Management / Good-bye

IOMS continues to operate within its budget, and with your Treasurer Dr. Feely and the full Board, we are taking appropriate steps to ensure the security of

IOMS' financial resources during this time of economic uncertainty. Be assured that IOMS is growing in membership, fiscal reserves, educational programming, and within the Illinois medical community. As always, IOMS members are welcome to call me with any suggestions, questions, or concerns. As your Executive Director, my job is to make your Society continue to be of value to you!

Last, those of you who have worked with our Associate Executive Director Jonathan Webb, MPH, over the past two years know what a great resource he has been for us all. So, it is with mixed emotions that we say good-bye to him as of October 7th. Jonathan has taken a position with the Health and Human Services Department of Evanston, IL, and he plans to pursue his doctorate in Health Policy over the next few years. We wish him well, and look forward to introducing his successor to you in the near future. In the meanwhile, Angela, Megan and I are at your headquarters working on your behalf each week, and hope to see you at the Winter Scientific Seminar!

Respectfully Submitted by

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## Please Welcome New IOMS Members

Aspen Copeland, DO .....Postgraduate .....Olympia Fields  
Jeffrey P. Daniel, DO .....Postgraduate .....Chicago  
Rita Getz, PhD .....Associate .....Downers Grove  
Malintze Gutierrez, DO .....Postgraduate .....Chicago  
Amy Keurentjes, DO .....Postgraduate .....Olympia Fields  
Evangelos Diamantakos .....Student .....Chicago  
Julia Lange, DO.....Postgraduate .....Chicago  
Anthony Leazzo, DO.....Active .....Plainfield  
Jules A. Marks, DO .....Active .....Wheeling  
Karthik Mohan, DO .....Postgraduate .....Olympia Fields  
Simon Schrick-Senasac, DO ...Postgraduate .....Chicago

Karen Strack, DO .....Active .....Marion  
Melissa Stults, DO .....Active .....Montgomery  
Jessica Sulkowski, DO.....Postgraduate .....Olympia Fields  
Azlan Tariq, DO .....Postgraduate .....Chicago  
Tovah Thomasino, DO .....Postgraduate .....Downers Grove  
Akshay Trivedi, DO .....Active .....Olympia Fields  
Karla Wakim, DO .....Active .....Willowbrook  
Teresa Wanezyk, DO .....Active .....Chicago  
David Zerser, DO.....Active .....Chicago  
Ronald Zimmerman, DO.....Postgraduate .....Chicago

# Snapshots from the Chicago Public School Visit — Fit for Life

*Photos courtesy of the American Osteopathic Association*



*Our DO leaders shared fitness information with Chicago grade school students (for more information, see the Presidential Report).*



*The learning was interactive—here Chris Messana, DO, JD helps a student.*



*Using chairs to write on, Dr. DeLorenzo answers a question for this elementary schooler.*



*Dr. Nichols leads the class—perhaps some future CCOM students?*



*Dr. DeLorenzo presides at the head of the class.*



*Students were very eager to learn.*

## Updates from the Awards Committee

The deadline for nominating an Illinois Legislator of the Year from either the House of Representatives or the State Senate has been moved to January 30, 2009. This will accommodate the new awards presentations date of Wednesday, March 11, 2009, during the state lobby day: Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol.

This year the new Student Book Awards, a cash prize endowed in part by Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI, will be awarded during the Winter Scientific Seminar. Up to five \$100 prizes will be awarded.



# AOA Appointments From Illinois: 2008-09 (As of 8-5-08)

## AOA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI*

### Executive Committee of the AOA BOT

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI*

### Adopt a Campus

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI - assigned to AZCOM*

### Board Medical Education Summit Progress Task Force

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI, Chair*

## DEPARTMENT OF AFFILIATE RELATIONS

### Bureau of Osteopathic Specialty Societies

*Mark A. Kalchbrenner, DO, FACOOG (ACOOG)  
Lawrence U. Haspel, DO, Vice Chair (ACOI)*

## DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS

### Finance Committee

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI*

### Bureau of Healthcare Facilities Accreditation

*Lawrence U. Haspel, DO, CHAIR  
Albert F. Milford, DO (Alternate Member - Surgery)*

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

### Bureau of Osteopathic Education

*David Massello (Observer, NAOF)*

### Council on Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions

*Kathleen Marie Naegele, DO*

## Council on Continuing Medical Education

*Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., DO, MHA, FACOG*

### Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation

*Isaac J. Kirstein, DO*

### Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists – Specialty Board Representatives

*Patrick Para, DO (Radiology)  
Ann Habenicht, DO, FAAO (Neuromuculoskeletal Medicine)  
Michael J. Blend, DO (Nuclear Medicine)*

## DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

### Bureau of State Government Affairs

*Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOG, FACOOG dist.*

## DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

### Committee on Awards

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FAOCI*

### Mentor of the Year Selection Committee

*Nicole Ottens, DO*

### Bureau of the AOA Constitution and Bylaws

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FAOCI, Vice Chair*

### Market Share Policy Task Force

*George T. Caleel, DO, Advisor*

### Council of Interns and Residents

*Nicole Ottens, DO, Vice Chair*

## DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH, QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI, Chair*

### Bureau of Osteopathic Clinical Education and Research

*David Massello (Observer)*

### Council on Palliative Care Issues

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MS, FACOI, Chair  
Thomas Kupferer, DO, FACOFP  
David Massello (Observer)*

### Council on Minority Health Issues

*Vanessa Abejuela, OMS III*

### Council on Women's Health Issues

*Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOG, FACOOG (dist.), Chair  
Sabrina Talarovich, OMS IV*

### A T Still Foundation

*Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, FACOI*

## RECAP

**2008:** 17 Illinoisans appointed to 31 slots (Note differences from 2007 relate to not having Student Trustee this year — last year he had five appointments; no appointments listed yet to Board of Trustee Reference Committee; and 2 moving out of state: Drs. Sefcik and Shahtaji)

**2007:** 20 Illinoisans appointed to 38 slots

**2006:** 16 Illinoisans appointed to 23 slots

Changes to e-prescribing requirements under Medicare are coming.

**Will your practice be compliant?**

Visit [www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA](http://www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA) to find out.



As of January 1, 2009, all computer-generated prescriptions covered by the Medicare Part D program must be transmitted electronically and not via fax. Computer-generated, faxed prescriptions will not be in compliance.

EMR users can visit [www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA](http://www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA) to take a free *E-Prescribing Readiness Assessment* to help determine if your current e-prescribing/EMR technology can establish an electronic connection to pharmacies.

AOA Members who have yet to invest in an EMR or e-prescribing software can log on to generate a customized *Guide to Selecting E-Prescribing Technology*.

Take the E-Prescribing Readiness Assessment at [www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA](http://www.GetRxConnected.com/AOA)



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# AOA House of Delegates



Once again IOMS was well represented at the AOA House of Delegates events by our dynamic delegation wearing IOMS pocket crests and seated in chairs covered with the distinctive IOMS emblem. Drs.

DeLorenzo, Hubka, Good, Habenicht, Kirstein, T. Kupferer, Lausen, McClallen, Naegele, Ottens, Pescatore, and Wassef actively participated along with our alternates, Drs. Jensen (long time veteran of the AOA House), Jessen, Johnston, Rosch and new member Martin as well student doctors Jeremy Jacobs OMS II and Aaron Huser OMS II. Each of these members was instrumental in helping IOMS to achieve its strong visibility and recognition nationally.

Highlights from the House meeting were the induction of Carlo DiMarco, DO as the 112th president of the AOA and Larry Wickless, DO as the Pres-elect. Many resolutions were reviewed and voted upon.

Those of particular interest are:

- 306 – The DO Degree Designation: Unanimously approved by the AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates to support the heritage and philosophy of A.T. Still and reaffirm the DO degree.
- 223 – Healthcare that Works for all Americans: Approved to encourage US Congress to pass legislation to further the national healthcare debate.
- 258 – Physician Competency Retesting: Approved to oppose any attempt by Federal or State agencies to mandate recertification or re-testing as a condition of re-licensure or for payments under health benefits program.
- 305 – AOA Cost of Living Dues Increase: Approved to implement a 5% dues increase for AOA membership in 2010.
- 311 – Disaster Preparedness Planning: Approved to support the CDC’s Centers for Public Health Preparedness programs by linking academic expertise to state and local health agencies.

Other special meetings that occurred were the business and caucus meetings of the United Federation of Osteopathic Societies (also fondly known as the

“UFOS”). The UFOS is our caucus that has a 47% representation this year of the votes on the House of Delegates. Kathy Naegele, DO was appointed as the first postgraduate advisor to the UFOS leadership. Also of note, our IOMS member and good friend, Karen Nichols, DO has a strong potential to become the next AOA President-Elect and the ongoing support by the Caucus for my candidacy as a member of the AOA Board of Trustees. So there may be a great deal of local excitement this coming year.

Once again, to demonstrate their commitment for Health Care Systems reform, IOMS proudly announced its entire delegation is at 100% personal participation in contributions to the Osteopathic Political Action Committee (OPAC) in support of these efforts. We are setting plans for the 2009 House of Delegate events and welcome anyone who would like to get involved. Please contact me through the IOMS office.

Respectfully submitted,

**Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOOG (Dist), FACOG**  
IOMS Delegation Chair



IOMS Delegation Chair Teresa Hubka, DO, FACOOG dist., with the AOA Logo



IOMS Past President Richard Jensen, DO, right, received Medallion marking him as a Pioneer at UFOS Caucus from AOA Past President Jim Zini, DO



Student Delegates Jeremy Jacobs, left, and Aaron Huser, right, flank CCOM Director of Medical Education and IOMS District 1 Trustee Isaac Kirstein, DO, FACOI



Delegation participates in our UFOS Caucus—This caucus of small to medium sized state delegations now represents more than 45% of the House votes



Dr. Kathy Naegele joined two Oklahoma DOs in panel for the Osteopathic State Executive Directors just prior to the House meetings, discussing what DOs really want from their state societies



Your IOMS Delegation 2008, L to R: Drs. Good, Jensen, Habenicht, Kupferer, Rosch, Feely, Naegele, Kirstein, DeLorenzo, Lausen, McClallen, Hubka, Pescatore, Martin, and Ottens; Student Drs. Jacobs and Huser



IOMS President DeLorenzo welcomes the AOA House of Delegates to our state



IOMS President Elect Rodey Wassef, DO, MPH, FACOFP during the IOMS Delegation meeting in the Delegation Suite at the Fairmont Hotel, Chicago



Delegation Co-Chair Earle Pescatore, Jr., DO, FACOG, left, and Robert Good, DO, FACOI, right, welcome AMA President Nielsen to the AOA Presidential Banquet



Drs. Hubka, left, and Ottens, right, with Student Drs. Jenny Kwon and Aaron Huser at the elegant Saturday evening Gala Banquet for new AOA President Carlo DiMarco, Jr., DO of Pennsylvania



Illinois delegates on Sunday, the final morning of the House



Past Presidents Pescatore, Hubka, and Good lead the toasts to the IOMS Delegation during our dinner Friday



Many generations of DOs were represented in our delegation, dining here Friday at Costa's in Greektown



Back in the Delegation Suite, Don Johnston, DO shows that orthopedic surgeons do too use OMT... here the patient is gymnast Laura Rosch, DO



The delegation between votes on the House Floor



Our Delegation Co-Chair Dr. Pescatore shows it's not all serious work!



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 26 - 30 AOA Annual Convention**

Venetian Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. NOTE: Registration and hotel booking now available online at [www.DO-Online.org](http://www.DO-Online.org).

**October 28 - November 3, 2008 Internists 113th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar**

Marco Island, Marriott Golf Resort, FL. For details: [www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org).

**November 1, 2008 Michigan Osteopathic Association 4th Annual Fall CME Seminar**

Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Contact Sara Carson at 800-657-1556 or [scarson@mi-osteopathic.org](mailto:scarson@mi-osteopathic.org) 9 hours of Category 1-A CME credits anticipated.

**November 4 GENERAL ELECTION DAY - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!****December 4 - 7 IOMS Annual Winter Scientific Seminar CME**

for more info or to register: (312) 202-8174 or visit [www.IOMS.org](http://www.IOMS.org)

**December 4 Annual IOMS Board Meeting and Dinner**

7:00PM, Westin Lombard Yorktown Place.

**December 5 IOMS Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon**

11:30AM, Westin Lombard.

**December 6 Past Presidents Council Annual Meeting & Breakfast**

8:00AM, Westin Lombard.

**December 6 ACOFP-IL Annual Membership Meeting**

12:15PM, Westin Lombard. For details, contact [tkelmer@acofp.org](mailto:tkelmer@acofp.org) or President Bob Marino at [rmarino67@comcast.net](mailto:rmarino67@comcast.net).

**December 6 Annual Meeting of Illinois' Osteopathic Directors of Medical Education and Program Directors**

9:00AM, Westin Lombard. For more info, contact Melanie Jessen, DO at [mrjessendo@yahoo.com](mailto:mrjessendo@yahoo.com)

**December 6 Presidential Reception & Banquet**

6:30PM, Westin Lombard

**February 14 - 18, 2009 Cranial Academy: Midwinter Introductory Course in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field**

Course Director: William Lemley, DO, FAAO. San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, Burlingame, CA. 40 Hours Category 1-A AOA CME (anticipated). For more information: [info@cranialacademy.org](mailto:info@cranialacademy.org).

**February 19 - 22, 2009 Cranial Academy: Intermediate Course**

Course Director: Paul E. Dart, MD, FCA and R. Paul Lee, DO, FAAO. San Francisco

Airport Marriott Hotel, Burlingame, CA. For more information: [info@cranialacademy.org](mailto:info@cranialacademy.org).

**February 25 - March 1, 2009 AOA Board of Trustees Midyear Meeting**

Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC. For details, [www.do-online.org](http://www.do-online.org).

**March 4 - 8, 2009 ACOFP 46th Annual Convention & Exhibition**

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, Washington, DC. For details, [www.acofp.org](http://www.acofp.org).

**March 5, 2009 National DO DAY on the Hill**

Washington, DC. Details will be posted on [www.DO-Online.org](http://www.DO-Online.org).

**March 11, 2009 Illinois Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol**

For details, contact [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org) or (312) 202-8174. Includes Education, Lunch, Lobbying at the Capitol Building, and Legislative Reception at the Sangamo Club. A block of rooms has been held at The State House Inn, A Clarion Hotel, on Tuesday, March 10 at the IOMS rate (through Feb. 10).

**March 25 - 29, 2009 American Academy of Osteopathy Annual Convocation**

Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR. For details, [www.peabodylittlerock.com](http://www.peabodylittlerock.com)

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