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1955-2005: Celebrating 50 years of full practice rights for DOs in Illinois

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Greetings and Happy New Year! There are many exciting events coming up over the next few months. Additionally, several key legislative issues will be considered in our state. Betsy Mitchell, our dedicated

lobbyist in Springfield, will continue to monitor new bills, current issues, and represent our interests. We have partnered with the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians to share the cost of this valuable service and ensure Betsy continues to protect our practice rights in Illinois.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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President-Elect and Legislative Chair

House bill that would allow the medical practice act to be extended until the end of 2010. We will continue to monitor practice right issues as they emerge.

Medical Liability Reform

Medical liability reform is being challenged in the Illinois Supreme Court. These cases are being heard after the current non-economic caps in medical litigation cases were determined unconstitutional by a Cook County judge. Reversal of this liability reform will most certainly result in another exodus of Illinois physicians, causing an increasing shortage of physicians, hindering patient access to care, and certainly affecting patient safety. As many of you know, we have not recovered the

physician population that was lost after the last physician liability insurance crisis that occurred just a few years ago. Let your legislators know that we need to keep these caps on non-economic damages.

Illinois Medicaid Reimbursement

Physician reimbursement by Illinois Medicaid continues to be a major issue. The budgetary crisis of our state

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Key Issues to Monitor

Illinois Medical Practice Act

The Illinois Medical Practice Act was once again extended for two years. Sunset of this act nearly occurred on December 31, 2008. Fortunately, due to the special session of the legislature in mid-December, the Senate was able to pass the

New IOMS President Is Sworn In



New IOMS President Rodey Wassef, DO, MPH, FACFP is sworn in by AOA President Elect Dr. Wickless

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The IOMS Awards committee selected **Anthony W. DeLorenzo, DO, FACOI** for our 2008 Physician of the Year Award. The award was presented at the Presidential Banquet of the Annual Winter Conference on Saturday, December 6, 2008. This award recognizes Dr. DeLorenzo for his development of the LifeMine Personal Health Organizer that promotes patient involvement and understanding in their health care history. It also reflects his outstanding leadership during the past year as IOMS President. (see photo)

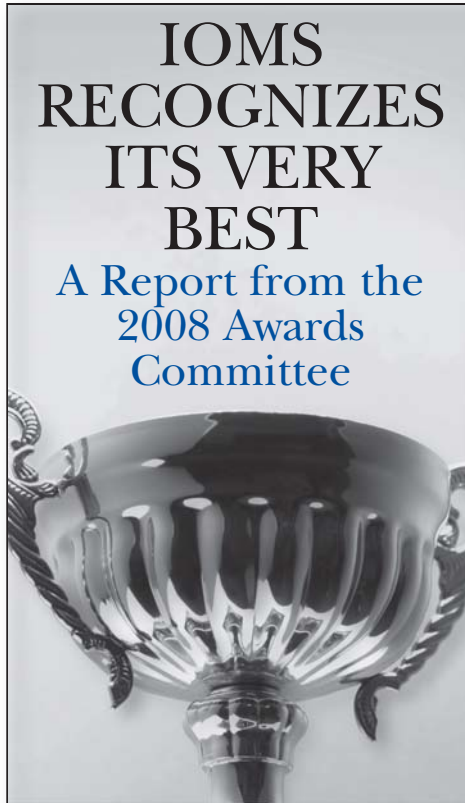
The committee also recommended, and the Board approved, presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to **Isaac J. Kirstein, DO, FACOI**. For the past two years, Dr. Kirstein has provided leadership and direction that now allows IOMS to annually provide in state the 50 CME hours required by the State of Illinois for physician licensure. The Annual Winter Conference this past December was a huge success as a result of the work of Dr. Kirstein and his Education Committee. He has also been instrumental in the return of a Spring CME held at the AOA building in Chicago. (see photo)

Earlier this year, **John Lavelle, DO, CCOM Class of 2008**, was awarded the Student of the Year. This \$250 cash prize is presented annually with an engraved plaque at the Graduation-eve Banquet.

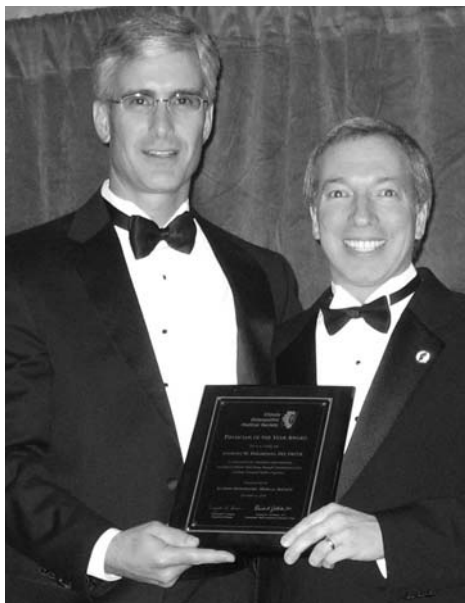
In keeping with IOMS' continued support



Dr. Rosch presents the Textbook Awards she spearheaded to Student Doctors Marwah Farooqui and Gary Tan.



of our student members, four students were selected for the 1st Annual IOMS Textbook Awards. Winners submitted a short essay on this topic: "As an osteopathic student, how can your state professional society help you become a great DO?" The winners, with the key message from their essay, are:



Physician of the Year Dr. DeLorenzo, right, and presenter Dr. Johnston, on December 6, 2008.

Marwah Farooqui, OMS-1: IOMS can educate prospective medical students and undergraduate academia about osteopathic medicine.

Megan Hunt, OMS-1: IOMS can sponsor a Specialties Fair to allow medical students the opportunity to learn about subspecialties from DO practitioners.

Justine Parker, OMS-1: IOMS can advocate healthy lifestyle choices to physicians and medical students.

Gary Tan, OMS-2: IOMS can continue to represent, educate, advocate for, and professionally support osteopathic physicians and medical students.

The winners received both a \$100 Amazon.com Gift Card and an Award Certificate during the Student Session at the IOMS Winter Scientific Seminar. This recognition program comes as a result of a generous grant by IOMS Board member, Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI, who received such a grant when she was a student. Hopefully this will result in students who remained engaged with Osteopathic education and leadership, just as she has done. Dr. Rosch is shown in the photo, center, with two of the winners, Marwah Farooqui and Gary Tan.

Congrats to all!

Respectfully submitted,
Donald G. Johnston, DO, Chair, IOMS Awards Committee



Dr. DeLorenzo, right, presents the Distinguished Service Plaque to Dr. Kirstein at the IOMS Presidential Banquet.



It is an honor to serve as your President. When I started my solo practice, I had three personal goals.

One...to become a Fellow, which I did in 1997. Two...to get a master's degree in public health. I did that in 2004. And Number Three...to become President of IOMS.

My interest in IOMS began years ago with my involvement in the IOMS First District. At those quarterly meetings, I would write a list of questions to ask the more experienced physicians and they would give me advice.

Since I have achieved my personal goals, it is time to set my goals for IOMS. I have four goals for IOMS: First...Get the districts more active, with quarterly meetings, and to invite all DOs to attend...members or not. IOMS can be a resource for information we all need, especially with the new CMS regulations

which will impact our practices. With doctors becoming more active in their districts, this hopefully will increase membership...my Second goal. My Third goal...since all Midwestern University students and residents are members, I want them to stay with IOMS when they start their practice in Illinois. Which leads to my Fourth Goal...retention of physicians here in Illinois, those in practice and those just finishing their residency programs. I have been involved with the Illinois Hospital Association meetings and they recognize that the State is losing many doctors. Hopefully, with all of us working together, we can halt this outbound tide. These are my four Goals for IOMS. I think that will keep me busy this year!

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

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I am sure with the help of the Executive Committee and the Board and all of the Past Presidents, along with our fine staff, we can accomplish these goals. Again, my thanks to each of you for your participation, and I look forward to working with you over this year.

which will culminate in the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation inspection this March.

We look forward to bringing all these inspections and preparations to a conclusion and moving on to welcome our expanded class this fall.

We are gratified that the incoming class for the Fall of 2009 will be selected from more than 5,000 applicants, an all-time high for CCOM. It's a nice way to start the New Year.

GREETINGS from the DEAN



This is inspection and report season at MWU/ CCOM. In the last year we have had a number of inspections as the various cycles coincided. The entire University has completed a successful inspection process that

resulted in a 10 year re-accreditation award from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The OPTI inspection concluded with a two-year award for re-accreditation.

In the interest of meeting the physician shortages in the United States as currently exist and as are predicted for the near future, CCOM applied for a class size increase of approximately 25 students per class, which was also granted. We are now finishing up the year-long self study

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Update from the AOA's Council of Interns & Residents



In conjunction with the AOA Convention in Las Vegas this past October, the Council of Interns and Residents held their annual Congress of Interns & Residents (CIR) on Sunday, October 26th. This

annual meeting serves as an opportunity for interns, residents, and fellows to discuss issues relevant to postgraduate education, learn about current AOA programs and initiatives aimed at post grads and to update the CIR and each other on what is going on at a local level within our training programs. This year's event was a great success and boasted the highest attendance yet!

With AOA President Dr. DiMarco, President-elect Dr. Wickless and Executive Director John Crosby kicking off our meeting, there was much discussion about the future of osteopathic graduate medical education. Margaret Hardy, Director of the AOA Division of Hospital and Medical Educator Affairs, presented to us about the OGME Development Initiative and its progress towards developing and sustaining more quality osteopathic postgraduate programs. She also educated us on the complex and arduous task of opening new programs.

There were presentations by the various OPTIs and programs training across the

country. Concern and support was shown for the trainees in Oklahoma, struggling to keep their programs alive. On the other end of the spectrum, we highlighted four successful postgraduate organizations that are strong advocates and resources for their residents. As a means of showing attendees the spectrum and process of starting up a similar program in their region, we had presentations by the Texas OPTI, Osteopathic Residents Action Committee of Illinois (ORAC-IL), Ohio's CORE Osteopathic Resident Advisory Committee and the Michigan Osteopathic Association's Intern and Resident Division. These programs are great templates of how to get post grads more involved and have a stronger voice within their respective regions.

Additionally, there were updates from SOMA, COSGP, the Council of New Physicians in Practice, and the CIR Ambassadors program. We revisited the changes made to the osteopathic internship year, discussed the need for strong outreach to osteopathic trainees in ACGME programs and highlighted the work of Dr. Robert Juhasz at the

Cleveland Clinic. We gave attendees information about the CIR newsletter, the changes to our website – including our own tab on DO-Online, and had a presentation on the Training in Policy Studies (TIPS) program by Bette Coppola and Dr. Ed Cho. We also had presentations by Dr. Draion Burch (a CIR Region Trustee) and Mr. Shawn Martin, Director of the AOA Department of Government Relations, including the Division of Congressional Affairs, on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act which directly affects the deferment process of our student loans.

There was a lot of material to cover in the short half-day agenda and it was agreed that next year we will push to have a full day event. For more information on our meeting, copies of the PowerPoint presentations given, or just more information on what the Council of Interns and Residents is doing for osteopathic post grads, please visit our website at www.do-online.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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Update on the American Osteopathic Association Council on Palliative Care Issues



As founding (and current) chair of the Council on Palliative Care Issues (CPCI), I am very pleased to see this group celebrate its tenth year of existence. This dedicated group of DOs focuses on several aspects of palliative

care issues primarily centering on education and certification. Our educational efforts extend from creating and updating web-based modules on end of life care (which can be found on www.DO-Online.org), to creating an educational

pamphlet in different languages for patient education, to writing resolutions for the AOA House of Delegates that educate physicians on current principles in end of life care, to presenting programming at the AOA convention.

The certification efforts are focused on establishing an osteopathic Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. While such a certificate was previously available for both DOs and MDs through an independent organization, that organization has chosen to be absorbed into the American Board of Internal Medicine structure

which now precludes DOs trained in DO residencies from obtaining that certification. While it is a huge task to create a new CAQ from scratch, we are working with dedication to be sure that this CAQ becomes a reality for all DOs interested in this certification, both now and in the future. Updates will be provided as processes develop.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Update (Continued from page one)

has resulted in repeated late payments or non-payments for services rendered to Illinois Medicaid patients. At this time, there have been suggestions that all outstanding Medicaid payments will be paid by mid February of 2009. It is unclear where the funding for these payments is coming from, however, there have been some substantial payments made throughout the state in the early part of January. We will continue to monitor the timeliness of these payments as the year progresses.

Lay Midwives

The lay midwives who currently call themselves “certified professional midwives” were lobbying again during the last session of 2008. Fortunately, their bill never made it out of committee and therefore requires them to begin the legislative process all over again in this new two-year legislative session. Please remember, that lay midwives are NOT the same as nurse practitioners and NOT the same as certified nurse midwives. 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 issue and many others.

Upcoming Events

DO Day on the Hill

The AOA will hold its annual DO Day on the Hill in Washington D.C. on March 5, 2009, during the ACOFP Annual Convention. This should be a record-setting year for attendance and lobbying efforts on behalf of all osteopathic physicians. Medicare payment and the flawed SGR calculation are sure to be a key topic. IOMS will again send representation to take part in this very important event.

Osteopathic Physicians Day

The fifth annual Osteopathic Physicians Day will be held on March 11, 2009 in Springfield. This event has become more successful every year and is typically very well attended by state legislators. Please join us to lobby for osteopathic physician rights in Illinois. For details and to register, visit www.IOMS.org.

AOA House of Delegates

The AOA House of Delegates will meet in Chicago from July 16-19. Under the leadership of our delegation co-chairs Teresa Hubka, DO and Earle Pescatore, Jr., DO we expect to again send a full delegation to represent osteopathic physicians in Illinois.

Important Issues for your Consideration

- 1 The Illinois Medical Practice Act has been extended for two years. IOMS will continue to monitor potential changes to our practice rights and threats to patient safety.
- 2 Medical litigation reform is being challenged in Illinois. Reversal of this liability reform will almost certainly result in another exodus of Illinois physicians, causing an increasing shortage of physicians, hindering patient access to care, and certainly affecting patient safety.
- 3 DO Day on the Hill will take place on March 5, 2009. Additional details are available at www.DO-Online.org.
- 4 Attend Osteopathic Physicians Day on March 11th in Springfield. Be present, be heard, and affect change. Additional details are available at www.IOMS.org.
- 5 The AOA House of Delegates will be held in Chicago from July 16th-19th.
- 6 Remember to submit a donation to IO-PAC. IO-PAC is our state’s osteopathic political action committee (formerly known as SCOPE).

Forum for Residents in Illinois

The Osteopathic Residency Action Committee of Illinois (ORAC-IL) was created by Midwestern University residents for the benefit of all osteopathic physicians in Illinois. The goal of ORAC-IL is to provide a forum:

- For the integration of ideas and networking,
- For improving communication within Illinois residency programs,
- To demonstrate leadership within the medical community, and

- To build opportunities for all postgraduates.

Our ultimate goal is to be the osteopathic advocate.

Currently, ORAC-IL has started with the St. James Hospital osteopathic residents and intends to expand to all osteopathic residency programs in Illinois. We intend to start a bi-annual newsletter in order to communicate with our fellow residents and postgraduates. ORAC-IL made its debut at the AOA convention in Las

Vegas this past October 2008 at the Council of Interns and Residents annual meeting. The PowerPoint presentation may be viewed at AOA website, do-online.org.

We are in process of setting up our first social event, if you would like to be notified of details or any information contact oracil@live.com.

Respectfully submitted by

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CORRECTION

In the Fall 2008 issue of *Illinois Insights*, John Graneto, DO, MEd, FACOEP, FACOP, was inaccurately identified as the

Chair of the Emergency Medicine Program at Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Dan Kowalzyk, DO, is the Chair.** Dr.

Graneto is Clinical Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, Education Director-Emergency Medicine. The Editor regrets this error.

fwi News You Can Use

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Blue Cross/Blue Shield Cuts Labs
 Be aware that as of April 1, 2009, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of IL will no longer reimburse clinics for labs not done on their premises with approved (IL) lab. For more information, visit their website: www.bcsh.com/provider. Thanks to Dr. Richard A. Feely, IOMS Treasurer, for this heads-up.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Illinois Medicaid Payment Rates Increase
 Effective February 1, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) will increase Medicaid payment rates for some physician services, including adult primary care preventive services. Initial healthy evaluation (99385-7) for adults 18 and older will be paid at the rate of \$104.96, and periodic re-evaluation (99395-7) will be paid at the rate of \$85.65. All primary care physicians enrolled in the IL Health Connect program will be eligible for the new rates, and those not in IL Health Connect will be eligible if they are enrolled in the Medicaid Maternal and Children's Health (MCH) Program. For more information: www.hfs.illinois.gov or www.illinoishealthconnect.com/providerinfo.



LATE BREAKING NEWS: Peanut Recall Expanded
 As of late January,

peanut recall expanded to every product from or made from products of plant in Georgia since January 1, 2007. See this link for a continually updated list of recall items: www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm#Candy

eJACOP Launches
 The American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) has launched the inaugural issue of its e-journal, eJACOP. The journal will be published quarterly and will serve as a teaching portal for those students, residents, fellows and attending physicians who have a thirst for a scholarly existence. The journal will provide a peer-

reviewed venue for the working pediatrician and family physician, as well as the academic attending physician. The ACOP Board of Trustees has agreed to offer the journal to all members of state osteopathic medical societies, and hopes you will enjoy it and contribute to it! Note an Illinois connection: the Subspecialty Editorial Board includes, for Emergency Medicine, IOMS' **John Graneto, DO, FACOP, FACOEP**. To review this e-Journal, please visit: <http://www.acoped.org/ejacop/2008october/>.

Postmarket Drug Safety
 The US Food and Drug Administration introduced a new website on postmarket drug safety information, written for both patients and providers: www.fda.gov/cder/drugSafety.htm. Topics include labeling, risk evaluation and mitigation strategies, clinical trials, warnings and recalls, among others.

Call for Presenters to the Annual Clinical Assembly – in Chicago This Year
 Speakers are invited to present at the 2009 ACA in Chicago: if you are interested in speaking, email the topic you would like to present, the specialty to which it applies, and your CV to csmith@facos.org or call Cynthia Smith, CMP, ACOS Director of CE at 800-888-1312, ext. 107.

OMT use in medical practices
 The AOA's Medical Practice Issues survey of 2007 found that the percentage of DOs who use OMT in their practices is currently 57% – down significantly from the 85% of those surveyed in 1998. Additional statistics from the 2007 survey are posted at www.DO-Online.org.

CCOM Expansion
 According to AACOM e-news, the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University (CCOM) has received approval from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) to increase its incoming class size from 160 to 200. In preparation for the expansion, a new basic sciences building will be added to the Downers Grove campus, and options for clinical rotations will be expanded. Population growth, increasing numbers of older Americans and the resulting increased demand for high-quality health care are all factors that impacted this decision.

Exciting Enhancement for DO-Online Members' Practice Sites
 To help your practice reduce costs and build patient loyalty, the AOA offers a new online resource for AOA members and their patients: The "Instant Medical History" feature. New and existing patients of AOA members may use this optional feature to collect patient information prior to an office visit. The HIPAA-compliant patient data is then sent to the physician via a secured PDF. For more information about this new feature and instructions on setup, download the Instant Medical History Guide. To access your practice site, go to DO-Online and log-in using your AOA ID number and password.

CMS PECOS System
 The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) is now available to physicians and non-physician practitioners in Illinois to enroll, make a change in their Medicare enrollment, view their Medicare enrollment information on file with Medicare, or check on the status of a Medicare enrollment application via the Internet: go to <http://pecos.cms.hhs.gov>.

Charity Care at Hospitals
 Some hospitals in Chicago have started offering 40-50% discounts on services to uninsured people, regardless of their income level; Illinois law that goes into effect in April will make discounts mandatory for uninsured people living in urban areas earning up to 600% of the federal poverty level, according to the 1/26/09 *Chicago Tribune*.

Smoking Cessation Quick Fact
 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported on 11/13/08 that the number of American adults who smoke has fallen below 20% for the first time on record to 19.8%, which is about 43.4 million people, *Reuters* reported on 11/13/08.

Medicare Assignment Among US DOs
 According to the AOA's most recent (2007) Medical Practice Issues survey, approximately 80% of DOs accept Medicare assignment for all patients. DOs in solo practice were less likely to participate in Medicare than those in group practice. For more on the national picture, visit www.DO-Online.org.

FYI - News You Can Use (continued)

2009 PQRI Measure Specifications Now Available

The AOA's Regulatory Affairs Division in Washington, DO announced last month that reporting for the 2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) began January 1, 2009. To facilitate participation in the program, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released its detailed specifications for the 2009 PQRI measures and the 2009 PQRI measures groups. The following resources have been posted to the PQRI webpage on the CMS website:

2009 PQRI Quality Measure Specifications Manual

Contains codes and reporting instructions for the 153 2009 PQRI quality measures for claims or registry-based reporting and a summary of the changes from the 2008 PQRI Measure Specifications.

2009 PQRI Implementation Guide

Provides guidance about how to implement 2009 PQRI claims-based reporting of measures to facilitate satisfactory reporting of quality data codes by eligible professionals for the 2009 PQRI.

2009 PQRI Measures Group Specifications Manual

Contains the detailed specifications and instructions for the seven (7) 2009 PQRI measures groups and a summary of the changes from the 2008 PQRI Measures Groups Specifications.

Getting Started with 2009 PQRI Reporting of Measures Groups

Provides guidance about implementing the 2009 PQRI measures groups.

To access the 2009 PQRI manuals and implementation guides, go to: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/15_MeasuresCodes.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS website. Once on the Measure/Codes page, scroll down to the "Downloads" section and click on the appropriate link.

In addition, CMS has a new section page on the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative web page. The "Spotlight" section page can be accessed on PQRI web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/pqri/> on the CMS website and click on the Spotlight tab. The "Spotlight" page is updated frequently and was created to alert eligible professionals to the newest program information available on the PQRI web page.

CME Credits

In 2009, earn all of your required annual CME with IOMS – right here in Illinois

Spring CME in the City

Friday, April 3 - Saturday, April 4
Osteopathic Conference Center at the AOA, Downtown Chicago. Approx. 12 hours 1-A. Jointly with CCOM.

Summer Primary Care

CME Update
Friday, August 7 - Saturday, August 8
Sheraton Four Points, Fairview Heights. Approx. 8 hours 1-A. With ACOFP-IL.

Winter Scientific Seminar

Thursday, December 3 - 6
Western Suburb of Chicago. Approx. 30 hours 1-A.

FYI: News You Can Use' is compiled by IOMS Executive Director Elizabeth Harano from various news publications, physician association leadership sources, and government announcements. If there are topics that you're interested in getting more information on, please contact IOMS@IOMS.org.

Call for IOMS Delegates

The AOA House of Delegates convenes July 16 through 19, 2009 in Chicago Illinois at the Fairmont Hotel. Come and experience the legislative policy making process of the AOA and interact with representatives from all states, specialty colleges, and student organizations. Our delegation is composed of members of our Board of Trustees, chairs of committees, interested member physicians, students, and resident members.

IOMS has had a total of 14 delegates with as many as 14 alternates that serve to represent YOU – our state society's membership. If you are interested in serving and are both an AOA and IOMS member in good standing, send your CV and a brief statement as to why you would like to serve to IOMS headquarters: IOMS@IOMS.org or (312) 202-8174, not later than April 15, 2009.

Fraternally yours,

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McDonough District Hospital (www.mdh.org) is actively assisting several primary care physicians with the recruitment of additional associates. We are searching for **BC/BE** physicians specializing in Internal Medicine or Family Practice without OB to join a well-established medical group. Macomb, IL, ranked in the Top 100 Micropolitan Areas by Bizjournal.com, (www.macomb.com) is home of **Western Illinois University**, a Best Midwestern College, (www.wiu.edu) and has a population of 20,000 residents.

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DOs in the News

CCOM Appoints Three IOMS Members as Associate Deans

On December 29, 2008, CCOM announced the appointments of three new associate deans to help guide the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) through a new period of growth (see FYI for more on this growth). Naperville resident and IOMS Associate Member **Rita Getz, PhD** was named Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. She has been member a of the anatomy faculty since 1999. **Thomas Boyle, DO, ACEP**, of Elmhurst, was named Associate Dean of Clinical Sciences. Dr. Boyle has been a part of the CCOM emergency medicine clinical faculty for 16 years. In addition, Chicago resident and IOMS District 1 Trustee **Isaac Kirstein, DO**, was named Associate Dean of Post-Doctoral Education. He will continue as Director of Medical Education and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine. Dr. Kirstein has been with the college since 2006.



“The associate deans will be part of the administrative team that has joint responsibility for the operations of CCOM,” said **Karen J. Nichols, DO, FACOI**, CCOM Dean and Professor of Internal Medicine. “They are all highly qualified and recognized in their fields. All three will help CCOM broaden its horizons,” Dr. Nichols added.

Chicago Tribune: Dr. Zeiger explains difference between DO, MD

Last fall, Tribune Health & Fitness reporter Julie Deardorff responded to a reader’s question: “My physical therapist just referred me to an osteopath for my lower back pain. I’m skeptical. What can an osteopath do that a medical doctor can’t?” Ms. Deardorff explained how MDs

and DOs are the same, and quoted IOMS Member **David Zeiger, DO** about some differences: “...they might use hands-on manipulation techniques to decrease pain from conditions such as migraines, chronic sinusitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, back pain and hysterectomy. ...”, going on to observe “that only about 10% of DOs actually do manipulations, ...” For the complete text of the item, visit: <http://archives.chicagotribune.com/2008/nov/02/health/chi-solution-health-1102nov02>.

Congratulations!

George T. Caleel, DO, was awarded the American Osteopathic Association’s Distinguished Service Certificate, which is *its highest award*, granted only to deserving members for outstanding accomplishments in scientific, educational, or professional affairs. Dr. Caleel’s award was made in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the advancement of osteopathic medical education. The presentation took place during the Opening Session of the AOA Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar in Las Vegas last October. Dr. Caleel is a Life Member of IOMS.

Melanie Jessen, DO is now a Fellow of the ACOFP, and **Earle M. Pescatore, Jr., DO** is now a Fellow of the ACOOG.

Mark Bjurlin, DO of St. James Hospital — 1st place winner in General Vascular Surgery Scientific Poster Presentation, awarded by 2008 Annual Clinical Assembly in Fall 2008. His topic was: “Endovascular Stent Graft Treatment of Acute Thoracic Aortic Transections Due to Blunt-force Trauma.”

Dan Kowalzyk, DO is Chair of the Emergency Medicine Program at Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOOG dist., FACOG, was recently profiled in the DMU magazine for her work in China with Heart to Heart International. The extensive interview covered the objectives of the trip, which included improving access to primary care for Chinese citizens. Her involvement included what she called an “off-the-cuff, spur of the moment grand rounds, and it turned out to be an education for me to observe how they learned,

which was very different from what we do. ... There’s no question and answer period. They just read books and memorize. There’s no interaction with the trainer.” As explained in the DMU article: “The western style of teaching was literally foreign to the Chinese doctors, ... (at least one of whom) started teaching the same way, asking questions and mimicking the western style of education.”

Jason Tanguay, DO was a Fellow in the Training in Policy Studies for the 2007-08 year. This program trains young physicians in Healthcare Policy through the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Earlier, **Keri Robertson, DO** was in the 2006-07 class. For additional information about applying for the 2009-10 class, contact the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.

ACOFPP-Illinois welcomes ACOFP President

At their annual meeting held during the IOMS Winter Scientific Seminar, the Illinois Chapter of the ACOFP welcomed **Ronnie Martin, DO, FACOFP**, their national President, who flew in from Colorado to meet with the Illinois Chapter and to celebrate with incoming IOMS President, **Rodey Wassef, DO, MPH, FACOFP** at her Presidential Banquet. ACOFP-IL Officers include: **Robert Marino, DO**, of Orland Park, President; **Tom Kupferer, DO, FACOFP** of Murphysboro, President Elect; **Harald Lausen, DO, FACOFP** of Springfield, Secretary-Treasurer; **Ronald Peplow, DO, FACOFP** of Chicago, Immediate Past President; and Trustees: **Ann Habenicht, DO, FACOFP, FFAO**, of Tinley Park; **Patricia Higgins, DO**, of Burr Ridge; **Patricia Mackrides, DO** of Quincy; **Gerald McClallen, DO, FACOEP** of Carbondale; **William Moran, DO** of Chicago; and **Rodey Wassef, DO, MPH, FACOFP**, of Mokena.

IOMS Past Presidents Active at AOA 2008 Convention

The AOA’s three annual public health seminars took place at the AOA Annual Convention on October 26th, and two had an Illinois connection. The Council on Women’s Health Issues (CWHI) presented its 2008 Women’s Health Seminar, “Fitness Through the Female Life Spectrum” CWHI Chair and IOMS Past President **Teresa Hubka, DO**, introduced the 356

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guests to several presentations. The Council on Palliative Care Issues (CPCI) hosted the 2008 Palliative Care Seminar, "Chronicles of the Dark Knight...DOs Illuminate the Way." Speakers included CPCI member and IOMS Past President **Thomas Kupferer, DO.**

Your Healthy Minute

WBBM-AM 780, whose broadcasts are heard across Illinois, provides a daily short called "Your Healthy Minute," produced and narrated by Dr. Barry Kaufman. To listen to the January 28, 2009 podcast: "a look at osteopathic physi-

cians - who they are, what they do," go to: <http://www.wbbm780.com/pages/7787.php>. Thanks to Dr. Kaufman, and to Mike Campea, Assistant Director of the AOA's Communications Department, for this accurate one-minute explanation of DOs!

The IOMS Vice President's Report



At the general membership meeting held November 30, 2007, a bylaws change was presented that included the newly created office of Vice President. The membership approved this addition and, upon approval by the AOA, it

was added to the IOMS bylaws. This position was created to allow physician members who have already served as district trustees to continue the process of involvement in the IOMS leadership, offering additional committee exposure

that next leads to the position of President-Elect. This addition to the bylaws provides a 6th member to the Executive Committee and represents the commitment of this organization to have member participation throughout the state involving various medical specialties.

As your new Vice President, I will be a member of the legislative, membership, and educational committees. I will also continue this year as chairman of the membership committee. The IOMS exists: "to act as a non-profit professional body in the interest and for the benefit of its members on matters of membership, leg-

islation, and public relations for the purpose of creating and maintaining high professional and ethical standards for the osteopathic profession in the state of Illinois and for the mutual benefit of the individual members and the public they serve." We welcome your participation in our CME, as active members, and as officers in your state society.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald W. McClallen, DO, FACOEP
Vice President

Trustee Report



Hello and greetings from your Member at Large!

I was fortunate to attend the Winter CME conference hosted by IOMS in Lombard in December. It was a great time, highlighted by terrific lectures and the most delicious, wonderful food! I will really be the largest member if I kept eating like that!

We were all mesmerized by Dr. Feely and his bagpipe musical talents (can I put that his legs had good muscle structure?) and the highlight of the evening was the ceremony to introduce our new 2009 IOMS president, Rodey Wassef, DO.

There really are some talented people in this organization.

I was happy to agree to serve as the At Large Trustee for IOMS. To be honest, I really wasn't sure what I had to do so I googled it. I found the best answer on Yahoo Answers. Typically, an at large trustee (TAL) represents the general membership on issues of interest or concern, particularly those that arise outside of the standing committee structure. The TAL conducts projects to further the goals of the organization or to develop services for the membership. The TAL listens to membership and communicates their issues, needs and interests to the Board of Trustees.

OK! So I am listening with my ears wide

open. My e-mail is also open to you in case you need to communicate something in the middle of the night. Please feel free to send me any ideas, suggestions, comments or even a note to say hello at laurarosch@yahoo.com.

I also wear another hat as the Woman's Health Committee Chair. Anyone interested in participating, please contact IOMS! We will resume our student get-togethers and begin some new projects. Stay tuned.

Happy and Healthy new year to all of our Illinois Osteopathic Families!

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI
At Large Trustee, IOMS

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.

Please join us in thanking our 2008 Winter Scientific Seminar Sponsors & Society Supporters

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Legislative Report from our State Capitol Lobbyist

Impeachment of Governor Rod Blagojevich

On January 9, 2009 the Illinois House voted to impeach Governor Rod Blagojevich. After weeks of hearings, the Special Investigative Committee recommended to the full House that the Governor should be impeached. They found there was sufficient evidence to make this recommendation. On January 29, 2009, the Illinois State Senate voted unanimously to oust Governor Blagojevich and to ban him from ever holding public office again in Illinois. New Governor Pat Quinn was sworn in immediately.

Medical Practice Act extended to December 31, 2010

In December 2008, the Senate returned to Springfield to review allegations against the Governor. During this time they also passed IOMS-supported Senate Bill 2179, now Public Act 95- 1018. This Act extended the sunset provision for the Illinois Medical Practice Act to December 31, 2010 which had been scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2008. A huge thank you goes to all physicians throughout Illinois who contacted your Senator to encourage him or her to support this vital legislation. You made a difference.

Legislation To License Certified Professional Midwives Did Not Pass in 95th General Assembly

After numerous meetings over the past two years, Senate Bill 385 sponsored by Senator Bill Haine (D, Alton) and Rep. Julie Hamos (D, Evanston), has finally been put to rest in the 95th General Assembly. This meant that if the issue was to be considered again, it must be re-introduced and begin the legislative process from the beginning. Senate Bill 385 would have allowed for the licensure of certified professional midwives or lay midwives in Illinois. Previously, only certified nurse midwives were licensed in Illinois.

IOMS and other medical providers **opposed** this bill for reasons relating to public health. Currently, certified professional midwives do not consider obstetrical care medical; nor do they consider themselves medical providers. These midwives would be allowed to perform many medical procedures with little medical training or education. They would be the least-trained individuals to *independently* provide one of the most critical services to women in Illinois. Clearly this would be very bad public policy in Illinois.

Supporters of this legislation constantly lobbied this bill. They came very close to passing the bill and have now re-introduced this legislation as HB 226, the "Home Birth Safety Act." IOMS will remain close to this issue.

2009 Legislative Session Begins

On January 14, 2009, members of the 96th General Assembly took their oath of office and began introducing legislation. Over 6000 pieces of legislation are expected to be introduced in this next legislative session. Some of the major medical issues anticipated for debate in 2009 include Medicaid reimbursement, revenue shortfalls, gas tax increase, retail health clinics, licensure, scope of practice, statewide program reductions, legal issues, additional smoke-free exemptions, and access.

IOMS will be monitoring all legislation. As the session progresses, please respond to any action alert messages from IOMS. As always, a complete history of all bills can be found at www.ilga.gov.

DO Day at the Capitol 2009 March 11 – Be There

DO Day at the Capitol in Springfield, IL is Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Plan to attend this very important day in your life as a physician in Illinois. It is beneficial for you to come to Springfield to meet with your Senator and Representative to tell your story. Let them know how your office and patients are affected by the damaging delay of the Medicaid payments, or any other public health issues that affect how you provide medical care.

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Ritz-Carlton, Washington, DC. For details, 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.

March 5, 2009: National DO DAY on the Hill

Washington, DC. Details will be posted on www.DO-Online.org.

March 10, 2009: IOMS Board Meeting and Dinner

Springfield. 7:30 pm.

March 11, 2009: 5th Annual Osteopathic Physicians Day at the IL State Capitol

This state lobby day is co-sponsored by Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society and the ACOFP-Illinois Chapter. 11 am - Advocacy Training and Luncheon, 12:30 pm - Lobbying, and 5-7 pm - Legislative Reception. Events take place at the Sangamo Club and the State Capitol Complex in Springfield, IL. *Free bus transportation available from CCOM - depart 7 am, return 10 pm; garage parking at CCOM. *THERE IS NO CHARGE to DOs, students, or their families/advocates, but please register in advance, especially for bus reservations. For more info: IOMS@IOMS.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8174. *If you wish to come in the night before, a block of rooms has been held at The State House Inn, A Clarion Hotel, on Tuesday, March 10 at the IOMS rate, book by February 9th.

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

Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR. For details, www.academyofosteopathy.org.

March 30 - April 2, 2009: AOASM 24th Annual Spring Clinical Conference

Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort in Snowbird, Utah. 27 AOA Category 1-A CME credits anticipated pending approval by the AOA CCME. The AOASM is also recognized by the Board of Certification, Inc. to offer continuing education of certified athletic trainers. This course has been approved for continuing education credits. For more information: Amy Bayer, (608) 443-2477 x142, abayer@reesgroupinc.com

April 3 - 4, 2009: Spring CME: "Practice of Medicine: Long Term Care"

Co-sponsored by Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society and CCOM. 12 hours of Category 1-A CME anticipated, pending approval by AOA CCME. Osteopathic Conference Center at the AOA HQ, 142 E. Ontario St., Chicago, IL. For more information: bdohma@midwestern.edu or (708) 747-4000, ext. 1097 or IOMS@IOMS.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8174.

April 24 - 25, 2009: 2nd Annual IOPA CME Conference: "The Artery is Supreme"

Sponsored by Idaho Osteopathic Physicians Association. 16 hours of Category 1-A CME anticipated, pending approval by AOA CCME. At the Hilton Garden Inn, Eagle, ID. For more information: (208) 890-6327 or suzie.fred@hotmail.com.

April 29 - May 2, 2009: POMA 101st Annual Clinical Assembly and Scientific Seminar

Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA. 41 hours of CME anticipated (35 hours 1-A, 6 hours 1-B). For details: (717) 939-7255 or poma@poma.org.

May 1 - 3, 2009: Annual Oceanside CME Conference

Sponsored by Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society. 23 hours of Category 1-A CME anticipated, pending approval by AOA CCME, Hartford Hospital designates this educational activity for a maximum of 21 category 1 credits towards the AMA PRA. Hartford Hospital is accredited by the CSMS to provide CME for physicians. At the Mystic Marriott in Groton, CT. For more information: (800) 648-9777 or Connecticut@osteopathic.org.

May 13 - 16, 2009: Michigan Osteopathic Association, 110th Annual Postgraduate Convention & Scientific Seminar

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI, 33 hours of Category 1-A CME credits anticipated. For more information: MOA office at (800) 657-1556.

June 13 - 17, 2009: Cranial Academy Introductory Course

Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. 40 hours of Category 1-A anticipated. For more info: (317) 594-0411 or info@cranialacademy.org.

June 18 - 21, 200: Cranial Academy Annual Conference – Embryology and Osteopathy, Dr. Sutherland and Beyond

Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, MD. For more info: (317) 594-0411 or info@cranialacademy.org.

June 18 - 21, 2009: NEMOA & MOA Annual Summer Conference

21 hours of Category 1-A anticipated. Mission Point, Mackinac Island, Michigan. For more information: Jann Villarreal (800) 657-1556 or jvillarreal@mi-osteopathic.org

July 13 - 19, 2009: AOA Annual Board of Trustees Meeting and House of Delegates

Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, IL

July 17, 2009: IOMS Board Meeting

IOMS Delegation Suite, Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. 4 pm.

August 7 - 8, 2009: Summer CME Conference in the Metro East

Co-sponsored by Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society and ACOFP-Illinois Chapter. 10-12 hours of Category 1-A CME anticipated, pending approval by AOA CCME. Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Fairview Heights, IL. For more information: DrDad0722@aol.com.

October 31 - November 3, 2009: Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons

Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile, Chicago. For more information: www.facos.org.

December 3 - 6, 2009: Winter Scientific Seminar

Sponsored by Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society. 30 hours of Category 1-A CME anticipated, pending approval by AOA CCME. Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL. For more information: IOMS@IOMS.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8174.

IOMS Committee Meetings

Executive Committee: 2nd Monday of the month if no Board meeting, 8pm, via teleconference

Education Committee: Last Wednesday of each month, 8pm, via teleconference

Membership Committee: Quarterly 2nd Wednesday of February, May, August, November, 7:30pm via teleconference and at the call of the Chair.

All other Committees: At the call of the chair, generally via teleconference

Please Welcome New IOMS Members

Jayaraj Salimath, DOPeoria2nd Year
 Darlene Recker, DOChicagoPostgraduate
 Michael KowalGlenview.....Student
 Timothy Williams, DOLawrencevilleActive
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 Christopher Hargett, DOBloomingtonPostgraduate

Report of the Executive Director

Your IOMS staff is looking forward to working with your newly elected officers and trustees, who were approved by acclamation at the December 5, 2008 General Membership Meeting. They are:

President Rodey Wassef, DO, MPH, FACFP

Dr. Wassef has served on the Board for more than ten years, including terms as Trustee from District 1 and Treasurer, and has served on each of the three IOMS standing committees, including Chairing the Membership Committee, where she was responsible for significantly expanding membership. For the past several years she has been an IOMS representative to the CMS Region, to the IL Foundation for Quality Health Care, to the IL Hospital Association physician retention task force, and to the AOA's Council of CAC representatives. She is on the Board for the Illinois Chapter of the ACOFP.

Dr. Wassef is a board certified family physician with the Midwest Physicians Center and is the Medical Director for Quality Improvement, Risk Management, and Accreditation at St. James Hospital and Health Centers in Olympia Fields. In addition, she has extensive experience with the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program as a physician reviewer. She was awarded IOMS Physician of the Year in 2004. An Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Wassef is a graduate of the Costin Institute for Osteopathic Medical Educators and the CCOM. She and her husband Larry Watts reside in Mokena, IL.

President Elect Harald Lausen, DO, MA, FACFP, FAAFP

Dr. Lausen joined the IOMS Board as the District 3 Trustee in December 2004, and was appointed to the Legislative Committee, which he has chaired since January 2006. A key player in IOMS advocacy initiatives, he works closely with our lobbyist and also serves on the PAC board. He serves as Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Illinois Chapter of ACOFP, and also sits on the legislative committee

for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. He has been active with the CME programs by IOMS as well, serving as Program Chair for the 2008 Winter Scientific Seminar and as a member of the Education Committee since 2006. He was honored by IOMS in 2007 with the Distinguished Service Award, and received the national Wyeth Emerging Leader Award by the American Osteopathic Foundation that same year.

Dr. Lausen is Regional Director of Osteopathic Medical Education for Southern IL University Department of Family and Community Medicine, and is dually appointed as Regional Assistant Dean for ATSU/Kirkville. He is an Assistant Professor for both medical schools, and practices with the SIU Center for Family Medicine. A board certified family physician, he previously practiced medicine in Springfield with his wife, Jackie, a chiropractor, and is a graduate of the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine where he did an OMM predoctoral fellowship. They reside in Springfield with their two daughters, Lauren and Ava.

Vice President Gerald McClallen, DO, FACOEP

Dr. McClallen is the first Vice President elected under the new IOMS Bylaws, under which this new position was created as part of the automatic yearly progression from Treasurer to Vice President to President Elect to President, finishing as Immediate Past President. He was originally elected to the Board in December 2004 as District 5 Trustee. He served on the Nominating Committee in 2005, on the Education Committee in 2005 and 2009, and the Legislative Committee in 2009. He's served on the Membership Committee since 2006, and has been Chair since 2008.

Dr. McClallen is an active preceptor of student doctors from his alma mater, ATSU/Kirkville. Dually boarded as a family physician and an emergency physician, he practices emergency medicine in Murphysboro. Dr. and Mrs. McClallen and family reside in rural Carbondale.



Treasurer Dr. Feely wowed the Banquet crowd with his serenade of incoming President Dr. Wassef



AOA President Elect Larry Wickless, DO, of Michigan, swears in the new IOMS Board members



Table 1 is for the new President: President Dr. Wassef and her husband Larry Watts are seated surrounded by close friends. Fellow DOs at the table include Dr. Richard Feely, seated left, and Dr. Kathy Burke and Dr. Susan Marcotte, who are standing at her back.



IO-PAC's Board met during the Winter Scientific Seminar - shown here are, L-R: Dr. Don Johnston, Dr. Bob Good, new Chair Dr. Earle Pescatore, Jr., and Betsy Mitchell.



Newly re-named Illinois Osteopathic - Political Action Committee (formerly called SCOPE) was represented in the Exhibit Hall by its outgoing Chair, Robert Good, DO, FACOI and its Executive Director (and osteopathic lobbyist) Betsy Mitchell, MPA.

Report of the Executive Director



Outgoing President Dr. Tony DeLorenzo and his wife Regina, hosted a star-studded table: seated, L-R Dr. and Mrs. DeLorenzo, IOMS Immediate Past President Dr. Don Johnston, and Mrs. Crosby; standing: IL State Medical Society President Dr. Swaminathan, AOA Trustee and IOMS Member Dr. Karen Nichols, AOA President Elect Dr. Wickless, IOMS Education Chair Dr. Isaac and Mrs. Rebecca Kirstein, and AOA Executive Director John Crosby.



Incoming President Elect Dr. Harry Lausen and his wife Dr. Jackie Lausen, seated with 9-month-old Ava, were hosts to: (standing L-R) IL State Medical Society past president Dr. Ken and Mrs. Jenny Printen, IOMS new Vice President Dr. Gerry McClallen, IOMS past president Dr. Gary Knepp (whose wife Sue is seated, left), ACOFP national President Dr. Ronnie Martin, and Dr. Valerie and Dr. Tom Kupferer, also an IOMS past president.



Another national leader in attendance this year was the President of the Advocates for the AOA, Linda Adams, of Michigan, right, shown here with the Advocates Executive Director Penelope Evans Friske, left.



IOMS was proud to have the President of the AOA, Carlo DiMarco, DO, attend to meet with IOMS at the Board dinner and the General Membership luncheon, where he provided updates on the state of the profession.

Treasurer

Richard A. Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA, FAAMA

Dr. Feely continues as Treasurer, having been elected to his first two-year term in 2006. He will automatically progress to Vice President in December 2009. Dr. Feely has been a member of IOMS for many years, volunteering as a member of the Legislative Committee in 2003 and 2009, the Nominating Committee in 2008, and IOMS' expert on workers compensation annually since 2004. He is a Trustee of the American Academy of Osteopathy. He has a special interest in the use of Osteopathic manipulation and acupuncture, and he is board certified in family practice, OMM, acupuncture, disability evaluation, independent medical evaluation, and quality assurance and utilization review. Dr. Feely is an Adjunct Associate Professor of OMM at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, and is a graduate of ATSU/Kirkville. He practices in Chicago (Streeterville) and in Olympia Fields. He and his wife reside in Flossmoor.

Immediate Past President

Anthony W. DeLorenzo, DO, FACOI

Dr. DeLorenzo has been on the Board for more than eight years, first as an At-Large Trustee and from 2003-06 as District 1 Trustee. He has been Program Chair, developing the 2004 and 2005 Winter Conferences and various OMT workshops in that role, and in 2006 stepped up as Chair of the Education Committee. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 2005 and was named Physician of the Year in 2008.

An internist from Hinsdale, he is an Associate Professor for CCOM and his private practice is in Willowbrook. With partners, his company provides inpatient care at Holy Cross Hospital. Dr. DeLorenzo completed coursework in medical acupuncture through UCLA School of Medicine and is a charter member of the IL Chapter of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture. He graduated from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center at Ft. Worth. He and his wife Regina

have one son, Evan. He is the lead developer of LIFEMINE – Personal Health Organizer, “a basic operating system for gathering and storing health related information.”

The rest of the new IOMS Board is:

Trustee District 1

Isaac Kirstein, DO, FACOI – Chicago

(Dr. Kirstein's 3-year term began two years ago)

Trustee District 2

Michael J. McCarthy, DO – Rockford

Trustee District 3

Paula Mackrides, DO – Quincy

Trustee District 4

James Flaig, DO – Effingham

Trustee District 5

Scott Schonewolf – Carbondale

At Large Trustee

Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI – Chicago

Postgraduate Rep

Kathy Naegele, DO – Alsip

Student Trustee

Jessica Riggi, OMS-2 – Downers Grove

A huge “thank you” to our dedicated outgoing Board members: Immediate Past President Donald Johnston, DO of Belleville; At Large Trustee Quincy Scott, DO of Carbondale; and Student Trustee Jeremy Jacobs of Oak Park.

We hope to see you in 2009 in:

- Springfield on March 11th for Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol;
- Chicago on April 3-4 for CME with CCOM: Practice of Medicine – Long Term Care;
- Fairview Heights on August 7-8 for the Summer CME with ACOFP-IL; and
- Lombard on December 3-6 for the Winter Scientific Seminar.

Please don't hesitate to call or write if you have any questions: 800.621.1773, ext. 8174 or IOMS@IOMS.org.

Respectfully Submitted by

Elizabeth Forkins Harano
IOMS Executive Director

Snapshots from the **THE 2008 IOMS WINTER SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR**



DOs preferred the new classroom with two walls of windows



Dr. Kurt Heinking, center, leads the OMT workshop, demonstrating on Dr. Almeda Decker; Dr. Kappler, 2nd from left, demonstrates on Dr. Tom Kupferer.



Residents share their experience during Panel for the Student Session



Students packed the room at the Student Session



DO panelists at the Student Session, L-R: Drs. Hubka, Good, Lausen, McClallen, Wassef, and Pescatore



Exhibit Hall during a break



Long-time exhibitor Abbott Labs



Another long-term supporter is Midwestern University/CCOM



IL DOs met with IL Health Connect about the All Kids Program



DOs learn from a variety of Pharma representatives

MEMBERSHIP Report



Your 2008 membership committee ended the year with much success. As a result, I want to personally thank all the members of the committee, the Board of Trustees, the IOMS staff, and the AOA for their time and service

during this past year.

The previous chair of this committee, Nicole Ottens, DO, emphasized during her term a commitment to our future members, the osteopathic students and residents of Illinois. Not to let a good idea go idle, Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI, a committee member, created and personally funded the new CCOM student textbook awards. I note this idea came as a result of a similar award Dr. Rosch received while in training. What an impact our mentors have had upon us! As a result, four new \$100 awards were presented to CCOM students at the 2008 winter conference. The IOMS Board of Trustees has approved continuation of this award and unani-

mously voted to provide funding for 2009. This is just one of many ways your state society dues are used for future DOs in the state of Illinois.

The next project was the 2008 Membership Challenge Contest. Any current member that was instrumental in bringing in a new member would receive a \$50 dues reduction. In addition, prizes were offered to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers for the most new members recruited. All ties were winners. Although there were no 1st or 2nd place winners, Dr Rosch was the 3rd place winner and received a certificate for \$100 off registration for any IOMS CME through 2010. Tony DeLorenzo, DO, FACOI, John Graneto, DO, FACOEP, Karen Nichols, DO, FACOI and Gerry McClallen, DO, FACOEP were also recipients of certificates good for \$50 off IOMS dues, which may be used for either 2009 or 2010 dues. In total we had six new members join during this inaugural program. We will continue the Member Challenge in 2009 as it represents value for all involved. Watch your mailboxes for details, including the

start and end dates of the contest! Each of you are asked to contact a fellow DO in 2009 who was not a member in 2008 and challenge them to participate in any of our in-state CME (spring, summer & winter, offering a total of 50 hours of category I-A CME) and our state lobby day in Springfield, March 11th.

In conclusion, I have requested the members of this committee to bring to the February 11th meeting ideas and recommendations on how we can better serve you, the osteopathic medical students, postgraduates, and practicing DOs of Illinois. We would appreciate your suggestions and recommendations on what will provide you with value and satisfaction in being a member of the IOMS.

Please contact me at IOMS@IOMS.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald W. McClallen, DO, FACOEP
Vice President and Chair, Membership Committee



FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE – California/Oregon. Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (WesternU/COMP) and [OPTI – West](http://OPTI-West) is seeking qualified candidates for leadership roles as Residency Faculty, Program Directors and Directors of Medical Education.

Positions are immediately available at newly approved AOA residency programs (training begins July 2009) in Monterey Park California (Garfield Medical Center) and Corvallis Oregon (Samaritan Health Services). Additional AOA residency programs are under development by OPTI – WEST in California and Oregon with anticipated start dates of July 2010. All applicants should be board-certified physicians (AOA certification preferred) and eligible for licensing in California or Oregon.

(WesternU/COMP) is also seeking qualified candidates for leadership roles as Clinical Department Chairs. The positions are open now and will remain open until filled.

WesternU/COMP is one of the largest graduate schools for the health professions in California. Competitive base salary, clinical practice incentive and an excellent benefit program are offered. Interested applicants should forward in confidence a copy of their curriculum vitae with cover letter, as well as three letters of reference to Michael Finley, D.O., Associate Dean, WesternU College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, 309 East Second Street, Pomona CA 91766. For further information, please call (909) 469 - 5508 or email mfinley@westernu.edu. WesternU/COMP is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Help DOs Shine in '09 – Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol – March 11

Be part of our continued success in Springfield! Annual state lobby day is March 11th.

Each year the Illinois General Assembly considers thousands of bills that often become law and affect every aspect of our professional practice and daily lives. **These bills can change the scope of practice for physicians and allied professionals, impose inappropriate mandates, or otherwise impact access to quality health care and pharmaceuticals for your patients.** Some deserve our support and others need the physicians' perspective to make them better bills, but some bad ideas need to be stopped. It is essential that DOs and their advocates are visible to ensure the osteopathic voice is heard before these bills become law. One day truly can make a difference. Join us this March 11, 2009: DOs, medical students, their spouses/partners/advocates are all welcome!

There is NO charge for the lobbying training session including luncheon or the legislative reception at the Sangamo Club, but to ensure we make the most effective use of our resources, IOMS asks that you **reserve your space** in advance at IOMS@IOMS.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8174. If you cannot attend in person, please send a donation to the IOMS political action committee to help defray expenses for this free event. SCOPE: Special Committee for Osteopathic Political Education, at 225 E. Cook Street, Springfield, IL 62704, (217) 789-3252, betsy@cook-witter.com.

We could not offer this important opportunity at NO charge without the generous support from our co-sponsors: SCOPE, Midwestern University-CCOM Alumni Relations, and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians – IL Chapter.

The tentative* schedule for a day at the Capitol could look something like this:

11 AM Arrive Springfield for Legislative Briefing & Lunch at the Sangamo Club, 227 E. Adams, Springfield, www.sangamoclub.net.

A bus both to and from the CCOM campus is available, also free of charge – departs 7:30am, returns approx. 10:00pm. For advance reservations: IOMS@IOMS.org. Possible bus from Carbondale if sufficient riders – reserve now.

12:30 PM Meet with Your Legislators to Discuss Issues Key to DOs. State Capitol

4 PM De-briefing with our lobbyist and fellow DOs and students. Sangamo Club.

5–7 PM Legislative Reception at the Sangamo Club.

** Every day is different at the Capitol in Springfield, so it is impossible to provide a precise schedule for the day. Depending upon the Legislature's schedule for March, it could be necessary to change a few things that day. Therefore, the key word for the day is flexibility.*

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