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As I look back on my career as an osteopathic physician, little did I know that I would have an opportunity to serve as your state osteopathic President. I joined the IOMS upon returning to my home state after

completing an emergency medicine residency at Brentwood Osteopathic Hospital in Warrensville Heights, Ohio in 1991. I initially did not join the IOMS as I felt the distance to Chicago for meetings was too far to travel. Later, however, I was encouraged to not only join but to become involved by my colleagues, Drs. Thomas and Valerie Kupferer. I did join and later served on the membership committee. The IOMS relieved the burden of travel by providing toll free calling for meetings that were usually held once monthly. Through the subsequent years I was able to meet and work with a fantastic group of DOs including students representing several specialties from around the state. Some of these individuals have gone on to serve on committees, some moved on to leadership positions. A few have continued on to serve the AOA in leadership positions. Most notably, Karen Nichols, DO, FACOI, CS, current AOA president, has been an active member of the IOMS.

## PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

**GERALD W. McCLALLEN, DO, FACOEP, FACEP, PRESIDENT**

We now have some new faces on the local, state, and national legislative levels to educate regarding the practice of osteopathic medicine and access to patient care. Getting to know your Senators and State Representatives and their staffs begins at the local office. As a medical professional in your community, strive to be a source of knowledge your legislators can turn to when they have questions regarding medical issues and health policy. This is a grass-roots effort to build a foundation that will,

with time, make a difference. Bring your students, residents, staff, or family and attend our annual Osteopathic Physicians Days at Springfield each spring. These state lobby days begin with updates in the morning from our Lobbyist, Betsy Mitchell and special guest speakers, followed by afternoons

reaching out to our elected officials at the Capitol. We host a reception for legislators and present our Legislator of the Year award. Each year, we charter a bus so that MWU-CCOM students and DOs from the Chicago area may attend while using the travel time to catch up on paperwork, phone calls, or sleep! This advocacy is done with friends who attended before, making the experience one of learning and camaraderie.

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## DOs in the News

### Congratulations are in order

**Marla Kushner, DO** is a member of the Board of Trustees for the American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine. Dr. Kushner presented at the IOMS 2010 Winter Scientific Seminar on "The Adolescent Brain and Addiction."

**Bob Good, DO, FACOI** was presented with the Physician Excellence Award for 2010 from Carle Physicians Group. He is the first DO ever to receive this award. In addition, he is leading a national effort to change resident education in preparation for the

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# GREETINGS from the Interim DEAN



We are nearing the conclusion of the admissions cycle for the entering Class of 2015. Through February 25, 2011, CCOM received 5734 applications, which is a 5.62% increase over last year. At this writing, we have received 27.8 designations per available seat. Through mid-February 2011, we interviewed 473 applicants. We accepted 337 of them, and 152 placed deposits to hold their positions. The Admissions Committee met again and several more applicants were offered admission to the Class of 2015.

The osteopathic residency match occurred on February 14, 2011. Eighty-two students will be entering osteopathic training programs after graduation. Twelve students will be entering the military on active duty while completing their residency training. Eighty-eight students will be entering the MD residency match which takes place on March 17, 2011. We look forward to a successful match.

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## CCOM Students News

With the Spring Quarter, the students at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM), Northwestern University look forward to brighter and warmer days.

The fourth years are elated to be graduating soon and entering residency. While many matched in the DO Match on February 14, 2011, some looked to the MD Match on March 18, 2011. Graduation will be May 27th.

The third years are nearing the end of their first year of rotations, planning their audition rotations for the fourth year, and studying diligently for their Step 2 COMLEX. Furthermore, they look forward to applying for residencies and the interview process.

The second years prepare for their Step 1 COMLEX and their Bridging

Ceremony. The Bridging Ceremony is a longstanding tradition that celebrates the end of the first two years of didactics and the beginning of the last two years of clinical.

The first years will hold their White Rose Ceremony which honors the individuals, as well as their families, who donated their bodies for our education and marks the end of Anatomy. In addition to that, the first years are looking forward to the summer ahead.

In conclusion, the students at CCOM, like the seasons, continue to move forward and await the challenges of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

**Maulin Shah, OMS-II**

## Congratulations To

Jeremy Jacobs, DO – Student of the Year 2010  
Jessica Reggi, DO – Student of the Year 2011

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# Report from the President-Elect



This winter was very busy for me, the American Osteopathic Association and particularly my duties as President of the American Academy of Osteopathy. We were intimately involved with the profession's survey of OMT codes for the Relative Value Update Committee of the AMA. This committee is involved with setting the RVUs (Relative Value Units) for all procedures in the CPT code book. 283 DOs across the county participated in the survey. The survey was accepted by RUC

and passed on to Medicare (CMS). We are hopeful that CMS will take the RUC's recommendation. The American Academy of Osteopathy held its annual convocation in Colorado Springs, CO, at the Broodmoor. This year's theme was "Integrative Osteopathy: The Legacy of the Integrative Work of William G. Sutherland, D.O.," with the program director, James W. Binker, DO, Associate Dean of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Vallejo, CA.

As IOMS President-Elect, I have been quite busy with the Illinois state legislative agenda. This year we have commented regarding lay midwives and other individ-

uals wishing to expand practice rights. There are also bills regarding regulation of pain centers and pain treatment that we are watching quite closely besides the lay midwives controversy.

I encourage all of you to participate in the fine CME programs that your state association offers for you in Chicago, in Fairview Heights, and in Lombard.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Feely, DO, FFAO

## Illinois Society – American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians



The membership of Illinois ACOFP gathered in Lombard, IL in December for our annual meeting and installation of officers which was held in conjunction with the IOMS Winter CME. We were pleased to welcome Kenneth A. Heiles, D.O., FACOFP dist, the President of the ACOFP. Dr Heiles joined us for our annual luncheon. Also joining us was Peter L. Schmelzer, CAE, ACOFP Executive Director. Dr. Heiles spoke to the membership regarding the current status of the health care reform and other national health care issues. The Executive Board met to discuss the agenda items and goals for the upcoming year. It was determined to move forward with developing a web site and publish a quarterly newsletter for the Illinois ACOFP. Our goal is to have the website live and operational in early 2011. We have since contracted with Ms. Belinda Bombei as administrator who has assisted us with getting the website up and operational. Visit us at: [www.acofpil.org](http://www.acofpil.org).

It is hopeful that with our administrator's assistance we can keep the site current with timely information for the osteopathic family physician. In addition it is our goal to have the first newsletter ready for electronic distribution shortly after the

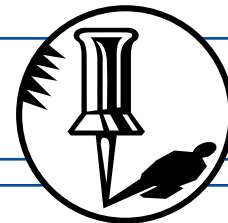
annual meeting in March in San Antonio, TX. The Illinois Society again will be represented at the House of Delegates which convenes on March 16, 2011. Members are encouraged to visit the new website and sign up to receive the electronic newsletter. We as well would welcome information from our membership that could be included in the publication. If any member wishes to assist with the newsletter or has timely information to share either in the newsletter or on the website, please contact our administrator and she will be happy to assist.

Our state lobby day, held with IOMS and IO-PAC, was a success on March 30th. Let IOMS ([IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org)) know if you want to know as soon as the 2012 date is set.

Please mark your calendar for the 6th Annual Summer Primary Care Update which will be held August 13-14, 2011 at the Four Points Sheraton – Fairview Heights, IL. We anticipate offering 15 Hours of Category 1-A CME. The theme this year is Women's Health and again is co-sponsored by the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society.

Submitted by

Thomas Kupferer, DO, FACOFP  
President, Illinois ACOFP



### JOB Postings

#### POSITION Available: ASSOCIATE

*Sixty-three-year old family physician looking for an associate to help with the extra load after my associate retired. Have office well suited for two doctors in Pontiac, IL. Presently having a shortage of physicians due to retirement and job changes. I have office-only practice with some nursing home patients, since I use hospitalists at hospital. I have electronic bookkeeping but still paper charts. My goal is to find a candidate who will take over the practice in two or three years. Will consider candidate who wants to work only 20 to 30 hours per week if covers my vacation, CME, etc. Competitive salary, benefits, time off, insurances, etc.*

*If interested contact at [reheins@mchsi.com](mailto:reheins@mchsi.com) or Robert Heins DO, Madison Street Clinic 520 Madison, Pontiac, IL. 61764 Phone (815) 844-6106*



## News You Can Use

### If You Have Not Already Begun Preparing, You Are Already Behind!

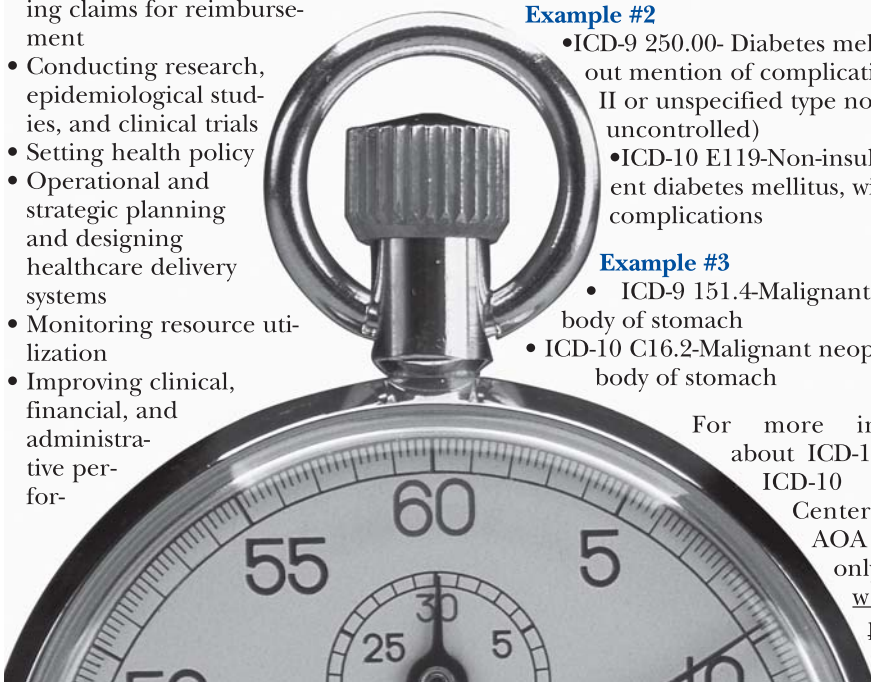
ICD-10 is set to be implemented Oct. 1, 2013. If you have not already begun preparing, you are already behind. As we move toward implementation, let's take a look at the specifics of the implementation process.

#### When: ICD-10 Implementation

- Single implementation date for all users will be Oct. 1, 2013
- Date of service for ambulatory and physician reporting Oct. 1, 2013
- Date of discharge for inpatient settings Oct. 1, 2013
- ICD-9-CM codes will not be accepted for services provided on or after Oct. 1, 2013
- ICD-9-CM claims for services prior to implementation date will continue to flow through systems for a period of time
- No grace period will be given

#### Why: ICD-10 Background

- Up-to-date classification systems will provide much better data for:
- Measuring the quality, safety, and efficacy of care
- Designing payment systems and processing claims for reimbursement
- Conducting research, epidemiological studies, and clinical trials
- Setting health policy
- Operational and strategic planning and designing healthcare delivery systems
- Monitoring resource utilization
- Improving clinical, financial, and administrative performance



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- Preventing and detecting healthcare fraud and abuse
- Tracking public health and risks

\*\*The 5010 Data Standard is the platform for ICD-10 which will greatly affect the way that claims are processed. The expansion of the code set impacted the structure of our current data standard as we are moving from a 3 to 5 digit code set to a 3 to 7 digit code set. Therefore all billing systems will need to be updated and that is currently underway now. If you have not had a conversation with your billing software vendors now is the time to have a conversation as your office/practice should be testing your claims now to ensure that you will be prepared for the Jan. 1, 2012 implementation date.

AOA members may log onto [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org) for a letter template to send your vendor(s) to request additional information about your vendor's ICD-10 implementation plans.

#### Some examples of what ICD-10-CM will look like in comparison to ICD 9-CM:

##### Example #1

- ICD-9 414.00-Coronary Atherosclerosis of unspecified type of vessel, native or graft
- ICD-10 I25.10-Atherosclerotic Heart disease of native artery without Angina Pectoris

##### Example #2

- ICD-9 250.00- Diabetes mellitus without mention of complication (Type II or unspecified type not stated as uncontrolled)
- ICD-10 E11.9-Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, without complications

##### Example #3

- ICD-9 151.4-Malignant Neoplasm body of stomach
- ICD-10 C16.2-Malignant neoplasm of body of stomach

For more information about ICD-10, visit the ICD-10 Resource Center in the AOA members' only section of [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org).



#### Illinois Medical License Renewals

Illinois physician license renewals are now required before July 31, 2011. To renew online, go to: [www.idfpr.com/dpr/RENEWAL/phys.asp](http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/RENEWAL/phys.asp). FYI, there is a short (5 question) online survey regarding physician workforce needs in Illinois offered at that site. It is voluntary and confidential.

#### Protection for Illinois Physicians

The Illinois Whistleblower Act (PA 96-1253) adds a licensed physician practicing at a state-funded medical facility to the definition of an "employee" under the Whistleblower Protection Act in order to ensure their protection.

#### Illinois Losing Physicians

Illinois is facing a "critical physician shortage" as half of all graduating medical residents leave the state to practice medicine elsewhere, according to a recent study. As reported last December in *2010 Medill Reports*, a study released by the department of family and community medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, the Illinois Hospital Association, and the Illinois State Medical Society found 49 percent of all graduating residents and fellows of Illinois programs will leave the state to practice medicine. For the complete article, visit: <http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/news.aspx?id=174667>.

#### To "Be Employed" or Not to "Be Employed"?

*Medscape News - Business of Medicine* on March 2, 2011 published the "Six Biggest Grips of Employed Doctors" - see if yours made the list:

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## News You Can Use

1. Lack of Job Security
  2. Changes in Compensation
  3. Call Schedule is Too Burdensome
  4. Lack of Business Control
  5. Lack of Clinical Autonomy
  6. The Tyranny of Noncompete Clauses
- For the complete article by Kenneth J. Terry, MA, visit Medscape News.

### For Special Needs Referrals – Join Online Directory for Families

The Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is working to expand its free online *Provider Directory for Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special Health Care Needs*. This resource is a valuable tool for Illinois families as well as for health care providers who are seeking to identify referrals for children, youth, and young adults with special health care needs. Providers include pediatric and adult primary care providers, medical specialists, occupational and physical therapists, speech pathologists, mental health providers, dentists, and more. Sign up to be listed in the Illinois Provider Directory by visiting <http://www.illinoisproviderdirectory.org/>.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Liz Johnson, Provider Directory Coordinator, at [LJohnson@illinoisaaap.com](mailto:LJohnson@illinoisaaap.com) or 312/ 733-1026 x 210.

### National Health Service Corps

Scholarship Program application cycle is open for students pursuing a career in Primary Care. NHSC Scholars receive:

- Payment for tuition, required fees, and other reasonable educational costs
- A monthly support stipend
- Assistance in finding a practice site

Upon graduation, NHSC scholarship recipients serve as primary care providers between two and four years in an NHSC-approved site in a high-need Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). For more information or to begin the application process, go to [NHSC.hrsa.gov/scholarship](http://NHSC.hrsa.gov/scholarship)

### How Will You Fare Under the Affordable Care Act?

At our state lobby day on March 30th, our guest speaker was Kate Gross from the Illinois Department of Insurance. She outlined some of the major changes going on now at the state level to implement the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), including the establishment of Accountable Care

Organizations or ACOs. She referred us to the resources on this state website, where a great deal of information is available: <http://insurance.illinois.gov/hirc/>. In addition, the American Osteopathic Association also has an online resource about the ACA at [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org) (search Affordable Care Act).

### Illinois Legislative Updates

Key issues in Illinois' Capitol this year have not changed much from previous years:

- Independent practice for “Lay” or “community” midwives (not the same as Certified Nurse Midwives) with limited education, training, and no liability responsibilities;
- Attempts to expand the scope of practice for physical therapists, nurses, psychologists, and more;
- Attempts to extend the Sunset date for the IL Medical Practice Act beyond November 30, 2011; and
- Workers Compensation reform that will not unduly hurt physicians.

For current information on Illinois Legislation being watched in Springfield by our dedicated osteopathic lobbyist, Betsy Mitchell, MPA, for IOMS, visit [IOMS.org](http://IOMS.org) and click on legislative update.

# TREASURER and Membership Report



At our first Executive Committee meeting on January 15th I noted a positive trend from the treasurer's perspective. It was good to have our net liabilities lower than our net assets! For the time being, it appears that IOMS financially is

holding its own. The bulk of IOMS support comes from the wonderful members who support the IOMS mission by paying your dues. The other big piece of our financial support comes from the terrific CME programs lead by Dr. Kirstein. IOMS has so much to offer Osteopathic students, residents and physicians in Illinois and your financial support continues to

make this happen for all Illinois DOs!

From the membership perspective, however, it looks like we will need more participation, especially at the Active level to meet our budget. If you have a colleague that you think might benefit from the work of IOMS though membership in our Society, please let them know we are here for them!

I have made a personal goal to recruit three new members this year. Why three? On a personal level, I am seeking out one new member for each of my three children. As my children grow to continue the traditions my parents passed to me, new IOMS membership must grow, to ensure that representation of Illinois

Osteopathic physicians is passed to our new graduates. I make a special plea to the physicians that serve as program directors and Osteopathic residency trainers. As parents we must set good examples to our children. Osteopathic mentors must provide good examples to the students, residents and fellows we train. IOMS needs your involvement. We need to keep our eyes on the future and continue to represent the interests of Osteopathic Physicians in Illinois. Your membership makes that happen.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me [laurarosch@yahoo.com](mailto:laurarosch@yahoo.com).

Laura Rosch, DO, FACOI, CS  
IOMS Treasurer and Membership Chair

# DOs in the News (Continued from page one.)

Phoenix Physician concept (a physician who is a team leader with a new skill set to lead the Patient-Centered Health Care system). Dr. Good was Elected Secretary/Treasurer of the American College of Osteopathic Internists last fall, shortly after he and his wife welcomed their fourth grandchild (delivered by Teresa Hubka, DO) into the world. Congratulations all around, Dr. Good!

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine inducted **John Wm. Graneto, DO, MEd, FACOEP, FACOP** into their National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators (NAOME) Fellows.

**Dino Rumoro, DO, FACEP** of Winfield completed his year as President of the IL Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ICEP), and will continue to serve on their Board as immediate Past President. The Resident member of the ICEP Board is **Michael Paddock, DO** of Chicago. Several DOs also serve as Councilors and Committee Members for ICEP.

**Teresa Hubka, DO, CS, FACOOG (dist.), FACOG** was sworn in March 30th as President of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, following fellow Illinoisan **Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO, FACOOG**. In addition, Dr. Hubka was listed as Top Doctor in Women's Health for *Chicago Magazine* 2010.

IOMS members **Larry A. Wickless, DO, MACOI, AOA Immediate Past President**, and former AOA Intern/Resident Trustee and **Nicole Ottens, DO**, received the Council of Interns and Residents Lifetime Membership Award last fall.

**Richard Feely, DO, FAAO, FCA, FAAMA** completed his term as national President of the American Academy of Osteopathy shortly after being sworn in as President Elect of IOMS. He and AOA staff represented the profession at the Veterans Administration (VA) Musculoskeletal Forum in Washington, DC last year, discussing the criteria associated with disability benefits for musculoskeletal conditions. Dr. Feely also worked on several OMT and socioeconomic issues as noted in his Report.

Secretary/Treasurer of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture is IOMS Past President **Anthony W. DeLorenzo, DO, FACOI**, principal of LifeMine Health in Willowbrook and LaGrange and Hinsdale Hospitals.

### Quoted in the Press

IOMS President **Gerald W. McClallen, DO, FACOEP, FACEP** was quoted in the Jan. 20, 2011 issue of the *Southern Business Journal*, discussing the family atmosphere at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, where physician and staff satisfaction ranked in the top 1% nationally.



*PeoriaMagazine.com* published an article in October about the rise of osteopathic medicine from IOMS Member **Tayson DeLengocky, DO**, a vitreo-retina surgery and neuro-ophthalmology specialist in Peoria.

### Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine News

**Rachel Logan, OMS-I** from CCOM was one of 19 students from across the United States selected to participate in an internship program sponsored by NASA's National Space Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI) last summer.



Also recognized nationally was CCOM's **Rob Schneidewend, OMS-IV**, who was 2010-11 Chair of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents.

Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association presented several awards to IL DOs last fall, including a President's

Citation to **James A. Turner, DO** and Outstanding Achievement Awards to: **Richard F. Multack, DO, OD, FOCOO, CS; Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOOG (dist.), FACOG**; and **Kenneth E. Nelson, DO, FAAO, FACOFP**.



DO Day on the Hill, organized each Spring by the American Osteopathic Association, brings students from all over the country to our Nation's capitol. Last year, Connecticut's **Stacy Quinn, OMS-III** at CCOM, met with Congressman Jim Himes.

American Osteopathic Foundation presented their Educator of the Year award to **Walter P. Prozialeck, PhD** of CCOM faculty.

### Life Members

Please join IOMS in congratulating these Illinois DOs named Life Members of the American Osteopathic Association: **Charles W. Chance, DO, RPH; David R. Collins, DO; Richard P. Foellner, DO; Don L. Hollandsworth, DO; Sheldon A. Levine, DO; James C. Murray, DO, RPH; Larry S. Patton, DO; Robert J. Tomchuck, DO; and James H. Wells, DO, PhD.**

### New Positions

DMU-COM alumni Magazine reports that **Bryan C. Swanson, DO** joined St. Margaret Mercy's department of emergency medicine in Hammond, IN after completing his internship and residency at MWU-CCOM.

**Jenny Kwon, DO**, former IOMS Student Trustee, wrote from her University of Chicago and NorthShore University Health System Internal Medicine residency program, where she notes that nearly half the residents are DOs.

# Snapshots from the

## AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2010 Karen Nichols, DO – President, July 2010



Your Illinois Delegation 2010

The evening prior to her Inauguration as President of the AOA, IOMS was proud to co-host a dinner in Dr. Nichols' honor and present her with a custom bracelet IL Delegates had designed in her honor.



Shown here are Dr. Robert Good and Dr. Teresa Hubka, Chair of the IL Delegation, presenting Dr. Nichols, center, with the custom bracelet.



CCOM Students Julie Jones and Rob Schneidewend (COSGP national president), celebrate with Dr. Nichols at the pre-Inaugural party.



IL Delegates were seated front and center of the House of Delegates in honor of incoming President and IOMS Member Dr. Karen Nichols.



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# STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED, NOW IN PROGRESS



Under the direction of IOMS past president, Harald Lausen, DO, your IOMS Board of Trustees developed, and in December the Membership approved, the final draft of the 2010 Strategic Plan.

The last time the Board developed a strategic plan was under then-President Earle Pescatore, Jr., DO in 2006. Thanks to the AOA for allowing the IOMS Board to use the McDevitt Board Room to hold our all-day work session in June of 2010. In addition, special thanks to Diane Ewert, MPA, CAE, Director, Division of Affiliate Affairs for the AOA, who served as moderator during our sessions.

The five components of our plan are **Advocacy, Education, Communication, Membership, and Fiscal Responsibility.**

Starting with **Advocacy**, our annual Illinois Lobby Day took place on March 30th at Springfield. On the national level, several Illinois DOs interested in serving on AOA Bureaus, Councils, or Committees were endorsed by IOMS. If you are interested in being considered next year, contact IOMS at [IOMS.org](http://IOMS.org). For those already

serving in an advisory or leadership position in your community, state or national level, we would appreciate hearing about your involvement and experience.

The second component of our Strategic Plan is **Education**. By offering at least 50 hours of Category 1-A CME yearly, time and expense can be reduced by staying close to home. We had a record crowd at our 5th annual CME in the City – The Obesity Epidemic: Treatment Strategies for the 21st Century. It took place on April 1st and 2nd at the AOA building and offered 15 hours of Category 1-A CME. Our goal is to increase our registration numbers from both in-state and out-of-state by being a premier provider of CME. Your suggestions for lecture topics and/or future speakers are greatly appreciated. Save August 13-14 for the 15 hour Summer CME on Women’s Health and December 1-4 for the 30 hour Winter CME. Details are posted at [www.IOMS.org](http://www.IOMS.org).

Our third area of focus is **Communications**. We are currently seeking members who have interest or experience with electronic methods of communication and ideas and experience with websites. Our **Membership** Committee is researching ways to enhance

member services and we are evaluating the feasibility of adding a career opportunities section to our website.

The final area is **Fiscal Management**. The IOMS leadership, including Executive Director Elizabeth Harano, has submitted our annual filing to the AOA as part of a program to assure that we remain a healthy and viable affiliate of the AOA financially and otherwise. In addition, we will create a budget in line with our fiscal, educational, and administrative needs using this Strategic Plan as our guide.

In summary, we welcome members who are interested in joining one of the IOMS working committees. Please contact me at [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org) for questions or to nominate yourself for an appointment. In order to continue advancing our state osteopathic society, member leaders’ insights are needed on committees, as mentors, as lecturers, and in progressing to high-ranking leadership positions. Together we can DO this!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald M. McClallen, DO, FACOEP, FACEP  
IOMS President

## Your PAC Update



Illinois Osteopathic Political Action Committee (IO-PAC) held a reception for members and guests at the Westin Hotel in Lombard on December 2, 2010 during the Winter Scientific

Seminar sponsored by the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society (IOMS). We were pleased to welcome Illinois State Senator Ron Sandack, JD (R) of Downers Grove IL.

Senator Sandack had recently been appointed to fill the vacancy of Sen. Dan Cronin who was elected Chairman of the DuPage County Board, just before the IOMS Winter Scientific Seminar. Sen. Sandack had previously been elected Mayor of Downers Grove, so he was familiar with Midwestern University.

We are very appreciative of our lobbyist Betsy Mitchell who invited the newly appointed Senator to attend our reception. This was in fact the very first public event ever attended by the senator and he was well received by the attendees at the

reception. He spoke to our members during the reception which was deemed to be very successful.

In other news, IO-PAC co-hosted with IOMS and the ACOFP-IL the annual Osteopathic Physicians Day at the State Capitol. This lobby day and dinner was held March 30, 2011.

Submitted by

Thomas W. Kufperer, DO, FACOFP  
PAC Chair

## 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.

## Presidential Report *(Continued from page one.)*

My next goal is to develop and maintain a speaker's bureau that can be called upon for our three annual CME courses that offer 60 hours of category I-A credit. With contact information and curricula vitae readily available, along with your recommendations, our education committee can more efficiently continue to provide high quality CME that meets the needs of our membership.

Also on the list is our strategic plan. I, along with our IOMS committees, board, and executive director will be working this year to implement this plan, initiated in 2010 under then-President Harald Lausen, DO, FACOFP, FAAFP.

Last, but definitely not least, is IOMS membership. What is the benefit of IOMS membership? Part of your dues dollars are used to create 60 hours of category I-A CME at a reasonable cost within a day's drive. Another portion is used to pay for our lobbyist, who is funded jointly with the Illinois Chapter of the ACOFP. Dues are also required to maintain our office, located in the AOA building in Chicago, along with our website and other administrative functions. Your membership provides you with opportunities to develop a network of friends and career opportunities.

There is no mass media method to bring in new members to the IOMS. The best way is to share your experience and story with a

friend or colleague that isn't a member. Ask them to attend one of our CMEs. Have them visit our website and check our calendar of events. Encourage them to call a board member to discuss his or her reason for membership. Lastly, be sure you follow up with a personal invitation for membership.

In conclusion, President John F. Kennedy once said, "There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long range risks and costs to a program of comfortable inaction." Together, adding one member at a time, your Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society will continue to provide high quality CME and legislative action for members statewide.

## U.S. Assistant Surgeon General Visits Midwestern University



*U.S. Assistant Surgeon General, James M. Galloway, M.D., speaks with students at Midwestern University after his presentation about the Build a Healthy Chicago program.*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL (May 2, 2011) – Midwestern University recently welcomed U.S. Assistant Surgeon General, James M. Galloway, M.D., to the Downers Grove Campus to talk about his Build a Healthy Chicago initiative. Dr. Galloway is a Rear Admiral in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and the Regional Health Administrator for Region V. In this capacity, he serves as the lead federal physician, the principal federal public health official, and the senior USPHS officer for Region V, which encompasses the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Dr. Galloway spoke to students who are studying osteopathic medicine and other healthcare disciplines about the Build a Healthy Chicago program which aims to increase physical activity, improve nutrition, and prevent, detect, and control high blood pressure by improving the environments where Chicago residents and employees live, work, eat, play, pray, and learn. During his address, Dr. Galloway identified the prevalence of obesity throughout the United States as a major public health concern. "When you look at the future of healthcare and the future

health of our population, it is clear that obesity is having a massive impact on where we are going," Dr. Galloway said. He outlined statistics about the obesity epidemic, its relationship to mortality rates, and its financial effect on the U.S. healthcare system.

"We've been telling our patients forever to eat less, to eat right, and to exercise and it's not working. We are not winning this battle. What we need is a much more focused and yet comprehensive push for wellness that really focuses on changing our culture. We really need to make this a social movement," Dr. Galloway added. He made a special appeal to Midwestern University students who will soon become healthcare professionals. "You all are – and will be – leaders in your communities. What I am asking of you, is to help. It's incredibly important that we work together to try to change this biggest challenge that America now faces," he said.

Dr. Galloway campus visit was coordinated by students Farooq Junaid, Kendra Davis, and UMBER AHMAD, all in their second year of medical school at Midwestern University's Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. The entire campus community was invited to Dr. Galloway's presentation.

*Source: Midwestern University Office of Communications*

## Report of the Executive Director

**I**t is my pleasure to introduce your 2010-2011 elected officers and trustees, approved by acclamation at the December 3, 2010 General Membership Meeting.

### PRESIDENT:

**Gerald McClallen, DO, FACOEP, FACEP**



*First Father, President McClallen, and First Lady*

Gerald McClallen, DO, FACOEP, FACEP, a board certified osteopathic Emergency Physician from Carbondale, IL, was elected President of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society (IOMS) during its Winter Scientific Seminar and Annual Meeting in Lombard, IL. The President is the highest rank of the Society, and terms are for one year.

Dr. McClallen, originally from Eureka where his father and brother still reside, is dually board certified in both emergency medicine and family medicine. Dr. McClallen until this Spring was Chief of Staff and Chair of the Medical Executive Committee for St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro, where he is the Director of Emergency Medicine. As Chief of Staff, Dr. McClallen also represented the medical staff on the Southern Illinois Healthcare Board of Trustees. He is also on staff at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and Herrin Hospital. In addition, he has been a part-time attending physician at the Southern Illinois University (SIU) Student Health Center in Carbondale.

Dr. McClallen attended Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO. After graduating from medical school in 1984, he did a rotating osteopathic internship at Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, MO, and a Residency in Emergency Medicine at what is now South Pointe Hospital in Warrensville Heights, OH.

Dr. McClallen has served as IOMS District 5 Trustee, as our Legislative Chair and Membership Committee Chair, and as Program Chair for the 2010 Winter Continuing Medical Education Program. A member of the Illinois delegation to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) House of Delegates, he has helped shape policies for the profession. For 2008-09, he was Vice President, and in December 2009 was elected as the President-Elect. He is a member of the ACOFP-IL Board as well.

He and his wife Deborah McClallen, DVM, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in July 2010, and they reside in Carbondale. They have four children: Jessica Lamb (Mrs. John), Nathan, Mark, and Scott; and one grandchild, Venice.

### PRESIDENT ELECT:

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

Dr. Feely becomes President Elect. He has served as IOMS Treasurer and Vice President. He 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 the Chair of the Legislative Committee this year and is Program Chair for the 2011 Winter CME.

In March 2010, he was inaugurated as the national President 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. In 2008, Dr. Feely became a registered Investment Advisor and has been instrumental in helping IOMS steer through the recent financial downturn. Over the past year, Dr. Feely's practice in Chicago has evolved into a concierge practice.

Dr. Feely is an Adjunct Associate Professor of OMM at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, and is a graduate of ATSU/Kirksville. He practices in Chicago (Streeterville) and in Olympia Fields. He and his wife, Carol, who is a teacher, reside in Flossmoor.

### VICE PRESIDENT:

**Isaac J. Kirstein, DO, CS, FACOI**

Dr. Kirstein became active in the IOMS immediately upon his return to Illinois in 2006 from a faculty position with Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, when he was recruited by Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine to be its Director of Medical Education. He has served as chair of the IOMS Education committee since 2007, overseeing the expansion of IOMS CME offerings from 30-35 hours per year (Winter CME plus occasional OMT workshops) to 60 or more hours every year (Winter CME, Spring CME in the City – with CCOM, and Summer Primary Care Update – with ACOFP-IL). He served as IOMS Treasurer in 2010 and is now the Vice President, on track to become President Elect in December 2011.

Dr. Kirstein is Associate Dean as well as Director of Postdoctoral Education for Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Board certified in internal medicine and an academic hospitalist with St. James Hospitals, he is also a Costin Scholar and Fellow of the ACOI. He serves as a member of the influential Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. He and his wife Rebecca live with their two sons in Hyde Park.

### TREASURER:

**Laura Rosch, DO, MS, CS, FACOI**

Joining the Executive Committee as Treasurer this year is Dr. Rosch, a board certified internist who is an expert in disability evaluations and a residency program director. Dr. Rosch put herself through medical school as a certified exercise instructor and course reviewer at Chicago's East Bank Club, and continues to teach both there and as a substitute in Chicago Public Schools, for relaxation. In addition to her prior work with the Social Security Administration she also works at Central DuPage Hospital's Convenience Clinic.

Dr. Rosch has been a member of IOMS Board as District 1 Trustee and serves as a Delegate to the AOA House of Delegates. She has been Chair of the Membership Committee since 2009 and was Chair of the Women's Health Committee prior to that. She also serves or has served on the Nominating and Awards Committees. A graduate of Chicago College of

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Osteopathic Medicine, she lives with her three children, Siena and Valerie and Michael (twins) in Chicago.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Harald Lausen, DO, MA, FACFP, FAODME, FAAF**

Dr. Lausen joined the IOMS Board as the District 3 Trustee in December 2004, and was appointed to the Legislative Committee, which he chaired from January 2006 – December 2009. As President, Dr. Lausen led our Strategic Planning process and served as one of only two state presidents on the initial strategic planning sessions of the AOA under new President Karen J. Nichols, DO, MA, CS, FACOI. Treasurer of the American Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators (AODME), Dr. Lausen serves as Program Chair. In addition, as President-Elect of the ACOFP-IL Chapter, he is again Program Chair for the joint Summer CME Primary Care Update.

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/Kirksville. 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 prac-

ticed 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 pre-doctoral fellowship. They reside in Springfield with their two daughters, Lauren and Ava.

**The rest of the IOMS Board:**

**TRUSTEE DISTRICT 1: \*Alicia Martin, DO** – Naperville, Family Physician

**TRUSTEE DISTRICT 2: Craig Nelson, DO, FAOCA** – Frankfort, Retired Anesthesiologist

**TRUSTEE DISTRICT 3: Paula Mackrides, DO** – Quincy, Family Physician

**TRUSTEE DISTRICT 4: \*Robert Good, DO** – Mattoon, Internist

**TRUSTEE DISTRICT 5: Valerie Kupferer, DO** – Murphysboro, Family Physician

**AT LARGE TRUSTEE: Mario Massullo, DO, FACOI, FACC, FSCAI** – Kankakee, Cardiologist

**POSTGRADUATE REP: \*Mohammed Shakir, DO, PGY-2** – Chicago, Internal Medicine Resident

**STUDENT TRUSTEE: \*Maulin Shah, OMS-2** – Skokie

\*new members of the Board

Please join me in thanking our dedicated outgoing Immediate Past President Rodey Wassef, DO, MPH, FACFP of Mokena and Student Trustee Riddhi Patel of Downers Grove.

**Join us for these upcoming events:**

- Fairview Heights on August 13 – 14 for the 6th Annual Primary Care Update, focusing on Women’s Health, with ACOFP-IL; and
- Lombard on December 1 – 4 for the Annual Winter Scientific Seminar with the Annual Membership Meeting, Presidential Banquet, plus sessions for Students, DMEs and Program Directors, and the IOMS Past Presidents Council.

Please don’t hesitate to call or write if you have any questions: (800) 621-1773, ext. 8174 or IOMS@IOMS.org. Visit our website for updated information, resources, and more: www.IOMS.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Forkins Harano  
Executive Director

## AOA House Of Delegates 2011



It’s that time of year again in which IOMS delegation is preparing to represent the Illinois osteopathic physicians at the AOA House of Delegates. During the House of Delegates (HOD), various policies are determined for the

osteopathic profession and all supporting affiliates. The House will convene on July 15 – 17, 2011 in Chicago at the Fairmont Hotel. Prior to the HOD, the AOA Board of Trustees has their meetings, and our HOD Caucus, the United Federation of Osteopathic Societies, our caucus, meets on the evening of the 14th.

Last year we participated in the inauguration of our own member, Karen Nichols, DO, as President of the AOA. This year we will be celebrating her successes and the changes she has brought about through her year’s theme of TEAM Work. For those of you who wish to get involved and represent IOMS, please submit your name and contact information to Elizabeth Harano at [ioms@ioms.org](mailto:ioms@ioms.org) or myself at [tahubka@aol.com](mailto:tahubka@aol.com). We look forward to our delegation reconvening and seeing some new faces.

On another note, we look forward to working with Marty Levine, DO, President-elect of AOA, who placed his call in March for members who wish to

serve on AOA Bureaus, Councils, and Committees to get involved. While the deadline for appointment for 2011-12 has passed, if you are interested in becoming active in the AOA, please submit a CV and personal statement to our e-mail addresses above so that we may support your interest in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa A. Hubka, DO, FACOG (dist.), FACOG, CS



## Legislative Report from our State Capitol Lobbyist

### OVERVIEW OF THE SESSION

The House and Senate concluded its spring session during the last few minutes of May 31, 2011. The Senate took action on the final parts of the budget at approximately 11:55 pm and officially adjourned at 12:01 AM. The House completed its business and adjourned at 10:55 PM.

This year, the Illinois General Assembly focused on these two main issues: 1) pass a budget; and 2) create new legislative districts. As expected, both issues dominated legislators' focus during the final days of session.

The unanswered question remains: will the Governor approve the state budget or will he veto it? The Governor has already approved the legislation for the redistricting maps, but remains unclear if he will veto the budget. What is clear is that he does intend to call the legislature back into session sometime this summer to finalize plans for construction projects throughout Illinois. No date has been set as this report is being written.

### STATE BUDGET SENT TO GOVERNOR

As always, the approval of the state budget came down to the final stretch. This year rather than have the budget passed one gigantic piece of legislation, the House approved 13 different appropriation bills containing the numerous expenditure authorizations. The Senate passed its own version several weeks ago, but their expenditure lines were higher than what the House approved. During the final days of session, there was speculation over which budget they would accept. Several attempts were made to reach a compromise. In the end, the House version of the budget was adopted by both houses.

It is now up to the Governor to decide if he will sign the budget into law or use one of his forms of veto powers to change the budget. If he chooses to use his veto pen, he will force the General Assembly back into a special session when any action will then take a super majority. To

override the Governor's veto or pass a new budget with a super majority, the support of the Republicans in each chamber would be needed.

The bills that contain the budget include: HB 123, HB 124, HB 132, HB 326, HB 327, HB 2107, HB 2109, HB 2165, HB 2167, HB 2168, HB 3700, and HB 3717. The budget for the Illinois Department of Public Health, Department of Human Services, and for the Department of Healthcare and Family Service is contained in House Bill 3717 which is a part of this report. Please let me know if you want more specific information on the budget.

### LAPSE PERIOD SPENDING

Once again, to assist with balancing the state budget, the General Assembly increased the time it gives itself to pay its vendors. SB 2172 (President Cullerton/Speaker Madigan) extends the lapse period spending from August 31, 2011 to December 31, 2011. This will allow the state to float outstanding bills for an additional four months. This has unfortunately become common practice the past several years.

### BORROWING BILLS FAIL

In an effort to pay down unpaid bills, (at least \$6.2 billion) Senator Sullivan (D, Quincy) offered a package of bills to "restructure" the states tax exempt bonding. This legislation would have allowed paying \$1.48 billion for non-government vendors, \$1.34 billion group insurance payments, \$800 million for corporate income tax refunds, and \$2.7 billion owed to governmental entities like municipalities, counties, and school districts.

There was no new dedicated revenue identified to specifically pay the bond payments so the bond principal and interest would have been paid from General Revenue Funds (GRF). The life of the bonds was 7 years and would have an interest cost of \$800 million. The overall cost of the borrowing would essentially have had a price tag of about \$300 million.

Senate Bills 342, SB 343, SB 344, and SB 345 were defeated each by a vote of 19 yes, 23 no, and 4 present votes.

### GAMING EXPANSION – SB 744 (Sen. Link/Rep. Lang)

After several years of trying to expand gaming in Illinois as revenue source and an effort to save horse racing, the General

Assembly passed a bill to create 5 new casinos, allow slot machines at race tracks, allow expansion of current casinos, allow off track betting (OTB) at the state fair grounds, and other changes.

If signed into law, the bill will allow for the development of five new casinos throughout Illinois. It is estimated that if all the portions of SB 744 are implemented, the State could realize between \$1 to \$1.6 billion annually.

### CONGRESSIONAL MAP – SB 1178 (Sen. Raoul/Majority Leader Currie)

Every ten years, the Illinois General Assembly is required to draw new political boundary lines for legislative districts. The purpose of this exercise is to ensure that our legislative districts reflect our population. For details on the new Congressional map please refer to the June 5th issue of QuickView. You can see the maps in Google Maps.

### IOMS HIGHLIGHTS

IOMS was very active in the legislative process. For a complete list and description of all the bills followed for IOMS, please reference the two sections at the end of the report version that is posted on the IOMS website (www.IOMS.org) due to length.

### House Bill 1665 (Gabel, D/Evanston) – Lay Midwives

For the past three years, IOMS has had to focus on the issue of Lay Midwifery because it has been introduced each year. This session once again, the issue was debated on numerous occasions.

As introduced, the legislation attempted to create the Home Birth Integration Act. It would have mandated Illinois hospitals implement emergency transfer protocols for home birth patients developed in collaboration with community midwives. IOMS, in addition to many other organizations (IAFP, ISMS, March of Dimes, ACOG, ACOOG, and others) strongly opposed this legislation.

A special thank you is directed to Dr. Teresa Hubka and Dr. Richard A. Feely for coordinating an effective meeting with the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Robyn Gabel and a group of lay midwives. Following this meeting, no further action was taken on this legislation during the Spring Legislative Session.

## *Legislative Report continued from previous page.*

### **House Bill 1698 – Workers’ Compensation Passes**

House Bill 1698 (Amendment 3) includes several provisions supported by the business community, including reductions in payments to physicians by 30% and hospitals that care for injured workers. The bill also makes changes to the review process that determines an injury's severity and cost, as well as cap awards for the carpal tunnel syndrome.

Employers will be allowed to organize medical networks for handling workers' compensation cases. Business claims this will lower costs and allow selection of doctors who do not cater as much to workers. The bill also addresses potential abuse by firing the arbitrators who decide claims. New arbitrators will serve three-year terms instead of six years and will be barred from accepting gifts. This provision is to address the concerns that arbitrators have been too cozy with workers and their lawyers.

According to the supporters of this bill, these changes and others are meant to reduce the budget by \$3 billion a year. **It should be noted that through much of the negotiations, the entire medical community was not allowed to be a part of the discussions.** In addition, only one Republican voted for this bill, newly elected Rep. Chris Nybo (Elmhurst).

### **Senate Bill 1555 – Health Insurance Exchange**

Under the leadership of Illinois' Director of Insurance Michael McRaith, the legislature passed a health exchange proposal that will work toward ensuring that Illinois does not lose out on more than \$200 million in federal funding. Many preferred Senate Bill 1729 as it was a result of more than six months of stakeholder meetings, citizen input, public meetings and expert testimony. Some fear SB 1555 may weaken the power of small businesses to negotiate for lower prices.

**Senate Bill 1555** creates the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Law. If signed into law, the bill provides that beginning October 1, 2013, the State shall establish a State health benefits exchange to be known as the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange in order to help individuals and small employers with no more than 50 employees shop for, select, and enroll in a qualified, affordable

private health plans. The bill also sets forth provisions concerning Exchange functions, the Department of Insurance's and the Commission on Governmental Forecasting and Accountability's authority, the Legislative Study Committee, Committee studies, and federal action.

### **House Bill 1530 – Mental Health Parity**

After years of debate, HB 1530 amends the Illinois Insurance Code to provide for mental health parity. The bill requires insurers to provide coverage for hospital or medical expenses under a group policy of accident and health insurance or health care plan shall provide coverage under the policy for treatment of serious mental illness and substance use disorders (instead of serious mental illness). IOMS joined several other organizations in supporting this landmark legislation.

### **Senate Bill 140 – Pain Management**

During the early portion of the Spring Session, IOMS was involved with clarification of Senate Bill 140 (Martinez, D/Chicago). The bill was introduced to create the Interventional Pain Medicine Act. As initially defined, it was our concern that the intent of the bill was to allow only anesthesiologists to administer pain medication that involved interventional techniques. The bill also provided that interventional techniques could not be delegated.

This bill was introduced at the request of the Illinois Association of Anesthesiologists with the assistance of the Illinois State Medical Society. After many meetings, several amendments were offered but many organizations continued to oppose the bill and failed to advance in the legislative process.

### **Senate Bill 2255 – APNs**

After years of negotiations, the Advanced Practice Nurses and the Illinois State Medical Society reached an agreement to allow a collaborating physician to delegate authority to an advanced practice nurse to prescribe any Schedule II controlled substances if all conditions are met. In addition, the bill provides that a physician assistant must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of 45 contact hours in pharmacology for any new license issued with Schedule II authority. This legislation passed both houses and awaits action by the Governor.

### **House Bill 106 – “Safe Haven” Extended**

The bill extends “Safe Havens” to campus police stations. Safe Havens are locations where an infant may be left with no fear of criminal investigations. Other Safe Havens include: hospitals, fire stations, police stations.

### **Similar Bills – Health Care Professional – Sex Crimes**

This year several bills were introduced regarding health care professionals convicted of sex crimes. House Bill 1271 (Rep. William Burns/D-Chicago), Senate Bill 1762 (Sen. Kirk Dillard/R-Westmont), House Bill 220 (Rep. Jack Franks/D-Marengo) automatically and permanently revoke the license of any health care professional who has been convicted of a sex offense or criminal battery. The language intends to protect patient safety while ensuring that proper due process is given to those health care workers that have had charges filed against them. **In mid-May, House Bill 1271 passed both houses and awaits action by the Governor.**

### **Similar Bills – Extension of the Medical Practice Act**

House Bill 214 (Rep. Dan Reitz/D-Sparta), Senate Bill 1388 (Sen. Michael Frerichs/D-Champaign) and Senate Bill 1540 as amended (Sen. Iris Martinez/D-Chicago) would extend the sunset date of the Illinois Medical Practice Act of 1987 by ten years to January 1, 2021. **The act is currently set to sunset on November 30, 2011.** This legislation also contains language concerning medical discipline and sets clear standards for physician profiling. Legislation to extend the Medical Practice Act is still pending and is expected to be considered at the Veto Session in late October.

### **VETO SESSION**

**The House and Senate announced they will return for their Veto session October 25, 26, 27 and November 8, 9, and 10. It should also be noted that the Governor intends to recall the Illinois General Assembly back into session this summer**

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

# Snapshots from the

## THE 2010 IOMS WINTER SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR



AOA President Dr. Nichols swears in IOMS Officers and Trustees.



Winter Scientific Seminar 2010 drew 189 DOs from 16 states, including TX, ME, FL, OK, AZ and more. Two-thirds were from Illinois.



Dr. Podzimek provided demonstrations following her lecture.



Dr. Feely included acupuncture demonstrations with his lecture.



2010 was our largest Exhibit Hall; shown here is the AOA's exhibit.



New Trustee Alicia Martin, DO was elected during the Annual Membership Meeting. Many thanks to our Luncheon Sponsor – Southern IL Healthcare.



Passing of the Presidential Gavel from Dr. Lausen to Dr. McClallen.



Presidents abounded at the Presidential Banquet. From: IOMS, Dr. Lausen; AAO, Dr. and Mrs. Feely; AOA, Dr. Nichols; ACOFP, Dr. Heiles; Advocates for the AOA, Janell Cyrus; Oklahoma, Dr. Cyrus.



Dr. Lausen presented the IOMS Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Kathy Naegele.



Dignitaries included ISMS Immediate Past President, James Milam, MD, shown here with new IOMS President Gerald McClallen, DO.



CCOM Students take to the dance floor!



Enjoying the evening.



Dr. Harry Lausen (left) was presented Physician of the Year by Awards Chair Dr. Tony DeLorenzo

**OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL**  
**March 30, 2011**

*Twenty-two participants met with 10 legislators plus Kate Gross, executive with the State Dept. of Insurance about the impact of federal health care reform on our state.*



*Sen. Dale Righter (R, 55th) second from right, discussed health care policy issues with the IOMS delegation over dinner at the Sangamo Club. Also stopping by to meet with IOMS was Rep. Greg Harris (D, 13th).*



*DOs, students, advocates, and our lobbyist Betsy Mitchell (center) speak with Sen. Luechtefeld (tallest, center) just outside the Senate Chambers.*



*Drs. Nordehn, Rosch, McClallen and McClallen wait to speak with their legislators while the House is in Session.*



*From CCOM, medical students Alexis Jesikiewicz, Pahn Pataramekin, and Maulin Shah.*



*President Dr. McClallen makes a point on the "lay midwives" bill with his Rep. Mike Bost.*



*Presentation of 2011 Legislator of the Year Award to Rep. Patricia Bellock.*



*Rep. Chapin Rose (R, 110th) on left joined IOMS for dinner, seated here with Dr. Tony DeLorenzo.*

**IOMS SPRING CME IN THE CITY**  
**OBESITY EPIDEMIC: TREATMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**  
**April 1-2, 2011**



*Keynote Speaker Christopher Still, DO (yes, he's a distant cousin), on right, with Program Chair Dr. Isaac Kirstein*



*Cynthia Mears, DO from Northwestern U medical school & Chicago Children's Hospital speaks on adolescent obesity*



*View from the back of the AOA Conference Center*



*DOs network between sessions*



*Program Chair Dr. Kirstein thanks the U. of Chicago Bariatric Surgical Team for their presentation*



*Healthier food this year in deference to topic – Make Your Own Fajitas instead of Giordano's Deep Dish Pizza and Portillo's Hot Dogs Chicago Style!*

## 2011 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### **June 10-12: American Academy of Osteopathy CME & Golf Outings**

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. 20 hours of I-A CME anticipated. For more information contact Diana Finley, 317-879-1881 or [www.academyofosteopathy.org](http://www.academyofosteopathy.org).

### **June 11-15: Cranial Academy June Introductory Course in Osteopathy in the Cranial Field**

Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN. For more information: Cranial Academy, (317) 594-0411; E-mail: [info@cranialacademy.org](mailto:info@cranialacademy.org); or [www.CranialAcademy.org](http://www.CranialAcademy.org)

### **June 16-19: Cranial Academy Annual Conference**

Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN. For more information: Cranial Academy, (317) 594-0411; E-mail: [info@cranialacademy.org](mailto:info@cranialacademy.org); or [www.CranialAcademy.org](http://www.CranialAcademy.org)

### **June 16-19: NEMOA & MOA Annual Summer Conference**

Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island, Michigan. Contact: Kristy Kenyon, 800-657-1556 or [kkenyon@mi-osteopathic.org](mailto:kkenyon@mi-osteopathic.org), 21 hours of Category I-A CME.

### **July 12-17: AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates**

Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. For more information see Annual Meeting at [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org).

### **July 21-23: Alaska 23rd Annual Summer CME**

Windsong Lodge, Seward, AK. 21 hours of Category I-A CME. For more information: (800) 891-0333 or [akoma@osteopathic.org](mailto:akoma@osteopathic.org).

### **July 31: Illinois State Licensure Renewal**

For details, see <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/WHO/med.asp>

### **August 13-14: 6th Annual Summer Primary Care Update: Women's Health**

Four Points by Sheraton, Fairview Heights, IL, near St. Louis, MO. Co-sponsored by IOMS and ACOFP-IL Society. 15 hours of I-A CME anticipated (pending AOA CCME approval). For more information, contact ACOFP-IL President-Elect Harry Lausen, DO, MA, FACOFP, FAODME, FAAFP, c/o [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org).

### **August 17-20: Regional Osteopathic Medical Education: ROME® New England**

At Foxwoods, CT. Co-sponsored by AOA, Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society, Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and Massachusetts Osteopathic Society. For more information: see [www.osteopathic.org/Rome](http://www.osteopathic.org/Rome); call (312) 202-8191 or email [ROME@osteopathic.org](mailto:ROME@osteopathic.org).

### **September 22-24: 64th Annual Ward E. Perrin Clinical Refresher Course & CCOM Alumni Weekend**

Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. For more information call (630) 515-7355 or email: [BDohman@midwestern.edu](mailto:BDohman@midwestern.edu). Class reunions will be held for classes ending in 10's and 5's – all are welcome.

### **September 30: Deadline for nominations for IOMS Physician of the Year**

For details: [www.IOMS.org](http://www.IOMS.org) awards page.

### **October 30-November 3: AOA "OMED" Osteopathic Medical Education**

Orlando, FL. For details: [www.osteopathic.org](http://www.osteopathic.org).

### **December 1-4: IOMS 2011 Winter Scientific Seminar & Annual Meeting**

Westin Lombard Yorktown Center. 30 hours of I-A CME anticipated, pending approval by the AOA CCME. For more information, visit [www.IOMS.org](http://www.IOMS.org) or [IOMS@IOMS.org](mailto:IOMS@IOMS.org). Also at this Annual Meeting, these related events:

**Dec. 1:** Annual Meeting of the IOMS Board of Trustees

**Dec. 1:** IO-PAC Reception

**Dec. 2:** Annual General Membership Meeting of IOMS

**Dec. 2-3:** Silent Auction

**Dec. 3:** Annual IOMS Past Presidents Council Breakfast

**Dec. 3:** Annual Meeting of IL Program Directors & DMEs

**Dec. 3:** Annual Meeting & Luncheon of IL-ACOFP

**Dec. 3:** Student Program

**Dec. 3:** Resident Idol Competition!

**Dec. 3:** IOMS Presidential Inaugural Gala

### **IOMS Committee Meetings**

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

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

**Membership Committee:** Quarterly in 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