



## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 25, 2019  
Marriott Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile – Miami/Scottsdale, 5th floor  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### **Fellows Present:**

James Andriole, DO - Past President, AAOE  
Stephen Bell, DO – Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Mary Jo Capodice, DO – Secretary-Treasurer, AAOE; Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO – Hawaii Medical Board  
Craig Glines, DO – Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
James Griffin, DO – Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
Ernest Miller, DO – West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Karen O'Mara, DO - Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board  
Donald Polk, DO - Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination  
Joel Rose, DO – Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Otto Sabando, DO – New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners  
David Tannehill, DO - Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons  
Barbara Walker, DO Immediate Past President, AAOE; North Carolina Medical Board  
J. Michael Wieting, DO – President, AAOE, Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination  
Andrew Yuan, DO – Connecticut Medical Examining Board Department of Public Health  
Joseph A. Zammuto, DO – President, Osteopathic Medical Board California  
Jan Zieren, DO - Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination

### **Non-Members/Observers Present:**

Brian Bowles, Executive Director, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons  
John Gimpel, DO, President & CEO, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners  
Kandis McClure, Director, Federal Advocacy & Policy, Federation of State Medical Boards  
Scott Steingard, DO, Chair, Federation of State Medical Boards  
Sandra Waters, MEM – Vice President, Collaborative Initiatives, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

### **AOA Leaders/Staff:**

Kevin Klauer, DO – AOE Chief Executive Officer  
William Mayo, DO – AOA President  
Kim Kuman – Executive Assistant, AOA State Government Affairs  
Kathrine Marous – Legislative Consultant, State Government Affairs  
Raine Richards, JD - Director, AOA State Government Affairs

- I. Meeting called to order by J. Michael Wieting, DO, President, presiding at 5:05 PM (CDT).
- II. Approval (unanimous) of minutes of April 26, 2019 meeting. Approval of agenda (unanimous).

**III. National Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME) Liaison Committee Meeting Update – John Gimpel, DO, President and CEO, NBOME**

- a) NBOME Liaison Committee meets annually; 2019 meeting held June 23 in Philadelphia
- b) Feedback from Liaison Committee members goes directly to the NBOME Board
- c) Representation includes:
  - i. AAOE/AOA/FSMB/Student/Residents/COMs/GME/AOGME/ACGME
  - ii. Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO, Vice President, AAOE and David Pugach, JD, Senior Vice President, AOA Public Policy attended on behalf of AAOE
- d) Entrustability was the theme of the meeting

**IV. National Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME) Update – John Gimpel, DO, President and CEO, NBOME**

- a) NBOME is celebrating 85 years
- b) COMLEX-USA pass rates and new passing standards
  - i. Successful launch of Level 1, Level 2-PE, Level 2-CE
  - ii. New passing standards implemented for all levels
    - 1. Level 3 and Level 2-PE – no score delays anticipated
    - 2. Level 1 and Level 2-CE – score release dates may be longer to allow time for statistical validation of candidate performance
- c) COMAT Overview
  - i. COMAT Clinical Subject Exams used for end-of-course assessment, evaluation of education across clinical sites, measuring achievement in osteopathic practice within clinical disciplines and for pre- and post-testing in clinical rotations/clerkships
  - ii. Clinical – 125 questions, 2.5 hours, 8 subject exams
  - iii. Foundational Biomedical Sciences (FBS)
    - 1. FBS Comprehensive – 250 questions, 5 hrs, 16 content areas
    - 2. FBS Targeted – 62 questions, 1.5 hours, 14 content areas
- d) Catalyst – continuous assessment and learning program
  - i. Catalyst 2.0 – What’s next
    - 1. Ongoing studies
    - 2. Expanded use studies
    - 3. Targeting opportunities for in-service assessments (GME)
- e) Single Accreditation System for GME
  - i. 98% match for DO students
  - ii. Research on relationship between licensure exam performance and state licensing board disciplinary actions
    - 1. Study demonstrates there is a strong positive correlation between successful completion of COMLEX-USA and a reduced likelihood of eventual state licensing board action
- f) US Osteopathic Medical Regulatory Summit – February 28-March 1, 2020 – San Diego, CA

**V. American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Update – William Mayo, DO, AOA President and Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, AOA Chief Executive Officer**

- a) Arkansas – Bill to allow optometrists to perform laser surgery has passed
  - i. State medical groups gathered enough signatures for a Nov. 2020 ballot initiative to reverse this measure; optometrist groups filing lawsuit to challenge signatures

- b) Introduction of Kevin Klauer, DO, AOA, CEO
- c) Thanked Fellows for their hard work and dedication to protecting the public by participating in state medical licensing boards
- d) Encouraged consideration of unreasonable questions on licensure applications – we should protect the profession for telling the truth

**VI. Joint Regulation of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: A New Approach to Scope of Practice** - Brian Bowles, Executive Director, Missouri Osteopathic Association of Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS)

- a) APRNs want to practice independently without a collaborative practice agreement (CPA)
- b) MAOPS Position – Create Two Tiers of APRNs
  - i. One will continue to be regulated by Missouri’s Board of Nursing; keep CPA and current rules, no new scope of practice increases
  - ii. Second will be a new category – iAPRN (independent APRN) – and will be licensed under the Board of Healing Arts; CPA and physician responsibility will be eliminated, and iAPRNs will be held to the same standard of care as physicians and disciplined by the same Board as physicians (creates accountability)
  - iii. MAOPS does not want APRNs to have independent practice but were asked by legislators to compromise
- c) Current Status
  - i. This threat has caused nurses to go on the defensive
  - ii. In 2019, the nurses filed a bill to create an APRN license under the Board of Nursing
  - iii. In 2020, MAOPS will pursue a bill to create an iAPRN license under Board of the Healing Arts, while preserving the collaborative agreement for nurses who continue to be licensed by the Board of Nursing

**VII. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Update** – Scott Steingard, DO, FSMB Chair

- a) Introduced Kandis McClure, FSMB Director, Federal Advocacy & Policy (based in Washington, DC)
- b) New DO Members of the FSMB Board of Directors (as of April 2019)
  - i. Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO
  - ii. Joseph Willett, DO
- c) Attended the NBOME Liaison Committee Meeting in June
- d) USMLE – Misconception among 3<sup>rd</sup> year DO students that they “have to take USMLE”
- e) Regulations – we need to recognize:
  - i. Implicit bias in regulations
  - ii. Healthcare disparities
  - iii. Need to become better regulators – how can we train for that
- f) FSMB Committees
  - i. Encouraged Fellows to apply for appointment to an FSMB committee/workgroup
- g) Congressional Briefing
  - i. Bill Foster (D-IL) – only member of Congress that is a physicist
- h) BACE (Board Action Content Evaluation) Task Force created by FSMB
  - i. FSMB receives thousands of reports of unprofessional conduct from state boards each year
  - ii. Reports mention why a physician was censured, but due to differences in state nomenclature/categorizations, quick information-sharing can be difficult across states

- iii. BACE Task Force examining underlying reasons for discipline and exploring feasibility of common nomenclature scheme which could be followed by all boards
- i) Next Annual FSMB Meeting: April 30 – May 2, 2020 – San Diego, CA

**VIII. State Legislative Update** – Raine Richards, JD, Director, State Government Affairs, AOA

- a) Commented on 15 issues in 11 states in 2019
- b) State Grassroots Advocacy – expanding AOA’s federal grassroots capabilities to the states
  - i. Partnered with 4 state affiliates on 6 different issues this year
- c) Scope of practice
  - i. PA Optimal Team Practice = independent practice
    - 1. Eliminates physician involvement
    - 2. Creates separate PA licensure and disciplinary boards
    - 3. Establishes direct reimbursement of PAs by insurers
    - 4. Doctor of Medical Science – Programs that provide additional training for masters-level PAs now offered in Arizona, Tennessee and Virginia
  - ii. Diplomates in Osteopathic Manual Practice (DOMP) – AOA Legal submitted letter to FL Attorney General requesting that they investigate improper use of terminology relating to a “university” offering “osteopathic manual practice” education with a business office in Naples, FL
  - iii. Safe Haven Non-Reporting Protections for Physicians – Support for – new AOA policy adopted by the 2019 AOA House of Delegates; model legislation will be drafted this year

**IX. Osteopathic Medical Regulation/Licensure Roundtable**

- a) California – can an MD bill for OMT
- b) Florida – now offers out-of-state physicians the ability to practice telemedicine in the state upon “registration” with the Department of Health (circumvents traditional licensure procedures and requirements under the FL Board of Osteopathic Medicine, but these individuals will still be disciplined by the Board?)

**X. New Business: Review of AAOE Bylaws and Website – Call for Volunteers**

- a) AAOE Bylaws Review/Update
  - i. Make recommendations for revisions to the AAOE bylaws (updated in 2013)
  - ii. Volunteers: Mary Jo Capodice, DO – Anita Steinbergh, DO (TBD)
- b) AAOE Website Review/Update
  - i. Make suggestions on website content, format, etc.
  - ii. Volunteers: Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO – Otto Sabando, DO

**XI. Next Meetings**

- a) AAOE Summit – Winter 2020 (TBD)
  - i. Will likely be held on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 following AOA’s 2020 LEAD meeting on February 27-28<sup>th</sup> in Manalapan, FL (immediately upon adjournment of AOA’s 2020 BOT Midyear Meeting)
  - ii. AAOE Fellows polled for conflicts with the ACGME Annual Conference, which occurs on February 27 - March 1 in San Diego, CA – 2 conflicts reported
- b) AAOE Business Meeting at FSMB - April 30-May 2, 2020 (San Diego)

Therefore, being no further business, meeting adjourned by Dr. Wieting at 6:47 PM (CDT) after motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jo Capodice, DO  
AAOE Secretary-Treasurer

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