



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday October 31, 2011
Peabody Hotel—Orlando, FL
Room—Celebration 6
2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Dana Shaffer, DO, President, AAOE, Iowa Board of Medicine
Geraldine O'Shea, DO, Vice-President, AAOE, Osteopathic Medical Board of California
Ronald R. Burns, DO, AOA Board of Trustees, Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine
Boyd Buser, DO, AOA Board of Trustees, Kentucky Board of Medicine
Robert Fedor, DO, Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine (Past Member)
Timothy Kowalski, DO, South Carolina State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Medicine
Kathy Lambert, DO, New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
George Scott, DO, New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
William Mayo, DO, Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, AOA Board of Trustees
Wayne Reynolds, DO, Virginia Board of Medicine

AOA Staff/Leadership:

Martin S. Levine, DO, MPH, AOA President
Raymond E. Stowers, DO, AOA President-elect
John Crosby, JD, AOA Executive Director
Sydney Olson, AOA Associate Executive Director, Advocacy & Government Relations
Linda Mascheri, Director, AOA Department of State, Affiliate, & International Affairs
Nicholas Schilligo, MS, Director, AOA Division of State Government Affairs

Other Guests:

John Gimple, DO, President, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners
Gerald Osborn, DO, MPH – National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners
Janice Kneble, DO- Chair-elect- National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

I. Call to Order

Dana Shaffer, DO called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM EST. Dr. Shaffer provided opening remarks and asked the AOA leadership to provide remarks.

Martin S. Levine, DO, MPH, AOA President, welcomed participants to OMED and stated that Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) represents the lifelong commitment osteopathic physicians have made to learning. He expressed an interest in working with AAOE members to promote this cause and referenced OCC marketing materials developed by the AOA.

Raymond E. Stowers, DO, AOA President-elect, discussed a trend they are seeing in Continuing Medical Education (CME), where physicians are not completing their requirements on time. He stated that the extension has been decreased from 17 to 5 months, and that AOA members can access their profile and CME status online through the AOA website. Dr. Stowers invited all AAOE members to the AOA Town Hall Meeting on November 1, 2011.

John Crosby, JD, AOA Executive Director, thanked the AAOE for including the AOA Leadership in its meeting. Mr. Crosby mentioned a recent meeting he had with Kevin Wise from the American Board of Medical Specialties regarding how OCC plays into Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) overall. Mr. Crosby also mentioned that the AOA Board recently approved a substantial marketing plan for OCC.

Dr. Shaffer thanked the AOA Leadership for their attendance and participation. He then asked participants to identify themselves for the record.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Dr. Shaffer presented the current agenda and minutes for the AAOE Meeting held on April 29, 2011. Boyd Buser, DO asked that a technical correction be made to the name of Freda Bush, MD. The correction was accepted.

Geraldine O'Shea, DO made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; Dr. Buser seconded the motion. The minutes for the AAOE Business Meeting on April 29, 2011 were adopted.

III. Old Business

Dr. Shaffer discussed a previous item that had been decided by the AAOE—membership in the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA). Dr. Shaffer presented information on OIA membership including the current cost of the membership fee and application fee. The annual membership fee is \$500 and paid on calendar year basis. Dr. Shaffer wanted to reconfirm that the AAOE wanted to continue pursuit of membership.

Members discussed the issue thoroughly with all in favor of reaffirming their intent to join. Wayne Reynolds, DO made a motion to reaffirm membership; seconded by Dr. Buser. AAOE membership in OIA was reaffirmed, and staff will follow up with paperwork on financial obligation prior to the January meeting.

IV. New Business

John Gimple, DO provided an update from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners. Dr. Gimple also provided materials on COMLEX, COMVEX and MOL/OCC for AAOE members to review.

Dr. Shaffer discussed the 2012 Summit meeting and the need to confirm topics for 2012 AAOE Summit Meeting Agenda. A list of topics from the AAOE Executive Committee was presented, and Dr. Shaffer asked for additional suggestions. Several items were discussed and the group agreed to the following:

Tentative Agenda:

- a. The Emerging Role of Social Media in Healthcare
- b. Legal Aspects of Technology
- c. Medical Marijuana
- d. Telemedicine
- e. International Medical Education (BIOMEA White Paper)
- f. Maintenance of Licensure Update
- g. NBOME Update
- h. Federal Trade Commission Involvement in Licensure
- i. Scope of Practice Update (non-physician medical practice)

It was decided that the AAOE Executive Committee will meet to finalize the proposed agenda and determine speakers for each topic.

Dr. Shaffer provided an overview of the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) involvement in the medical board activities in several states. He stated that the FTC has written letters to several states arguing that their scopes of practice restrictions constitute restriction of trade. Linda Mascheri mentioned that the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is getting involved and invited others to contact them regarding this issue.

Dr. O'Shea provided an update on maintenance of licensure, stating that she plans to present at the upcoming AAOE Summit on two levels. The first part will look at what MOL is, where it came from, and where it is going; the second part will cover who has joined in on this project and what the FSMB is prepared to do on MOL. Several members commented on this issue and discussion focused on next steps involved in creating a uniform framework, while being sensitive to the individual nuances of each state's licensing requirements.

Dr. Shaffer mentioned that the FSMB recently published a draft "Report from the Special Committee on Reentry to Practice" for public comment. Ronald Burns, DO, a member of this committee provided an overview of the document and answered questions related to its content.

V. Adjournment

Dr. Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 4:00PM EST.