



## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 26, 2019

Omni Fort Worth – Fort Worth Ballroom 1-3 – Fort Worth, TX

6:00 AM – 8:00 AM

### **Fellows Present:**

Jimmy Adams, DO, West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Mary Jo Capodice, DO, Vice President, AAOE; Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO, Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
Robin Durrett, DO, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts  
Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO, Hawaii Medical Board  
Randel Gibson, DO, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
Brian Gillis, DO, Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure  
Anna Hayden, DO, Immediate Past President, AAOE; Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Gary Hill, DO, Alabama Board of Medical Examiners  
Kathleen Kudray, DO, Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Jonathan Maitem, DO, Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery  
Joy Neyhart, DO, Alaska State Medical Board  
Samir Pancholi, DO, Nevada Osteopathic Board of Medicine  
Joel Rose, DO, Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Barby Simmons, DO, Georgia Composite Medical Board  
Barbara E. Walker, DO, President, AAOE; North Carolina Medical Board  
Michael Wieting, DO, Secretary-Treasurer, AAOE; Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners  
Joseph Willett, DO, Minnesota Board of Medical Practice  
Joseph Zammuto, DO, Osteopathic Medical Board of California

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

Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, President & CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)  
John Gimpel, DO, President & CEO, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)  
Weldon Havins, MD, Touro University Nevada  
Marilyn Heine, MD, Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine  
David Henderson, JD, Chief Executive Officer, North Carolina Medical Board  
Jerry Landau, JD, Vice President, Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery  
Scott Steingard, DO, Chair-elect, FSMB  
Sandra Waters, MEM, Vice President, Collaborative Assessment & Initiatives, NBOME

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

Raine Richards, JD, Director, State Government Affairs

- I. AAOE President Barbara Walker, DO called the meeting to order at 6:00 AM.
- II. Approval of agenda was unanimous. Approval of January 26, 2019 meeting minutes was unanimous.

### III. FSMB Candidate Presentations

- a. Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO – Hawaii
- b. Joy Neyhart, DO – Alaska
- c. Shawn Parker, JD, MPA – North Carolina
- d. Katie Templeton, JD – Oklahoma Osteopathic
- e. Richard Whitehouse, JD – Kentucky
- f. Joseph Willett, DO – Minnesota

### IV. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Update – Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, President & CEO, FSMB and Scott Steingard, DO, Chair-elect, FSMB

- a. Dr. Steingard thanked AAOE for its support for his path to FSMB Chair.
- b. Dr. Chaudhry thanked AAOE for its assistance with his path to FSMB administrative leadership.
- c. INCUS Meeting: Discussions are ongoing regarding how to deal with USMLE score reporting – and the timeline for recommendations was reviewed with Fall 2019 slated for presentation of final recommendations
- d. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Update
  - i. Twenty-nine states, Guam and the District of Columbia are now members; legislation is awaiting the Governor's signature in GA and bills are currently pending in three other states.
- e. The next Tri-Regulator Collaborative Symposium will be held in September 2019 in Frisco, Texas and will bring together representatives from the FSMB, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to discuss topics related to the theme of “Proactive Regulation as a Team-based Collaborative.”
- f. Physician Wellness Activities: Over 27 state medical and osteopathic boards have discussed physician wellness and the FSMB's recommendations. Nine have made changes to their medical licensure applications or application processes and eight more have considered potential revisions.
- g. AMCOA Meeting – US-trained DOs now accepted as “fully equivalent to” MDs in over 20 countries in Africa. IAMRA, HPCSA and AOA are working together closely.

### V. National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) Update - John Gimpel, DO, President & CEO, NBOME and Sandra Waters, MEM, Vice President for Collaborative Assessment and Initiatives, NBOME

- a. Reviewed NBOME's mission and overviewed recent activities
- b. NBOME's assessment portfolio across the education, licensure, and practice spectrum reviewed, along with the Catalyst formative assessment platform
- c. NBOME Clark Award for outstanding patient advocacy in the areas of patient safety, patient protection and quality of care: Dr. Barbara Walker honored in December 2018
- d. Overview of COMLEX exams
- e. DOs must submit an attestation of good academic and professional from their residency program directors in order to sit for the COMLEX Level 3 exam; score reports may now be released to program directors in addition to examinees.

- f. COMAT type exams will be available in foundational biomedical sciences and in targeted body systems in January 2020.
- g. There is 0.6 correlation between examinee performance on COMAT in internal medicine and the COMLEX 2-CE exam.

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

- a. The Bureau of State Governmental Affairs Grass Roots Advocacy Task Force has been very active to increase the influence of the osteopathic profession at the state level.
- b. Our grassroots initiative targets scope of practice and payment issues:
  - i. Physician Assistants (PAs): “Optimal Team Practice” model
    - 1. Replaces term “physician assistant” with “PA” and changes the definition of ‘PA’ from “someone who practices medicine under the direction of a physician” to “someone who is licensed to practice medicine,” allows independent practice and creates separate licensing boards to license and regulate PAs.
  - ii. Doctor of Medical Science degree: AT Still University in Mesa, AZ recently began offering this degree, which allows masters-level PAs to receive additional education in order to practice similarly to a primary care physician. Schools in Harrogate, TN and Lynchburg, VA currently offer the degree.
  - iii. Assistant/Associate/Graduate Registered Physician licensure: Allows medical school graduates who did not match into residency to practice with limited supervision.
  - iv. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs): Bill defeated in Indiana that would have allowed APRNs to practice and prescribe without any physician supervision after completing an initial term under a collaborative agreement.
  - v. Optometrists: Bill passed in Arkansas to allow optometrists to perform eye surgery.
  - vi. Naturopaths: Bill passed in New Mexico that allows naturopaths to deliver primary care services, including ordering labs/imaging tests and prescribing non-opioid drugs, without requiring consultation with/referral to a DO or an MD.
  - vii. Psychologists: Seeking prescriptive authority for drugs to treat mental health issues in several states.
- c. Medicaid expansion legislation under consideration in several states.
- d. AOA monitoring/commenting on state Medicaid demonstration waiver applications.
- e. Physician Workforce/Osteopathic issues –Oklahoma considering bill to extend the osteopathic board beyond 2019, Florida considering elimination of AOA osteopathic internship requirement in light of Single Accreditation and several states considering bills that provide financial incentives to attract physicians to underserved areas.
- f. New Safe Haven Non-Reporting policy – review is in progress and the current draft is likely to be introduced at the House of Delegates in July.

**AAOE EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED TO NON-FELLOWS)**

**VII. AAOE Budget Report – Budget presented by Dr. Wieting - Unanimously accepted**

**VIII. AAOE Candidate Forum**

- a. Mary Jo Capodice, DO
- b. Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO
- c. Gary Hill, DO
- d. Michael Wieting, DO

**IX. AAOE Election Results 2019-2021 Term**

- a. Michael Wieting, DO – President
- b. Alexios Carayannopoulos, DO – Vice President
- c. Mary Jo Capodice, DO – Secretary-Treasurer

**X. FSMB Resolution Discussion**

**XI. State Roundtable: Open Discussion of Issues Impacting Osteopathic Medical Regulation/Licensure**

- a. California:
  - i. Fluoroscopy is now allowed in clinical offices without special certification/permit.
  - ii. Pharmacists can now prescribe HIV related medications without consultation with a physician.
- b. States are moving to add AGCME approved programs to licensure requirements due to impending transition to the Single Accrediation System in July 2020. The explanation is if someone had completed an AOA approved internship (in the past) they can still obtain a license.

**XII. Announcements/Adjornment**

- a. Dr. Walker announced that the next AAOE meeting will be held on July 25, 2019 in Chicago, IL in conjunction with the AOA House of Delegates meeting.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 AM by Dr. Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Wieting, DO  
AAOE Secretary-Treasurer