



**AAOE BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Marriott Marquis Hotel, San Francisco, CA**  
**October 25, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

James Andriole, DO, President, AAOE  
Ronald Burns, DO, Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Boyd Buser, DO, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
Gary Clark, Executive Director, AAOE  
William Cove, DO, Vermont Board of Osteopathic Examiners  
Gary Jackson, DO, New Mexico Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners  
Kathy Lambert, DO, New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners  
William Mayo, DO, Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure  
Ernest Miller, Jr., DO, West Virginia Board of Osteopathy  
Geraldine O'Shea, DO, Secretary AAOE, Osteopathic Medical Board of California  
Joseph Provenzano, DO, Osteopathic Medical Board of California  
Judith Scott, DO, Nebraska Board of Medicine and Surgery  
Dana Shaffer, DO, Vice-President, AAOE  
Scott Steingard, DO, Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine & Surgery

**International Guests:**

Michael Mulholland-Licht, Australia and New Zealand Osteopathic Council  
Robert Fendall, Osteopathic Board of Australia

**Attendees:**

John Crosby, JD, Executive Director, AOA  
Karen Nichols, DO, President, AOA  
Martin Levine, DO, MPH, President-elect, AOA  
Linda Mascheri, AOA Staff  
Andrea Garcia, JD, AOA Staff  
John Thornburg, DO, PhD, Chair, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners  
Larry Turner, VP for Administration and COO, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

Dr. Andriole called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Those in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves.

**II. Agenda**

The agenda was approved without addition.

### **III. Minutes**

The minutes from the AAOE Annual Session, held in conjunction with the Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL on April 23, 2010, were approved as submitted.

### **IV. International Update**

Michael Mulholland-Licht and Robert Fendall discussed Australia's move toward a national system for the regulation of health professions. The rationale behind the move toward a national license was mostly economic. The thought is that this will lead to greater portability across the states and territories. However, there is also hope that with more movement of practitioner's across nations that this will allow for greater ease in sharing data with other boards as well as a mutual understanding and recognition of the standards practitioner's are held to in other countries.

### **V. President's Report**

Dr. Andriole noted that he has presented at both the AOA Bureau on Federal Health Programs Meeting in Washington, DC and at the AOA Board of Trustees meeting held in Chicago, IL. He will also be representing the AAOE at the AOA's Strategic Planning meeting, which is bringing together the AOA's affiliate organizations. Dr. Andriole also noted the correspondence that he has sent on behalf of the AAOE, which included letters of congratulations to the AOA's President and President-elect, a letter to Dr. Chaudhry asking that the AAOE be represented on the FSMB's Maintenance of Licensure Implementation Group, and a letter to Lisa Robin regarding amending the FSMB's brochures to include reference to state osteopathic medical boards and COMLEX. Dr. Chaudhry responded to the letter from the AAOE noting that the Implementation Group had already begun its work, but that the AAOE will be considered for representation on future task forces. Dr. Andriole's quarterly newsletters are posted to the AAOE's website.

### **VI. January 2011 Summit Meeting**

The Annual Summit meeting will be held at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas on January 15-16, 2011. One DO from each board will receive funding (flight and 1 night of hotel) to attend the meeting. If you are funded by another organization to attend the meeting, you are encouraged to give the AAOE funding to another member of your board.

Suggested topics for the summit meeting included:

- Scope of Practice
- Prescription Monitoring Programs / Pain Clinics
- Medical Marijuana
- Telemedicine
- Maintenance of Licensure / Osteopathic Continuous Certification
- Physician Re-entry into practice

AAOE members are encouraged to suggest additional topics as well as potential speakers. Dr. Andriole will look into potential lunch sponsors.

### **VII. New Business**

#### **A. AAOE Bylaws**

Dr. Andriole discussed the need to amend the AAOE bylaws. He noted that there needs to be consistent definitions for the Annual Session and Annual Summit Meeting. He also suggested amending the bylaws so that the out-going President is a member of the Executive Committee, as this would allow for greater continuity. There was general agreement that the bylaws should be revised.

B. AAOE Executive Committee Elections

A nominating committee is established for the upcoming AAOE elections, which according to the bylaws will be held at the AAOE Annual Session at the FSMB Meeting in 2011. Current members of the nominating committee are Gary Jackson, DO and Thomas Pickard, DO. If you are interested in being elected to serve on the AAOE Executive Committee please submit your CV to Jim Andriole, DO, Gary Jackson, DO or Andrea Garcia, JD.

C. OIA Membership

It was suggested that the AAOE consider joining the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA). The purpose of the OIA is to advance the philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine and osteopathy throughout the world. As an organization, the AAOE is eligible for partner membership in the OIA. It was noted that the cost of partner membership in the OIA is \$300. Discussion included the importance for regulators to meet internationally to discuss common standards and differences. Scott Steingard, DO made a motion that the AAOE become a partner member of the OIA. The motion was seconded by Ernie Miller, DO and was unanimously approved.

**VIII. Old Business**

- Geraldine O'Shea, DO reported that Governor Schwarzenegger signed the bill to remove the two naturopathic doctors from the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (OBMC). The board now consists of 5 DOs and 4 public members. Dr. O'Shea also indicated that OMBC plans to participate in the FSMB pilot program for Maintenance of Licensure.
- Gary Jackson, DO noted that combining the osteopathic medical board with the medical board is still an issue in New Mexico, particularly if the Republican candidate for Governor prevails.
- It was noted that national licensure with state board endorsement remains a hot topic. The FSMB has come out in opposition to national licensure.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.