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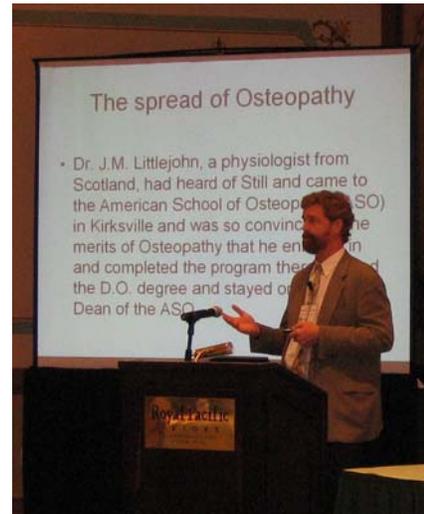
Announcements

New officers were also elected. Tim Kowalski, DO, is our new President; Frank Winters, DO, is the new Vice-President; and Jim Andriole, DO, is the new Secretary-Treasurer. Tom Pickard, DO, was elected to remain as editor of the newsletter.

The AAOE website has also been recently updated – visit www.aaoe-net.org to see all of the changes. A copy of this newsletter, as well as previous newsletters, is always available on the site. Coming soon will be a members-only portion of the site, on which we will post more detailed information for all AAOE members.

Summit Meeting Recap

The AAOE held its annual Summit Meeting on January 7-8, 2006 at the Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, Florida. The AAOE’s primary concern in developing the topics and securing speakers for the Summit Agenda is to ensure that we are focusing on the most relevant, up-to-date issues surrounding osteopathic physician licensure. This year, we focused on issues especially relevant regarding the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, such as disaster preparedness and increasing communication and information exchange between boards. Panel discussion on ADA considerations in medical



Peter Adler-Michaelson, DO, spoke on International licensure of US-trained DOs



Dr. Kowalski and John Crosby, JD, at Saturday’s reception.

licensure and the future of medical licensure were also held. The agenda topics proved to be both informative and stimulating, with much discussion taking place. The AOA sponsored a reception for all attendees following the conclusion of Saturday’s meeting session. At the reception, AOA Executive Director John Crosby, JD, thanked Outgoing President Susan Rose, DO, Incoming President Timothy Kowalski, DO, Executive Director Gary Clark, Bill McCord, DO, and Dale Austin for their all of their support of the osteopathic profession through the years. All who attended thought this meeting to be on of the best we’ve had.

FSMB Resolution

AAOE members passed a resolution during the Summit meeting addressing the FSMB policy in relation to the USMLE. In essence, the resolution stated that since both the USMLE and the COMLEX-USA have both been determined to be valid for their respective intended purpose, the official FSMB policy should be changed so that the language states that both are valid for licensure.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the AAOE will be held in conjunction with the FSMB's annual meeting in Boston. Once again, we will hold a breakfast meeting on April 21st beginning at 6:00 am. We highly encourage all AAOE members to attend, especially those who have not yet attended an AAOE meeting. As always, please let the AAOE know of any email changes or other important information. For more information regarding this upcoming meeting or any other issues, please contact AOA Staff Liaison to the AAOE, Linda Mascheri, at lmасheri@osteopathic.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Pickard, DO