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The American Association of Osteopathic Examiners (AAOE) met on Friday, April 30, 2004, during the Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. In attendance were 38 DOs representing 18 states, plus representatives from the NBOME and the AOA.

Distributed at the meeting were copies of the report drafted by Dr. Rose to the AOA leadership detailing the AAOE's accomplishments since their Strategic Plan was drafted in 2000. Discussion ensued about the AOA's financial support and I reported that a budgetary request of \$15,000 to fund AAOE activities was submitted to the AOA Bureau of Finance. Dr. Brysack distributed a draft copy of a resolution requesting the AOA continue funding the AAOE. The resolution, which did not contain a specific dollar amount, would be submitted to the AOA House of Delegates via state osteopathic associations. Dr. Krpan intervened and suggested that the proper route for such a resolution would be to submit it to the AOA Board of Trustees and that a specific dollar amount be included. After additional discussion, it was decided the AAOE should request \$20,000.

Copies of the updated, draft Strategic Plan were distributed. Dr. Rose and Dr. Kowalski lead the discussion about the new plan and highlighted that AAOE should be at the table with regard to IAMRA. As a regulatory associated group, AAOE would be a member, as opposed to an associate member. Dr. McCord voiced that he heartily endorsed AAOE becoming a member of IAMRA and to get things going, put up \$100 and suggested passing the hat to collect monies to be used to pay for one year of dues for IAMRA. Every DO contributed and \$1,145 was collected. Dr. McCord will check with Dale Austin about the IAMRA membership categories to make sure that AAOE would qualify as a member.

AAOE also discussed the need for a permanent AAOE representative seat on the AOA's Council on International Osteopathic Medical Education and Affairs (CIOMEA). I will speak with Dr. McNerney about the feasibility of putting forth a resolution.

Finally, AAOE went over the resolutions and candidates for FSMB office