



Michigan Osteopathic Association



HOUSE OF DELEGATES & RESOLUTIONS BOOK

April 30, 2022

OSTEOPATHIC PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT


As members of the osteopathic profession, in an effort to instill loyalty and strengthen the profession, we recall the tenets on which this profession is founded – the dynamic interaction of mind, body and spirit; system; and preventative medicine as the key to maintain health. We recognize the work our predecessors have accomplished in building the profession, and we commit ourselves to continuing that work.

I PLEDGE TO:

- Provide compassionate, quality care to my patients;
- Partner with them to promote health;
- Display integrity and professionalism throughout my career;
- Advance the philosophy, practice and science of osteopathic medicine;
- Continue life-long learning;
- Support my profession with loyalty in action, word and deed; and
- Live each day as an example of what an osteopathic physician should be.

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RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

The House of Delegates shall convene on Saturday April 30, 2022. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 9:00 am to projected adjournment of 3:00 pm.

DELEGATE ACCREDITATION: The Secretary/ Treasurer shall furnish the Credentials Committee a list of the accredited Delegates and Alternates. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee shall certify and call the Delegates and Alternates to be seated. They must be ratified members in good standing of MOA.

DELEGATES' SEATING: A Delegate, having been seated, shall remain the accredited Delegate throughout the session unless an Alternate is seated in his/her place. The Alternate shall be seated if the regular Delegate is not present and shall retain the chair for the entire session.

SPEAKER: The Speaker shall be the presiding officer and shall, with the approval of the House of Delegates, appoint the House Reference Committees.

VOTING PRIVILEGES: Each Delegate shall have one vote in the House. The Presiding officer shall vote only in the care of a tie vote.

SECRETARY: The Secretary/ Treasurer of MOA shall be the Secretary of the House. Parliamentary rules of debate shall be observed and Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the guide to all deliberations, except when otherwise provided for in the MOA Bylaws.

SUSPENSION OF RULES: The Rules and Order of Business shall govern the procedure unless unanimously suspended by the vote of the House.

QUORUM: Forty of the voting members of the House shall constitute a quorum; and a quorum having been declared present at the first session, shall be declared present for the entire meeting.

GUESTS: The following persons shall be, during all but executive session, permitted to sit in the House without voice: a) members of the association, b) employees of the association, c) special guests.

Nominations and elections of officers and Delegates shall be held during the House session.

2022 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Stephen Bell, DO, Chair, President-Elect
Craig Bethune, DO, Speaker of the House
David Best, DO, President
Craig Clines, Past President
Adam Hunt, DO, MOA Trustee
Emily Hurst, DO, MOA Trustee
Kris Nicholoff, CEO/ Executive Director
Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO, Past President

CREDENTIALS

Gary Zamanigian, DO, Chair, Wayne
Russell Anderson, DO, Kent
Olan Dombroske, DO, Eastern
Roger Morris, DO, Kent

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Edward Canfield, DO, Eastern
William Zemnickas, DO, Genesee

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Emily Hurst, DO, Chair, Oakland
Ryan Christensen, DO, Oakland
Khawaja Ikram, DO, Southeastern
Myral Robbins, DO, Southwest
Jean Talsma, DO, Oakland
Rachel Young, DO, Ingham

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

Harold Friedman, DO, Chair, Wayne
Andrew Adair, DO, Macomb
Paul Brown, DO, Genesee
Mary Goldman, DO, Oakland
Lawrence Prokop, DO
Jasper Yung, DO

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Peter B. Ajluni, DO, Chair
Roderick Baltzer, DO, Northern
David Best, DO, President
Craig Bethune, DO, Kent
Adam Hunt, DO, Oakland
Emily Hurst, DO, Oakland
Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO, Past President
Gary Willyerd, DO, Oakland

RESOLUTIONS

Gary Marsiglia, DO, Kent

**House Speaker serves as ex-officio member on all committees*

VIRTUAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES PROTOCOL

1. Voting: When a motion is presented and seconded, the Speaker will verbally present a vote to the House. A pop-up window with the ability to vote will appear and will remain active for 1 minute.
2. Make an Amendment/ Motion/ Comment
Components should assign one designated presenter of amendments or statements regarding resolutions.
Use the "Raise your hand" feature or chat to ask to be recognized by the Speaker.

AGENDA

MICHIGAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Saturday, April 30, 2022 • 9 am – 3 pm

Online access to Resolutions, Reports & other meeting materials: (www.domoa.org/hod2022)
Members must log in to see this page.

Speaker of the House – Craig H. Bethune, DO
Parliamentarian – Mary Jo Voelpel, DO

Vice Speaker – Anthony Ognjan, DO
Secretary – Andrew Adair, DO

- 1) **Call to Order – Speaker of the House**
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Invocation – Emily Hurst, DO, MOA & AOA Trustee
 - Osteopathic Pledge - Joseph Giaimo, DO, AOA President (page 2)
- 2) **Roll Call – Report of the Credentials Committee – Craig H. Bethune, DO**
- 3) **Seating of the Delegates, Agenda & Rules and Order of Business**
- 4) **Abstracted Minutes of the Previous Meeting – May 22, 2021 (pages 10 - 14)**
- 5) **Membership Issues**
 - Ratification of New Members (pages 18 - 22)
 - Necrology – Bruce Wolf, DO, AOA Trustee (page 15)
 - Old Business – Andrew Adair DO
 - Proposed AOA Delegate Selection Process – Craig Bethune, DO (pages 15 - 16)
- 6) **AOA Delegate Nominations Announced – AOA House of Delegates meeting – In-person – July 15-17, 2022 - Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile**
- 7) **Written Reports from Officers and Trustees (www.domoa.org/hod-2022)**
 - A) Department of Business Affairs – Stephen Bell, DO, Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO, Craig Glines, DO, Andrew Adair, DO
 - B) Department of Membership – Khawaja Ikram, DO & Peter Habib, Intern/Resident Trustee
 - C) Department of Education – Jasper Yung, DO & Briana Cervantes, OMS II Student Trustee
 - D) Department of Socio Economics – Kevin Beyer, DO & Adam Hunt, DO
 - E) Department of Healthcare Technology & Informatics – Emily Hurst, DO & Chad Kovala, DO
 - F) CEO & Executive Director – Kris Nicholoff, CEO/ Executive Director

Staff Years of Service Awards: 10 Years – Terry Trombley, 15 Years – Melissa Budd
- 8) **Report of the Nominating Committee of the House of Delegates - Peter B. Ajluni, DO**
- 9) **Written Reports from Council Chairs, MOPAC & Guests (www.domoa.org/hod2022)**
 - A) Council of Past Presidents – Gerald F. Robbins, DO, Chair
 - B) Council of Government Affairs – Craig H. Bethune, DO, Chair & Kevin McKinney

- C) MOPAC – Anthony Ognjan, DO, Chair
- D) Advocates for the Michigan Osteopathic Association – Rachel Jones, President
- E) Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association – Shane Halvorsen, President
- F) Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation – Craig Magnatta, DO, President
- G) Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery – Stephen Bell, DO

10) Oral Guest Reports

- A) American Osteopathic Association – Joseph Giaimo, DO, President & Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, FACEP
- B) MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine – Andrea Amalfitano, DO, Ph.D., DABMGG, Dean

11) Reports of Reference Committees - Resolutions

- A) Professional Affairs – Harold Friedman, DO, Chair
- B) Public Affairs – Emily Hurst, DO, Chair

12) Presidential Ex-Augural Comments – David Best, DO

- A) MOA Outstanding Resident of the Year Award – Zeinab Bazzi, DO

13) Awards – Craig Bethune, DO, Speaker of the House

- A) 30 Years of Service as a Delegate Award – Robert Dickason, DO and Lawrence Ulmer, DO
- B) Life Professionals – (page 9)

14) Election of Trustees & Officers

15) Oath of Office & Incoming President's Message

16) New Business

17) Adjournment Sine Die

2022 MOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Delegates & Alternates Listing

EASTERN – REGION 2

Olan Dombroske, DO, President

Delegates – 2

Alternates – 2

Cheryl Canfield, DO

Edward Canfield, DO

Alternates

Robert Brengel, DO

Olan Dombroske, DO

GENESEE – REGION 2

Bonita Wang, DO, President

Delegates – 11

Alternates – 11

Diraj Bedi, DO

Timothy Piontkowski, DO

Bonita Wang, DO

INGHAM – REGION 3

Clarence Nicodemus, DO, President

Delegates – 21

Alternates – 21

Andrea Amalfitano, DO, PhD

Linda Coniglio, DO

Nicole Frey, DO

Carol Monson, DO

Clarence Nicodemus, DO

Lawrence Prokop, DO, FAAPM&R, FAOCPMR-D, FAOASM

Gary Roth, DO

R Taylor Scott, DO

Rosemarie Tolson, DO

Rachel Young, DO, FACOF

INTERNS - RESIDENTS

Peter Habib, DO, Chair

Delegates – 7

Alternates – 4

Rebecca Gorz, DO

Peter Habib, DO

Hannah Howarth

Caitlin Flynn, DO

Leanne Iorio, DO

KENT – REGION 4

Adam Wolfe, DO, President

Delegates – 20

Alternates – 20

Craig Bethune, DO

Bradley Clegg, DO

Norman Keller, DO

Edward Lee, DO, MPH

Samantha MacKay-Forton

Gary Marsiglia, DO

Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO

William Sanders, DO

Adam Wolfe, DO

MACOMB – REGION 1

Gregg Silberg, DO, MBA, RPh, President

Delegates – 22

Alternates – 22

Sami Abdelaziz

Andrew Adair, DO, AAAPF, FACOF

Peter Ajluni, DO

Ursula Barghouth, DO

Trevor Evans, DO

John Floreno, DO

Pamela Georgeson, DO

Ronald Heitmann, DO

Abhay Kommana, DO

Chad Kovala, DO

Jared Lutsic

Denise Nguyen, DO

Anthony Ognjan, DO, FACP
M Shane Patterson, DO
Gladstone Payton, DO
Robert Piccinini, DO, dFACN
Kathleen Rollinger, DO
Jaroslaw Sawka, DO
Laila Shehadeh, DO
Gregg Silberg, DO, MBA, RPh
Stephen Swetech, DO, FACOF
Barbara Yakes, DO, MOH, FACOEM

NORTHERN – REGION 5

Keith Wright, DO, President

Delegates – 14

Alternates – 14

Kurt Anderson, DO
David Best, DO
Timothy Ismond, DO
George Pramstaller, DO
Sally Jo Sperbeck, DO, PhD
Lynn Squanda-Murphy, DO

OAKLAND – REGION 1

Daniel Tobes, DO, President

Delegates – 54

Alternates – 54

Olivia Baylis
Andrew Berry, DO
Daniel Bonbrisco, DO
Matthew Chmielewski
Ryan Christensen, DO
Raef Ali Fadel, DO
Joseph Gorz, DO
Glenn Gradis, DO
Emily Hurst, DO, FACOI
Algirdas Juocys, DO
John Kilmer, DO
James Lawson, DO, FACOI
Craig Magnatta, DO, FACOF
William McDevitt, DO
Creagh Milford, DO
Eugene Oliveri, DO, MACOI, FAGG
Andrew Scales, DO
Daniel Tobes, DO
Mary Jo Voelpel, DO, FACOI

Larry Wickless, DO, MACOI
Gary Willyerd, DO
Bruce Wolf, DO, FAOCR
Jasper Yung, DO

SAGINAW – REGION 2

Jonathan Horbal, DO, President

Delegates – 5

Alternates – 5

Patrick Botz, DO
Adam Hunt, DO, MHS
Thomas Olen, DO
Robert Snyder, DO
Marilyn Staines, DO

Alternates

Mary Lynn Arvanitis, DO
Everett Kalcec, DO
Edwin G. Galsterer, DO
Pauline Watson, DO

SOUTHEASTERN – REGION 3

Khawaja Ikram, DO, President

Delegates – 6

Alternates – 6

Keith Barbour, DO
Khawaja Ikram, DO

SOUTHWEST – REGION 3

Kevin Beyer, DO, Interim President

Delegates – 8

Alternates – 8

Joanne Baker, DO, FACOI, FHM, FAODME
Kevin Beyer, DO
Eric Born, DO
Glen Dregansky, DO
Larry Mann, DO
Gerald Robbins, DO, FACN
Myral Robbins, DO, FAFAP, FACOF
William Workman, DO

Alternates

Jason Beckrow, DO
Joel Bez, DO
David Brown, DO

Stephen Fedele, DO
Lawrence Ulmer, DO

WAYNE – REGION 1

Stephen Bell, DO, President

Delegates – 30

Alternates – 30

William G. Anderson, I, DO, FACOS

Stephen Bell, DO, FACOI

Frank Clark, DO

Robert Dickason, DO

Harold Friedman, DO

Rainna Furnari Brazil, DO

Craig Glines, DO, MSBA, FACOOG

Anthony Kozma, DO

Melvin Linden, DO

Ronald Lutsic, DO

Floyd Meachum, DO

John Morrison, DO, FAASM

Robert Orr, DO

George Sawabini, DO, FACOFD

Earl Spohn, DO

Dennis Treece, DO

Malcolm Williamson, DO

Gary Zamanigian, DO

WESTERN – REGION 4

Benjamin Visger, DO, President

Delegates – 4

Alternates – 4

*Did not submit delegates for the 2022 MOA
House of Delegates*

2022 LIFE PROFESSIONAL INDUCTEES

Nancy J. Andrews, DO

Gary S. Assarian, DO

Nicholas W. Bartz, DO

Roland J. Brandt, DO

Scott A. Carlson, DO

Albert A. DePolo, Jr., DO

Christopher T. Doig, DO

Robert W. Dorr, DO, JD

Richard Fici, DO

William F. Finan, Jr, DO

Harold M. Friedman, DO

Pamela M. Geppert, DO

Mary G. Goldman, DO

Paul A. Goldshlack, DO

Donald L. Hillman, DO

Bruce G. Johnson, DO

Ruth R. Kamienecki, DO

Bobbe Kelley, DO

Annette C. LaCasse, DO

Bud E. Larson, DO

Louis Lessard, DO

David W. Luginbill, DO

James A. Miller, DO

Mark K. Olgaard, DO

Steven H. Perry, DO

Mark D. Sherrard, DO

Sidney Kay Simonian, DO

Alan H. Snider, DO

Robert L. Snyder, DO

Steve J. Sobasco, DO

John L. Stoker, DO

Stuart R. Stoller, DO

Cynthia Trosin, DO

Mark A. Wagner, DO

Michael S. Wayne, DO

Linda L. Welch, DO

Susan J. Williams, DO

Abstracted Minutes – May 22, 2021

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Speaker of the House, Dr. Craig Bethune, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. INVOCATION

Dr. Piccinini gave the invocation. The meeting began with a reading of the Osteopathic Pledge.

III. ROLL CALL

Dr. Craig Bethune announced the meeting had reached a quorum. It was moved, supported, and passed to accept the report of the Credentials Committee.

IV. RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved, supported, and passed to approve the Rules and Order of Business.

V. ABSTRACT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved, supported, and passed to approve the minutes of May 17, 2019.

VI. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

It was moved, supported, and passed to approve the physicians listed for ratification from May 16, 2019.

VII. NECROLOGY

Dr. Craig Magnatta read the necrology from the past year.

VIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Stephen Bell presented old business: Resolution 2020 C, Protecting a Physician Practice Rights. A motion was supported and passed to be referred back to the originator to be revised and presented at a future House of Delegates meeting. Before passing formal policy, delegates expressed interest in notifying members about NP & PA's rules, especially about narcotics.

Dr. Craig Bethune gave an overview of the nomination process for the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Delegates for this year.

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Each of the Department Chairs was given an opportunity to give an oral summary of the report. The written reports can be found, in total, online at www.domoa.org/hod-2021. Speaker Craig Bethune, DO, stated that questions could be submitted electronically on any presented material.

A. Department of Business Affairs – David Best, DO, Craig Glines, DO, Lawrence Prokop, DO & Stephen Bell, DO

B. Department of Membership – Jasper Yung, DO & Samantha MacKay-Forton-II, Student Trustee

C. Department of Education – Kevin Beyer, DO & Adam Hunt, DO

D. Department of Socio-Economics – Emily Hurst, DO & Chad Kovala, DO

E. Department of Healthcare Technology & Informatics – Andrew Adair, DO & Ursula Barghouth, DO, Intern/Resident Trustee

F. CEO & Executive Director – Kris Nicholoff, CEO/Executive Director

Staff Years of Service Awards:

- Wendy Batchelor – 10 Years
- Marc Staley – 10 Years
- Janna Ruedisale – 5 Years

X. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Ajluni read the list of recommended candidates and the positions:

- Student Doctor Trustee: Briana Cervantes-I
- Intern/Resident Trustee: Peter Habib, DO
- Trustee – At-Large Outstate Seat: Kwahaja Ikram, DO
- Trustee – Region 2, Saginaw: Adam Hunt, DO
- Trustee – Region 3, Southwestern: Kevin Beyer, DO
- Trustee – Region 1, Oakland: Jasper Yung, DO
- Speaker: Craig Bethune, DO
- Vice Speaker: Anthony Ognjan, DO
- President-Elect – Region 1, Wayne: Stephen Bell, DO

Dr. Ajluni's report was duly noted and placed on file.

XI. GUEST REPORTS

Unless otherwise noted, the following were presented as written reports, found online at www.domoa.org/hod-2021. Speaker Craig Bethune, DO, stated that questions could be submitted electronically on any presented material.

A. Council of Past Presidents – Gerald F. Robbins, DO, Chair

B. Council on Government Affairs – Craig H. Bethune, DO, Chair & Kevin McKinney, Legislative Liaison

C. MOPAC – Anthony Ognjan, DO, Chair

D. Advocates for the Michigan Osteopathic Association – Rachel Jones, President

E. Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association – Caryn Tabby, President

F. Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation – Craig Magnatta, DO, President

G. Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery – Stephen Bell, DO

Oral Guest Reports

1. Kevin McKinney, Legislative Liaison, gave an oral report on the current political landscape. He included updates on legislation that affects access to and delivery of care. Also, several of the advocacy groups MOA is a part of are actively fighting for positive vaccine change, auto-no fault insurance, and more.
2. American Osteopathic Association – Thomas Ely, DO, President & Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, FACEP
3. A report to accompany this abbreviated presentation was provided to delegates on www.domoa.org/hod-2021.
4. MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine – Andrea Amalfitano, DO, PhD, Dean

XII. REPORTS FROM REFERENCE COMMITTEES

Harold Friedman, DO, Chair, Reference Committee on Professional Affairs

Resolution 2021 A and Substitute Resolution 2020 A were reported to have been withdrawn for consideration by the author.

Resolution 2021 B was presented with amendments and recommended for approval as amended. It was moved, supported, and passed to accept the committee's recommendation and adopt this resolution.

Resolution 2021 C was recommended for approval with amendments by the committee. Several amendments to the last resolved statement were proposed and passed. It was moved, supported, and passed to accept the committee's recommendation and adopt this resolution as amended.

Resolution 2021 I was recommended for approval as written. An amendment to include "people of different faiths providing the," rather than "interfaith phrasing in the" on line 17. It was moved, supported, and passed to adopt this resolution as amended.

Emily Hurst, DO, Chair, Reference Committee on Public Affairs

Resolution 2021 D was recommended for approval with amendments from the committee. There was an amendment to add, "has the MOA Insurance Committee investigate," and "the possibility and potential (intended and unintended)" in the first resolved statement. It was moved, supported, and passed to refer this resolution to the MOA Finance Committee for cost analysis.

Resolution 2021 E was reported to have been withdrawn for consideration by the author.

Resolution 2021 F was recommended for disapproval from the committee as initially submitted. A substitute resolution was submitted and distributed to delegates to be considered in place of the original proposed policy. The Committee recommended substitute Resolution 2021 F for approval as amended by the author. Amendments to the resolution to strike, "the creation of," on line 54 and strike, "within the ACGME," on line 55 was passed. It was moved, supported, and passed to adopt this resolution as amended.

Resolution 2021 G was recommended for approval with amendments from the committee. It was moved, supported, and passed to adopt this resolution as amended.

Resolution 2021 H was recommended for disapproval by the committee. It was moved, supported, and passed to refer this resolution back to the originator.

Stephen Bell, DO, Chair, Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee convened to streamline several mechanics of the organization. They were presented page-by-page. The changes were recommended for approval by the chair. It was moved, supported, and passed to adopt these amendments as presented.

XIII. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS & MOPAC CHAIR

The following were presented as written reports, found online at www.domoa.org/hod-2021.

- A. Council of Past Presidents – Gerald F. Robbins, DO, Chair
- B. Council on Government Affairs – Craig H. Bethune, DO, Chair
- C. MOPAC – Anthony Ognjan, DO, Chair

XIV. PRESIDENTIAL EX-AUGURAL DUTIES

Jeffrey D. Postlewaite, DO, President

Dr. Postlewaite reported on his year in the presidency. Dr. Glines stated that his full report could be found in the meeting materials on www.domoa.org/hod-2021.

The report was duly noted and placed on file.

XV. AWARDS

Jeffrey D. Postlewaite, DO, announced the following awards:

- MOA Outstanding Graduating Senior Award – Rebecca Gorz, DO
- MOA Outstanding Resident of the Year Award – Nicole Jamieson, DO

30 Years of Service

Dr. Bethune recognized George J. Pramstaller, DO, for 30 years of service to the MOA House of Delegates.

Life Professional Awards

Dr. Bethune recognized the following group for their commitment to the organization and induction to Life Professional status.

Mary Alonzi, DO
Roxana Chapman, DO
Eric Coffman, DO
George Costea, DO
Mary Cracium, DO
Alan D'Augustine, DO
David DeMello, DO
Sylvia England, DO
Lawrence Evans, DO
Michael Fox, DO
Joanne Grzeszak, DO
Jeffrey Harris, DO
Joseph Hartmann, DO
Christine Karle, DO
John Kazmierski, DO
Charles Kerr, DO
M.J. Knapp, DO
Jeffrey Kommit, DO
Armen Korkigian, DO

Rita Lang, DO
Melody MacMartin, DO
Steven Marchetta, DO
Thomas Mianeki, DO
Craig Nelson, DO
James Otto, DO
C. Scott Pursley, DO
Kathleen Reinhart, DO
Susan Rice, DO
John Rosella, DO
Joseph Roth, DO
Marshall Sack, DO
John Serini, DO
Arles Stern, DO
Michael Sullivan, DO
Lawrence Ulmer, DO
Mary Jo Voelpel, DO
Richard Wandzel, DO

XVI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board of Trustee Nominations

Nominations were held for President-elect, Trustees, Speaker, Vice-Speaker, and AOA Delegates.

Electronic ballots were cast for the following Board of Trustee Nominees:

- Stephen Bell, DO for President-Elect for a one-year term of the Michigan Osteopathic Association.
- Jasper Yung, DO, for a two-year term as Region 1 Trustee (Oakland).
- Kwahaja Ikram, DO, for a two-year term as At-Large Outstate Seat Trustee (Southeastern).
- Kevin Beyer, DO, for a two-year term as Trustee (Southwestern).
- Adam Hunt, DO for a two-year term as Region 2 Trustee (Saginaw)
- Peter Habib, DO for a one-year term as Intern/Resident Trustee.
- Briana Cervantes-I, for a one-year term as Student Trustee.
- Craig Bethune, DO, for Speaker of the House for a one-year term.
- Anthony Ognjan, DO for Vice-Speaker for a one-year term.

XVII. PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE

Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO administered the Oath of Office to the new president, David Best, DO.

XVIII. OATH OF OFFICE

David Best, DO, administered the Oath of Office to the Board of Trustees.

IXX. INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David Best, DO reflected on the change seen in the past year and the challenges facing the organization. He reflected on his career and experiences that have led him to this accomplishment. Focuses during his presidency include providing excellent CME to members, getting patients back to doctor's offices, and ensuring the delivery of quality health care.

XX. AOA DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

Due to the circumstances of the House of Delegates meeting, the 2020 AOA Delegate Nominees will be elected to serve another year.

Nominations for AOA delegates were as follows: Andrew Adair, DO

Peter B. Ajluni, DO; Ursula Barghouth, DO; Stephen Bell, DO; David Best, DO; Craig Bethune, DO; Kevin Beyer, DO; Patrick Botz, DO; Ryan Christensen, DO; Harold Friedman, DO; William G. Anderson, I, DO; Craig Glines, DO; Joseph Gorz, DO; Adam Hunt, DO; Emily Hurst, DO; Mary Jo Voelpel, DO; Algirdas Juocys, DO; Everett Kalcec, DO; John Kilmer, DO; Michael Kolinski, DO; Khawaja Ikram, DO; Craig Magnatta, DO; Floyd Meachum, DO; Miles Medina, DO; John Morrison, Jr, DO; Anthony Ognjan, DO; Eugene Oliveri, DO; Shane Patterson, DO; Cassandre Perard, DO; Robert Piccinini, DO; Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO; Lawrence Prokop, DO; Myral Robbins, DO; Gerald Robbins, DO; Kathleen Rollinger, DO; John Sealey, DO; Laila Shehadeh, DO; Gregg Silberg, DO; Sally Sperbeck, DO; R Taylor Scott, DO; Adam Wolfe, DO; Bonita Wang, DO; Larry Wickless, DO; Bruce Wolf, DO; Jasper Yung, DO

XXI. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Best, DO

Secretary

NECROLOGY

Chris N. Bakris, DO - April 6, 2021

Howard D. Proctor, DO - July 7, 2021

George G. Carothers, DO - August 9, 2021

Joseph J. Richert, DO - July 3, 2021

Robert Casmer Cyman, DO - February 7, 2022

Jagneswar Saha, DO - August 31, 2021

Charles H. Franckowiak, DO - September 4, 2021

John T. Senko, DO - February 3, 2021

Victor C. Gordon, DO - March 12, 2022

Ronald Wadle, DO - June 22, 2021

Richard B. Omel, DO - August 26, 2021

Justyna Wittstock, DO - November 21, 2021

Michael M. Patterson, PhD – March 11, 2022

Ralph E. Younkin, DO - January 16, 2021

(Contributor to the osteopathic profession)

PROPOSED AOA DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. **January 7** - MOA staff announces the opening of AOA H of D nominations to the Component Presidents and sends nomination forms. With that announcement, the component presidents will be provided with contact information for the component society presidents, and the MOA Board members by region. Before the due date of February 18, the MOA staff will reach out to the component presidents with reminders requesting their nominee list and work through the MOA Board members as needed, depending on local circumstances. The target is at least 70% of AOA allotted seats, given that 50% minus one are elected by the House.

NOTE: The Nomination form should state AOA H of D meeting date, note membership requirement of MOA and AOA by nominee, and request the nominee's commitment to attend and participate whether the AOA H of D is held virtually or face-to-face.

2. **February 18** - Components must complete and return their nomination form no later than February 18. Before February 18, MOA staff will follow-up with component presidents, and MOA Board members, if necessary, to attain goal numbers.
3. **March 1** - As names are received by MOA from components, staff will compile the lists in ballot format, to be completed by March 1. Staff will also route the list to MOA Board members.
4. **March 7** - MOA will send the list of nominees, sorted by component, in ballot format to the component society presidents and MOA Board members, including contact info for each nominee by March 7.

5. **March 7** - A list of the component presidents and their contact information, as well as the MOA Board members by region and their contact information, will be included with the list of nominees being sent to the components and the MOA board members. The components may then contact each other to work out their votes if they wish to do so.
6. **April 4** - The component president or MOA Board member must return the ballots to the MOA for tally by April 4., including alternates (if applicable).
7. **April 15** - MOA staff will send the final list of the elected delegates, and the remaining nominees as alternates, to the Component Presidents and MOA board members by April 15.
8. **April 20** - Once the final list is compiled, the MOA staff will create a slide for projection at the MOA H of D listing the Delegates by April 20.
9. **April 30** - The slide created by the MOA staff will be projected at the appropriate time during the MOA HOD being held on April 30.

***All dates noted are for 2022 and will be adjusted each year.**

IMPORTANT LICENSING UPDATE

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3-year renewal cycle

150 hours, minimum of 60 hours must be Category 1 of which 40 hours must be AOA approved.

Requirements:

- Medical Ethics: 1 hour
- Human Trafficking: One-time training
- Implicit Bias Training: 3 hours (as of June 1, 2022)
- Pain and Symptom Management: 3 hours
- Opioid and Controlled Substances Awareness: One-time training

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2022 MOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2022-A

SUBJECT: Credit for Attendance of Association Meetings

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Swetech, DO, FACOFP

REFERRED TO: Professional Affairs Reference Committee

RECCOMENDATION: Approve as re-written/ amended

ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:

1 ~~Whereas, attendance in professional meetings and hospital services are needed for proper~~
2 ~~functioning and recruitment and member attendance is difficult; and~~

3
4 ~~Whereas, the American Osteopathic Association is said to have given notice that credit can be given~~
5 ~~for needed or required meetings; therefore be it~~

6
7 ~~Resolved, that the Macomb County Osteopathic Medical Association, Michigan Osteopathic~~
8 ~~Association, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians, American College of~~
9 ~~Osteopathic Family Physicians, etc. give credit for individuals performing needed functions to~~
10 ~~individuals volunteering their time to such professional organizations.~~

11
12 **WHEREAS, OSTEOPATHIC PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND HOSPITAL STAFF, DEPARTMENTAL**
13 **AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE NECESSARY FOR PROPER ENTITY FUNCTIONING; AND**

14
15 **WHEREAS, ORGANIZATIONAL RECRUITMENT AND MEMBER ATTENDANCE IS OFTEN CHALLENGING;**
16 **AND**

17
18 **WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION (AOA) IS CONSIDERING THE GRANTING OF**
19 **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDIT FOR ATTENDING PROFESSIONAL OR HOSPITAL**
20 **MEETINGS; THEREFORE BE IT**

21
22 **RESOLVED, THAT THE MICHIGAN OSTEOPATHIC COMPONENT AND SPECIALTY ASSOCIATIONS**
23 **THROUGH THE MICHIGAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION (MOA), AS WELL AS THE MOA ITSELF,**
24 **CONSIDER ISSUING CME CREDIT FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE AS WELL AS FOR OTHER**
25 **PROFESSIONAL OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BOARD OR**
26 **COMMITTEE SERVICE, PENDING A FINAL APPROVAL BY THE AOA TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANTING OF**
27 **CME CREDIT FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES.**

COMMENT FROM DR. ROBERT PICCININI, AOA TRUSTEE: Jeff Fraler, AOA AVP of Education and CME, association and departmental meetings will not and do not meet requirements for CME. Therefore, MOA Resolution 2022-A should not go through. This was consistent in both the 2019-21 and 22-24 cycles.

RESOLUTION 2022-B

SUBJECT: Medical Provider Protection for Alternate Non-Prevailing Medical Opinion

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Swetech, DO, FACOFP

REFERRED TO: Professional Affairs Reference Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as amended

ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:

1 **Whereas**, medical providers, ~~including Osteopathic Physicians~~, are well educated and familiar
2 with medical ~~knowledge~~ INFORMATION, some of which may appear ~~in~~ conflictING; and
3

4 **Whereas**, the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) is an organization ~~delivering~~ WHOSE
5 MISSION INCLUDES supportING ~~to~~ Michigan's Osteopathic Physicians IN THEIR CLINICAL
6 PRACTICE; and
7

8 **Whereas**, Osteopathic Physicians are taught to be objective ~~to~~ IN EVALUATING voluminous
9 medical data; and
10

11 ~~Whereas, the MOA's role as a physician support organization must support non-prevailing~~
12 ~~opposing views; and~~
13

14 **Whereas**, alternative ~~views~~ INTERPRETATIONS OF MEDICAL INFORMATION by medical
15 professionals have always been considered, ~~normal~~ SINCE ONE APPROACH MAY NOT FIT ALL
16 SITUATIONS ~~(one size never fits all)~~, and
17

18 ~~Whereas, the label of "misinformation" should be dismissed for reasonable nonlethal~~
19 ~~alternative medical options, which have the potential to become the prevailing appropriate~~
20 ~~medical management; and~~
21

22 **Whereas,** ~~recall that~~ Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO's Osteopathic philosophy was criticized as
23 radical and ~~would~~ MAY have been considered "misinformation," later to be accepted as
24 mainstay medical management; therefore be it

25
26 **Resolved,** that the MOA ~~must~~ support a tenet that alternate medical management **OPTIONS**
27 ~~must~~ SHOULD not be **AUTOMATICALLY** dismissed as "misinformation," **PROVIDED THAT NO**
28 **HARM TO THE PATIENT OCCURRED**; and be it further

29
30 **Resolved,** that Osteopathic Physicians being accused of proposing misinformation, be
31 ~~protected from being financially, reputationally, and academically, penalized by organizations~~
32 ~~and employers popularly labeled as "cancel culture":~~ GIVEN DUE PROCESS IN ORDER TO
33 PRESENT OBJECTIVE, EVIDENCE-BASED DATA WHICH SUPPORT THE CLINICAL PRACTICES AND
34 DECISIONS BEING CHALLENGED AS "MISINFORMATION"; and be it further

35
36 **Resolved,** that the MOA forward this resolution ~~properly formatted~~ to the American
37 Osteopathic Association (AOA) for national consideration and adoption.

38
39 **Epilog-FOOTNOTE:** Examples of treatments deemed favorable after medical scrutiny **INCLUDE**
40 **BUT** are not limited to: *H. pylori* ~~association with~~ **RELATIONSHIP TO** gastrointestinal dysfunction,
41 **VITAMIN** B-12 usage ~~replacing~~ **AS AN OPTION TO** folic acid for treatment of pernicious anemia;
42 respirator limitations in Covid related lung disease; OMT implementation for musculo-skeletal
43 Osteopathic lesions; ~~and more.~~

44
45 **Caveat:** ~~be cautious in dismissing treatments which may be beneficial in the treatment of your~~
46 ~~patients, family, or self.~~

RESOLUTION 2022-C

SUBJECT: Reducing the Waiting Period for Credentialing, Recredentialing and Enrollment of Health Care Professionals by Health Plans

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Joe Gorz, DO and Al Juocys, DO/ Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association

REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

RECCOMENDATION: Approve as amended

ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:

1 **Whereas**, credentialing and privileging are essential for healthcare quality, safety, and risk
2 management; **AND**,

3
4 **Whereas**, credentialing is required for all licensed individual health care professionals to
5 participate with health insurance companies; **AND**,

6
7 **Whereas**, physician credentialing, the process of evaluating the qualifications and practice
8 history of a physician, can sometimes take as long as 120 days, **SUBSEQUENTLY** sidelining
9 physicians and creating barriers to patient care; **AND**,

10
11 **Whereas**, delays in the credentialing process add administrative costs that are especially
12 damaging to physicians in rural communities and those who have recently completed graduate
13 medical education programs; **AND**,

14
15 **Whereas**, the credentialing process is prone to human error, which in turn results in missing
16 data and delayed delivery of information, which then ultimately leads to delays in patient care;
17 **AND**,

18
19 **Whereas**, the credentialing process is time-consuming, costly, dangerous, and often inaccurate
20 **WITH** 85 percent of applications ~~are~~ missing critical information that is required for processing;
21 **AND THEREFORE BE IT**,

22
23 ~~**Whereas**, medical practices spend, on average, \$7,000 for each provider's credentialing~~
24 ~~application, plus 20 hours of administrative time;~~

25
26 ~~**Whereas**, until physicians are credentialed, claims for the services they provide may go unpaid;~~
27

~~Whereas, real-time primary-sourced data can be centralized and automated, making provider verification easier, quicker, more accurate, and protected; and therefore be it~~

RESOLVED, THAT THE MICHIGAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION (MOA) ADVOCATE FOR TRANSPARENT, UNBURDEN SOME AND COST EFFECTIVE CREDENTIALING PROCESSES, PARTICULARLY FOR INDEPENDENT PHYSICIANS, AND BE IT FURTHER,

Resolved, that the ~~Michigan Osteopathic Association~~ MOA request legislation be introduced BY THE MOA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, requiring the reduction of the length of time required for credentialing, re-credentialing and enrollment by any health plan to 90, days when a clean provider application is submitted to the health plan, AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, THE MOA FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION (AOA) FOR NATIONAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS WITH THE APPROPRIATE EDITS AND CORRECTIONS NECESSARY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE AOA.

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RESOLUTION 2022-D

SUBJECT: Unreasonable Evaluation and Management

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Swetech, DO, FACOFP

REFERRED TO: Professional Affairs Reference Committee

RECCOMENDATION: Disapprove as written

ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:

1 **Whereas**, rising costs in all sectors of the economy, including health-care, resulting in an
2 attempt to reduce costs; and

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4 **Whereas**, third party payers have approached companies whose sole purpose is to influence
5 physicians to reduce costly care under the guise of health improvement; and

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7 **Whereas**, studies have indicated that cost reduction has not improved health care metrics; and

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9 **Whereas**, cost care reduction companies, such as Change Healthcare inform third party payer
10 providers with conflicting messages, including providers one month have too many 99214 billed
11 visits, and later report the provider billed too many 99213 visits;

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13 **Whereas**, even a provider's modifier 25 billing codes are scrutinized, despite the complex
14 nature of primary care; therefore, be it

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16 **Resolved**, that the MOA alert the third-party payers, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan,
17 that the cost reduction corporations, such as Change Healthcare, are just causing uneasiness
18 with providers, tethering on harassment and not improving the health outcomes necessary in
19 health care; and be it further

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21 **Resolved**, that the MOA alert third party payers those threatening providers in an adversarial
22 posture is unreasonable and improper not improving required health care metrics.

NOTES FROM REFERENCE COMMITTEE: this resolution contains MULTIPLE statements without any references to evidence to support these statements. The MOA cannot take a stand without showing systematic issue or evidence of malfeasance.

RESOLUTION 2022-E

SUBJECT: Reduce CME Yearly Credits

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Stephen Swetech, DO, FACOFP

REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

RECCOMENDATION: Disapprove as written

ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:

1 **Whereas,** Michigan Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements is 150 for 3 years; and

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3 **Whereas,** Michigan and Pennsylvania have the highest requirements which are financially
4 negative impact; therefore be it

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6 **Resolved,** the State of Michigan, Michigan Osteopathic Association and the American
7 Osteopathic Association request a reduction in requirements.

NOTES FROM REFERENCE COMMITTEE: The topic and concept are timely and important, but the content of the resolution requires additional substance and clarification with an ask to be presented to the MOA and/or AOA. The Committee recommends the resolution give a number they feel is appropriate and then have one third or half of those be AOA approved credits or no separation in the type they are to take into account the new amalgamation of post graduate training.

Additional references may be made/ considered including the following:
<https://www.medscape.org/public/staterequirements>

2022 AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES INFORMATION

Delegates selected to represent Michigan will be announced at the MOA HOD on April 30th.

- **SCHEDULE:** The AOA Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for the week of July 11, 2022.
 - MOA Caucus meetings are scheduled for Thursday, July 14 from 1:30 – 5 p.m., and Friday, Saturday & Sunday mornings before each day's sessions.

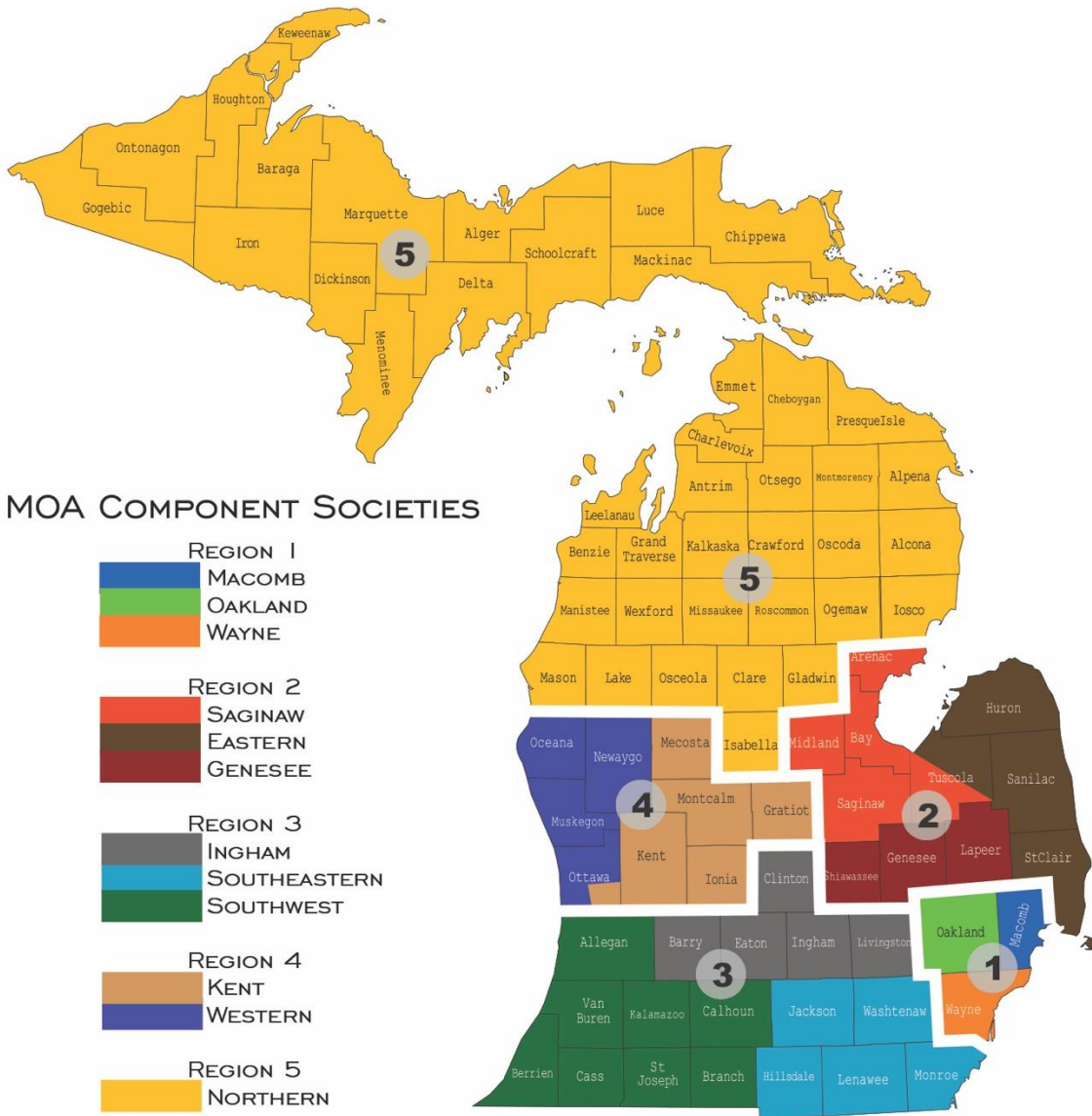
Delegates elected to serve should be available for all meeting dates above.

- **RESOLUTION ASSIGNMENTS:** Each delegate will be assigned a handful of resolutions to review and present at MOA Caucus meetings
 - Once assigned, you will receive a resolution summary form to be completed and returned to MOA staff in advance.

MOA delegate information as well as hotel and registration information will be sent to delegates soon. Please check your email for important updates. *MOA staff is not responsible for registering delegates or making hotel reservations.*

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Gregg Silberg, DO, Macomb County Osteopathic Medical Association
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