

Michigan Osteopathic Association













HOUSE OF DELEGATES & RESOLUTIONS BOOK April 29, 2023

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;

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RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

The House of Delegates shall convene on Saturday, April 29, 2023. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 9:00 am to the projected adjournment of 3:00 pm.

DELAGATE 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.

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Stephen Bell, DO, Chair, President
Craig Bethune, DO, Speaker of the
House*
David Best, Past President
Craig Glines, DO, 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, Easterm Roger Morris, DO, Kent

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, Wayne

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

SERGENT-AT-ARMS

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

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.
- 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.

MICHIGAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Saturday, April 29, 2023 • 9 am − 3 pm

Online access to Resolutions, Reports & other meeting materials: (www.domoa.org/hod2023) 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 – Emily Hurst, DO

- 1) Call to Order Speaker of the House
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Invocation Bruce Wolf, DO
 - Osteopathic Pledge Ernest R. Gelb, 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 (pages 15-16)
 - Ratification of New Members
 - Necrology Robert Piccinini, DO
 - Old Business Emily Hurst, DO
- 6) AOA Delegate Nominations Announced AOA House of Delegates meeting In-person July 20-23, 2023 Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile (Delegate information on page 27)
- 7) Written Reports from Officers and Trustees (www.domoa.org/hod-2023)
 - A) Department of Business Affairs Andrew Adair, DO, David Best, DO, Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO, Emily Hurst, DO
 - B) Department of Membership Kevin Beyer, DO & Laila Shehadeh, DO
 - C) Department of Education Chad Kovala, DO & Rebecca Gorz, DO, Intern/Resident Trustee
 - D) Department of Socio Economics Jasper Yung, DO, & Elizabeth Cowdin, Student Trustee
 - E) Department of Healthcare Technology & Informatics Adam Hunt, DO & Khawaja Ikram, DO
 - F) CEO & Executive Director Kris Nicholoff, CEO/ Executive Director
- 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/hod2023)
 - A) Council of Government Affairs Craig H. Bethune, DO, Chair & Kevin McKinney
 - B) Council of Past Presidents Gerald F. Robbins, DO, Chair
 - C) MOPAC Anthony Ognjan, DO, Chair
 - D) Advocates for the Michigan Osteopathic Association Lauren Stremers, President
 - E) Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation Robert Snyder, DO, President
 - F) Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Stephen Bell, DO

10) Oral Guest Reports

- A) American Osteopathic Association Ernest R. Gelb, DO, President & Interim AOA Executive Director, Kathleen Creason
- B) MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Andrea Amalfitano, DO, Ph.D., DABMGG, Dean

11) Special Order of Business

A) Proposed Merger of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb County Osteopathic Medical Associations

12) Reports of Reference Committees - Resolutions

- A) Professional Affairs Harold Friedman, DO, Chair
 - Resolution 2023-A and Resolution 2023-B (pages 19-21)
- B) Public Affairs Emily Hurst, DO, Chair
 - Resolution 2023-C and Resolution 2023-D (pages 22-26)

13) Presidential Ex-Augural Comments – Stephen Bell, DO

A) MOA Outstanding Resident of the Year Award – Emmanuel Dimitri Tito, DO

14) Awards and Recognition – Craig Bethune, DO, Speaker of the House

- A) Life Professionals (page 16)
- B) Lynette Goldberger, 40 Years of Service, Saginaw Valley Osteopathic Society

15) Election of Trustees & Officers

- 16) Oath of Office & Incoming President's Message
- 17) New Business
- 18) Adjournment Sine Die



Region 1 Presidents

Gregg Silberg, DO, Macomb County Osteopathic Medical Association

Daniel Tobes, DO – Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association

Stephen Bell, DO – Wayne County Osteopathic Medical Association

Region 2 Presidents

Jonathan Horbal, DO – Saginaw Valley Osteopathic Society

Olan Dombroske, DO – Eastern Osteopathic Society Bonita Wang, DO – Genesee County Osteopathic Society

Region 3 Presidents

Carol Monson, DO – Ingham Osteopathic Association

Khawaja Ikram, DO – Southeastern Michigan Osteopathic Association

Kevin Beyer, DO – Southwest Michigan Osteopathic Association

Region 4 Presidents

Adam Wolfe, DO – Kent County Osteopathic Association

Nicholas Beechnau, DO – Western Michigan Osteopathic Association

Region 5 President

Keith Wright, DO – Northern Michigan Osteopathic Association

2023 Delegates & Alternates Listing

REGION 1

MACOMB

Delegates - 24/Alternates - 24

Sami Abdelaziz, OMS Andrew Adair, DO, AAAFP,

FACOFP

Peter Ajluni, DO Ursula Barghouth, DO

James Clinton, DO

Lori Dillard, DO

John Floreno, DO

Pamela Georgeson, DO

Chad Kovala, DO

Alyssa Lewandowski, DO

Jared Lutsic, OMS

Anthony Ognjan, DO, FACP

Jerry Oommen, DO

Michael S. Patterson, DO

Gladstone Payton, DO

Robert Piccinini, DO, dFACN

Kathleen Rollinger, DO Jaroslaw Sawka, DO

Laila Shehadeh, DO

Gregg Silberg, DO, MBA, RPh

Barbara Yakes, DO, MOH, FACOEM

OAKLAND

Delegates - 50/Alternates - 50

Olivia Baylis, OMS Andrew Berry, DO

Daniel Bonbrisco, DO Matthew Chmielewski, OMS

Mary Goldman, DO Joseph Gorz, DO

Glenn Gradis, DO

Emily Hurst, DO, FACOI Algirdas Juocys, DO

James Lawson, DO, FACOI William McDevitt, DO Creagh Milford, DO

Eugene Oliveri, DO, MACOI, FACG

Andrew Scales, DO Daniel Tobes, DO

Mary Jo Voelpel, DO, FACOI Larry Wickless, DO, MACOI Bruce Wolf, DO, FAOCR

Jasper Yung, DO

WAYNE

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

Robert Orr, DO

George Sawabini, DO, FACOFP

Earle Spohn, DO
Dennis Treece, DO
Malcolm Williamson, DO

Rachel Young, DO Gary Zamanigian, DO

REGION 2

EASTERN

Delegates - 3/Alternates - 3

Cheryl Canfield, DO Edward Canfield, DO

GENESEE

Delegates - 11/Alternates - 11

Diraj Bedi, DO Timothy Piontkowski, DO

Bonita Wang, DO

SAGINAW

Delegates - 5/Alternates - 5

Patrick Botz, DO Everett Kalcec, DO Adam Hunt, DO, MHS Thomas Olen, DO

Robert Snyder, DO

SAGINAW Alternates

Mary Lynn Arvanitis, DO Eliszabeth Pionk, DO Marilyn Staines, DO

Jonathan Horbal, DO, FACOI Sally Jo Sperbeck, DO, PhD

REGION 3

INGHAM

Delegates - 20/Alternates - 20

Andrea Amalfitano, DO, PhD Lawrence Prokop, DO, FAAPM&R, R Taylor Scott, DO

FAOCPMR-D, FAOASM

Shirin Doshi, DO Amanda Roath, DO Rosemarie Tolson, DO Carol Monson, DO Gary Roth, DO LaKeeya Tucker, DO

Clarence Nicodemus, DO

SOUTHEASTERN

Delegates - 6/Alternate - 6

Keith Barbour, DO Khawaja Ikram, DO

SOUTHWEST

Delegates - 8/Alternates - 8

Joanne Baker, DO, FACOI, Larry Mann, DO Myral Robbins, DO, FAAFP, FACOFP

FHM, FAODME

Kevin Beyer, DO Gerald Robbins, DO, FACN William Workman, DO

Eric Born, DO

Alternates

Jason Beckrow, DO David Brown, DO Lawrence Ulmer, DO

Joel Bez, DO Stephen Fedele, DO

REGION 4

KENT

Delegates - 20/Alternates - 20

Craig Bethune, DO Edward Lee, DO, MPH William Sanders, DO
Norman Keller, DO Jeffrey Postlewaite, DO Adam Wolfe, DO

WESTERN

Delegates - 4/Alternates - 4

Did not submit delegates for the 2023 MOA House of Delegates

REGION 5

NORTHERN

Delegates - 14/Alternates - 14

Kurt Anderson, DO Timothy Ismond, DO George Pramstaller, DO
David Best, DO Nathan March, DO Lynn Squanda-Murphy, DO

INTERN-RESIDENTS

Delegates - 7/Alternate 4Hannah Howarth, OMSEmmet Smith, DORebecca Gorz, DOAnmol Pardal, OMSSyed Rizvi, OMS

Peter Habib, DO, Chair Urja Parikh, OMS

Abstracted Minutes – April 30, 2022 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. Emily Hurst gave the invocation. The meeting began with a reading of the Osteopathic Pledge by Joseph Giaimo, DO, AOA President.

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 22, 2021.

VI. RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

It was moved, supported, and passed to approve the physicians listed for ratification.

VII. NECROLOGY

Dr. Bruce Wolf read the necrology from the past year.

VIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Andrew Adair reported that there was no old business to share.

Dr. Craig Bethune gave an overview of the new nomination and voting process for the selection of delegates representing Michigan at the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Delegates as follows.

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

It was moved, supported and passed to accept the proposed selection process.

Elected AOA delegates were announced as follows:

Mary Lynn Arvanitis, DO Ursula Barghouth, DO, Lawrence Prokop, DO, Daniel Bonbrisco, DO, Myral Robbins, DO, Patrick Botz, DO, Kathleen Rollinger, DO, Ryan Christensen, DO, Laila Shehadeh, DO, Harold Friedman, DO, Gregg Silberg, DO, Joe Gorz, DO, Sally Jo Sperbeck, DO, Everett Kelcec, DO, Daniel Tobes, DO, Ronald Lutsic, DO, Mary Jo Voelpel, DO, Craig Magnatta, DO, Bonita Wang, DO, Denise Nguyen, DO, Gary Willyerd, DO, Shane Patterson, DO, Adam Wolfe, DO

IX. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Each of the Department Chairs were given an opportunity to submit a report. The written reports can be found, in total, online at www.domoa.org/hod2022. Speaker Craig Bethune, DO, stated that questions could be submitted electronically on any presented material.

- 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, DO, Intern/Resident Trustee
- C. Department of Education Jasper Yung, DO & Briana Cervantes, OMS, Student Trustee
- D. Department of Socio-Economics Adam Hunt, DO & Kevin Beyer, 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:

- Melissa Budd 15 Years
- Terry Trombley 10 Years

X. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

- Student Doctor Trustee: Elizabeth Cowdin, OMS

- Intern/Resident Trustee: Rebecca Gorz, DO
- Trustee Region 1, Wayne: Laila Shehadeh, DO
- Trustee Region 1, Oakland: Emily Hurst, DO
- Trustee Region 1, At Large Tri-County At Large, Chad Kovala, DO
- Speaker: Craig Bethune, DO
- Vice Speaker: Anthony Ognjan, DO
- President-Elect Region 1, Macomb: Andrew Adair, DO

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

XI. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS, MOPAC & GUESTS

Unless otherwise noted, the following were presented as written reports, found online at www.domoa.org/hod2022. 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 recorded report
- C. MOPAC Anthony Ognjan, DO, Chair
- D. Advocates for the Michigan Osteopathic Association
- E. Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association
- 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, submitted a pre-recorded 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 Joseph Giaimo, DO, President & Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, FACEP
- 3. 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 2022 A was presented with several amendments and recommended for approval as amended. It was moved, supported and disapproved. This resolution did not pass.

Resolution 2022 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 2022 D** was recommended for disapproval by the committee. It was moved, supported, and passed to refer this resolution back to the author.

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

Resolution 2022 C was presented with amendments and recommended for approval as amended. It was moved, supported, and passed to further amend the resolution in lines 32-37. It was moved, supported, and passed to adopt this resolution as amended.

Resolution 2022 E was recommended for disapproval by the committee. It was moved, supported, and passed to refer this resolution back to the author.

The MOA website will post all final resolutions and their results in a timely fashion.

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

David Best. DO. President

Dr. Best reported on his year in the presidency. Dr. Best stated that his full report could be found in the meeting materials on www.domoa.org/hod2022.

The report was duly noted and placed on file.

XV. AWARDS

David Best, DO, announced the following awards:

- MOA Outstanding Graduating Senior Award to be announced at the MSUCOM awards celebration
- MOA Outstanding Resident of the Year Award Zeinab Bazzi, DO

30 Years of Service

Dr. Bethune recognized Robert Dickason, DO and Lawrence Ulmer, 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.

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

XVI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board of Trustee Nominations

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

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

- Elizabeth Cowdin, OMS, for a one-year term as Student Trustee
- Rebecca Gorz, DO, for a one-year term as Intern/Resident Trustee
- Laila Shehadeh, DO, for a two-year term as Region 1 Trustee (Wayne)
- Emily Hurst, DO, for a two-year term as Region 1 Trustee (Oakland)
- Chad Kovala, do, for a two-year term as At Large Tri-County Seat 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
- Andrew Adair, DO as President-Elect for a one-year term

XVII. PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE

David Best, DO administered the Oath of Office to the new president, Stephen Bell, DO.

XVIII. OATH OF OFFICE

Stephen Bell, DO, administered the Oath of Office to the Board of Trustees.

IXX. INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stephen Bell, DO reflected on the changes seen over the past couple of years and the challenges the MOA faces. He reflected on his career and experiences that have led him to this accomplishment. Focuses during his presidency include providing excellent CME and other educational opportunities to members, continuing advocating safe opioid use, and ensuring the delivery of quality health care.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm. Respectfully submitted Andrew Adair, DO Secretary

RATIFICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alexis Buffington, DO James Aldridge III, DO Nabeel Shahzad, DO, MS

Alison Bracken, DO James Bolan, DO Nicole DiGiannantonio, DO

Priscilla Thomas, DO

Alycia Cucka, DO MPH Jared Hicken, DO Peter Boules, DO

Aria Trager Jenette Haerptyan, DO Rinko Grewal, DO

Jeffrey Sarazin

Amanda Westman, DO

Audrey Ryckman Adkins, DO Jenna Seeley, DO Roman Permyakov, DO

Brandon Szydzik Jennifer Giesige , DO Rosemarie Walch, DO

Brett Pelowski, DO Jonathan Golliher, DO Ryan Antonawich, DO

Brette Smith, DO, MS Jordan Christopher, DO Ryan Korpal, DO
Brian Fiani, DO Kaye Littell, DO Sabit Ejub, DO

Caleb Lindstrom, DO Kyle Moehlin, DO Sameera Mahimkar

Christopher Davis, DO Kyra Goeller Sarah El Mouatassim Bih, DO

Daravatey Pell, DPM Lauren Kapushion Sarah Moore, DO

Darius Amos Lissie Arndt, DO, PhD Sean Frampton, DO

Deena Wise, DO Macie Bingham, DO Selena Cholak, BS, DO

Elizabeth Ping, DO Madison Brown, DO Shahrzad Ghazanfar-Torabi, MD

Elliot Ensink Mahathi Mudigonda, DO Shannon Graley, DO

Emily Cleary Maria Rollinger Sophia Bruno, DO

Emily Ubbens Michael Freedman, DO Stephanie Ellwood, DO

Eric Nelson, DO Misha Brown Swathi Sampath

Geil Schock Mohamed Hamood, MD Tanner Bennett, DO
Gus Barkett, DO, FACOOG Mohammad Ibrahim, DO Tyler McGinnis, DO

Hans Bruntmyer, DO, MPH Mohammad Irtaza Fiaz, DO Umberto Donato, MD

Horace Haynes Jr., DO Monica Gentchev, DO, MPH Zachary Timmerman, DO

Jacob Hague, DO Moriah Maunu Zahra Jiwani

NECROLOGY

David J. Alvarez, DO
Robert E. Bakeman, DO
Joel Beltran, DO
Clifford M. Buchman, DO
Dorothy E. Carnegie, DO – MOA Past
President, 1971-72
Raymond F. Gadowski, DO
Byron P. Georgeson, DO
George W. Gibson, DO
John Kilgore, DO
Lawrence "Larry" Lafond, DO
Sander Lipman, DO

Anthony Malcoun, DO
Anthony B. Michaels, DO
John H. Morrison, DO
David Presley, DO
Larry H. Reid, DO
Daher B. Rahi, DO - MOA Past
President, 1977-78
Laura Anne Tinning Reister, DO
Leon Sherburn, DO
Janice K. Shimoda, DO
William Q. Taylor, DO
John Wolfe, DO

2023 LIFE PROFESSIONAL INDUCTEES

Ellen K. Athens, DO Paul A. Benson, DO Kenneth A. Borenitsch, DO Barry D. Bronstein, DO Bradley J. Clegg, DO Andrew J. Colman, DO Robert M. Currier, DO Stephen C. Dalm, DO Dennis W. Dobritt, DO John P. Dohm, DO Olan C. Dombroske, DO Paul R. Ehrmann, DO Marcel R. Elanjian, DO Mary C. Ferris, DO Margaret J. Hepke, DO Kenyon S. Kendall, DO Leslie G. Lafer, DO James M. Larkin, DO Kenneth H. Markiewicz, DO David M. McCance, DO William J. McDevitt, DO

James R. McDonnell, DO Wendy E. Page-Echols, DO William H. Page-Echols, DO Douglas G. Paulk, DO Donald H. Robbins, DO William M. Ruby, DO Ronald J. Sherman, DO John Slaim, DO Michael K. Smith, DO Jeffrey S. Stern, DO Victoria A. Swegles, DO David Tattan, DO Cristina L. Torres, DO Eugene W. Tryciecky, DO Victor Ubom, DO Harold C. Wakefield, DO Mark Warner, DO Frank D. Winters, DO Kenneth J. Wolok, DO Howard M. Wright, DO

IMPORTANT LICENSING UPDATE

MI LARA Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery Requirements

License Cycle: 3-year

CME Required: 150 hours – a minimum of 60 hours must be Category 1 and 40 hours must be

AOA approved.

Requirements:

- Pain and Symptom Management: a minimum of 3 hours. At least 1 of the 3 hours must include controlled substances prescribing.
- Opioid and Controlled Substances Awareness: One-time training.
- **Medical Ethics:** a minimum of 1 hour is required for all renewal cycles that began on or after 04/26/21.
- Implicit Bias Training: for initial renewals completed after June 1, 2021, completion of one hour of implicit bias training is required for each year of licensure since June 1, 2021. If renewing prior to June 1, 2022 implicit bias training is not required for that renewal. Once the initial renewal is completed, then 1 hour of implicit bias training will be required for each year of the current license cycle going forward. Training must be completed for each renewal cycle prior to the renewal being completed.
- **Human Trafficking:** one-time training beginning with the 2017 renewal cycle and for initial licensure beginning December 20, 2021.

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2023 MOPAC Challenge – The MOA encourages all MOA HOD delegates to contribute to the PAC with a goal of 100% participation. Visit www.domoa.org/mopac to donate today!

2023 MOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2023-A

SUBJECT: Provision of on-site Childcare Services at MOA Annual Conventions

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: MOA Council of Interns and Residents, Women of Excellence

REFERRED TO: Professional Affairs Reference Committee

RECCOMENDATION: Approve as Amended

ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:

WHEREAS, in the State of Michigan, Dos requires 150 hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits per licensure cycle and that no one is exempt from this requirement are REQUIRED FOR ALL DOS TO MAINTAIN ACTIVE LICENSURE WITHOUT EXCEPTION; and

WHEREAS, arranging for off-site childcare services places MAY PLACE a financial and logistical burden on physicians and their families when completing their 150 CME credits, which may COULD limit the number of events physicians attend and/OR overall participation at conferences IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE 150 HOURS REQUIREMENT; and

WHEREAS, 50% A VERY SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE of incoming medical students are female, the provision of childcare COULD supports BOTH increased membership and participation IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS from BY female medical students, residents, fellows, and attendings; and

WHEREAS, on average, female physicians OFTEN bear a larger proportion of domestic responsibilities, including childcare, which MAY constitutes an unequal limitation to their participation in conferences, ultimately creatEing a barrier to their career development and promotion; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

WHEREAS, lack of on site childcare services, may limit the diversity of attendees and the diversity of the content presented at the conferences; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE Michigan Osteopathic Association convene a task force to investigate benefits of providing on-site childcare services at the Annual MOA Spring and Autumn Conventions and present their findings to the House of Delegates in 2024; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association asks the financial committee to investigate the potential financial impact of providing childcare services at the annual Spring and Autumn Conventions and present their findings at the House of Delegates in 2024.

RESOLUTION 2023-B

SUBJECT: Reducing Burdens in the Utilization of Step Therapy **SUBMITTED TO:** Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates **SUBMITTED BY:** Council of Interns and Residents **REFERRED TO:** Professional Affairs Reference Committee **RECOMMENDATION:** Approve as Amended **ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:** WHEREAS, Step therapy is a process by which medical insurers (private or public) provide coverage for MORE EXPENSIVE medications that are more expensive, only after the cheaper LESS EXPENSIVE medications have been prescribed first, even if the LOWER COST medications may be less effective in the management of the disease MEDICAL condition; and WHEREAS, By the time the patient has exhausted treatments as dictated by the step therapy, patients may further THEIR MEDICAL CONDITION COULD clinically deteriorate WORSEN AS WELL AS SUFFERING ADVERSE SYMPTOMS AS A CONSEQUENCE and suffer from a greater disease burden; and WHEREAS, lack of flexibility and difficulty IN obtaining exceptions by physicians to the step therapy dedicated regimen, may ultimately increase health care costs; and WHEREAS, Insurance-mandated step therapy as a general practice may IS LIKELY TO impede access to **NEWER**, innovative therapies; and WHEREAS, while utilization management like step therapy defines access for patients, it OFTEN does not keep pace with clinical guidelines*; and WHEREAS, Michigan is one of the few states in the United States that does not have clarity around the exceptions process, and provides no timeline for submission and approval of exception requests to the step therapy mandated regimen; now, therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the MOA provides resources to its members regarding the current framework for the step therapy exemption process; and, be it further RESOLVED, that the MOA advocates to the American Osteopathic Association to work with relevant stakeholders to ensure step therapy protocols are based on medical criteria and clinical guidelines

developed by independent experts, AND, BE IT FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that the MOA advocates to the American Osteopathic Association to work with relevant stakeholders to streamline the exemption process FOR patients TO MOVE from step therapy.

LEAD AUTHORS: Anmol Pardal, OMS II; Syed Rizvi, OMS II

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Step therapy is used by numerous public and private insurers in the state of Michigan. While step therapy has been implemented with the goal of reducing health care costs, there are disease states in which step therapy may inadvertently increase health care costs. In particular, step therapy does not do well of IN THE TREATMENT OF rare diseases and other medical conditions where new, more effective therapies are produced. For example, when an individual changes insurance plans, they may be required to go off a successful treatment and take a less effective medicine. For rare disease patients, the use of step therapy protocols is particularly concerning, as it can take years to find a diagnosis and a treatment that works. Hence, we are advocating for an exception process to be advocated for at a state level so that clinicians may prescribe treatments outside of the regimen mandated by the step therapy.

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*Researchers at Tufts Medical Center recently found that step therapy was applied to 38.9% of drug coverage decisions, and more than half (55.6%) of those decisions required more steps than the clinical guidelines for diseases like multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, or chronic migraines.

RESOLUTION 2023-C

SUBJECT: Improving Discharge Outcomes for Patients Experiencing Homelessness

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

SUBMITTED BY: Council of Interns and Residents

REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as Amended

ACTION TAKEN AT THE MOA HOD:

WHEREAS, people with chronic conditions experiencing homelessness have higher rates of hospitalizations than people who are housed, and healthcare costs are 3.4 times higher for unsheltered versus sheltered individuals with inpatient medical costs that are 4.1 times higher for unsheltered individuals when compared to sheltered; and

WHEREAS, barriers to accessing care such as lack of insurance and transportation, as well as poor continuity of care result in frequent visits by those experiencing homelessness to the emergency department as their primary or only source of health care, and following discharge, these patients have a greater risk of returning to the emergency department with readmission, typically for the same or a similar diagnosis as their initial visit; and

WHEREAS, patients experiencing homelessness are sometimes restricted in the healthcare they receive due to their lack of medical insurance coverage and their housing status which veers surgical procedures from happening at an appropriate time due to worries of post-op care and utilizing operating only when the condition becomes emergent; and-

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1,100 individuals living on the street, in tents, in cars, or in places not fit for human habitation are connected to shelter, housing, behavioral health supports, and other resources for their safety and well-being through Michigan's Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program and other street outreach funding; and

WHEREAS, medical respite programs in Michigan, such as Homeowners Property Exemption (HOPE), are designated for those experiencing homelessness and those who are recovering from their inpatient stay, yet are not sick enough to remain in the hospital. The use of medical respite programs may be underutilized due to the lack of information to providers about such programs; now, therefore be it

WHEREAS, the Michigan Osteopathic Association currently has no policy recognizing the impacts of patients experiencing homelessness have on healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) encourages all physicians to partner with their communities to understand barriers to health, and advocate to improve access to healthcare for people experiencing homelessness; and the AOA supports, through education and advocacy, dissemination of social and health-related resources and programs that serve individuals and families experiencing a homeless situation and their care providers; and AOA advocate, promote, and support programs that ensure delivery of primary and preventive healthcare to all underserved populations, including those experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the AOA supports state and federal efforts, including efforts by private organizations, as well as those enumerated in the 2018 House of Delegates resolution number H-428 – A/2018, and those efforts include addressing social determinants affecting health, substance abuse programs, mental health resources, clinical care programs and provision of stable housing for all homeless individuals that are seeking temporary or permanent shelter; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the MOA collaborate with relevant stakeholders to ENCOURAGE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR physicians on executing holistic, cost-effective and evidence-based discharge planning while being cognisant of the unique healthcare and social needs of individuals experiencing homelessness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOA ADVOCATE FOR AND encourage the collaborative efforts and communication between health systems, street medicine outreach programs, primary care providers, recuperative care centers, and other stakeholders; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOA DEVELOP A TASK FORCE THAT WILL EVALUATE THE CURRENT STATE OF TRANSITIONS INCARE FOR THE UNHOUSED POPULATION IN MICHIGAN AND REPORT BACK WITH ACTIONABLE ITEMS AND/OR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICIANS AT THE MOA HOD IN 2024. comprehensive homelessness policies which facilitate the transition of care that address the medical and social needs of patients experiencing homelessness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOA adopts AOA resolutions H449 - A/20 and H428

REFER TO:

FISCAL NOTE:

LEAD AUTHORS: Syed Ahmad Rizvi, OMS-II & Anmol Pardal, OMS-II at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This resolution has been created through the MOA members who are a part of the Spartan Street Medicine (SSM) & Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) Class of 2025 Organizations at MSUCOM. This joint project, with the assistance of our AMA MSS colleagues who are a part of SSM, was created following a case discussion of one of our patients experiencing homelessness who had passed away primarily due to the barriers to health care that was driven, to a large extent, by the homelessness situation experienced by the patient.

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RESOLUTION 2023-D

SUBJECT: Spartan Strong: Emphasizing AOA/AOIA Stance on Gun Reforms to Political Leaders **SUBMITTED TO:** Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates **SUBMITTED BY:** Michigan Osteopathic Association Student Liaison Committee **REFERRED TO: Public Affairs Reference Committee RECEOMMENDATON:** Approve as Amended **ACTION TAKEN AT MOA HOD:** WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association (NRA) continues to lobby for the continued use of semiautomatic-style rifles, such as the AR-15, with very limited intentions of increasing no corresponding gun safety laws¹ or common sense legislation; and WHEREAS, on the night of February 13, 2023, Michigan State University was impacted by a mass shooting that had taken place on campus, causing three fatalities, leaving five in critical condition, and many traumatized; and WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) calls out for congress to label gun violence as a national public health issue, fund appropriate research on gun violence as part of future federal budgets, and establish constitutionally appropriate restrictions on the manufacturing and sale of large-capacity magazines and firearms with features designed to increase their rapid and extended killing capacity 2,3; and WHEREAS, countless allopathic specialty organizations have been recently identified for making significant contributions towards candidates that receive lobbying support from the NRA going against their policies on increased background checks and increased gun safety4; and WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA) currently has formal relations with political figures through their Osteopathic Political Action Committee (OPAC), in which they continue to advocate for the Osteopathic profession 5; now, therefore be it RESOLVED, that the MOA advocates to the AOIA to implement regular programming to revisit and emphasizes AOA policy on gun safety to political figures for consideration and, be it further

RESOLVED, THAT THE MOA REGULARLY ADVOCATES THROUGH APPROPRIATE PUBLIC ADVOCACY

GROUPS REGARDING AOA AND MOA POLICIES ON GUN SAFETY; AND, BE IT FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that the MOA develops and advocates to the AOIA to develop a system of consideration when lobbying stakeholders to highlight any and all contradictions the stakeholder may have against AOA/MOA policy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOA formally recognizes gun violence as a Public Health Emergency and DEVELOPS A TASK FORCE TO FURTHER EXPLORE THE IMPACTS OF GUN VIOLENCE ON PUBLIC HEALTH WITH A SUPPORTING WHITE PAPER SUMMARIZING THEIR FINDINGS TO PRESENT AT THE MOA HOD IN 2024; AND, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE MOA FORWARDS THIS APPROPRIATELY FORMATTED RESOLUTION TO THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. to amend H 630 to indicate it as well.

FISCAL NOTE:

REFER TO:

LEAD AUTHORS: Syed Ahmad Rizvi, OMS-II & Urja Parikh, OMS-II-

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This resolution has been created as a joint voice from the MOA Student Liaisons that while the policy is on the books, we believe it needs to be adjusted in how it is enforced. We recognize that while gun reforms are not the only contributor to tackling mass shootings, we strongly believe that it does play a major factor. The MOA Student Liaison Committee would like to dedicate this resolution to the three souls that were lost on February 13, 2023: Alexandria Verner, Arielle Anderson, and Brian Fraser. Most notably, we would like to dedicate this resolution as a means of contributing to the medical community on behalf of Arielle, an aspiring medical student.

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2023 AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES INFORMATION

Delegates selected to represent Michigan will be announced at the MOA HOD on April 29th.

- SCHEDULE: The AOA Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for the week of July 17, 2023.
 - MOA Caucus meetings are scheduled for Thursday, July 20 from 1:30 5 p.m. CT and Friday, Saturday and 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.

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