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### AODME PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY GARY L. MOORMAN, DO, FAODME, FACOEP, FACEP

I would like to take this opportunity to report that our 2004

AODME Annual Conference in Marco Island, Florida was very successful. Our attendance was at record levels and I want to thank the Program committee for their great planning effort.

The new sessions for office support staff and leadership created a lot of interest. We will continue to expand this type of programming in future conferences.

Our website, [www.AODME.org](http://www.AODME.org), is active and we are updating it frequently. Please visit the site regularly to get the latest information about our organization. We will be posting useful information on a variety of subjects and as well as policy advocacy issues.

"2004 AODME Annual Conference... very successful."

On July 7th, 2004 the Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education (OGME) task force met in Washington, DC. The focus was to update the latest information on activity in Congress. Since it is an election year and there are less than 30 working days until recess, it is not anticipated that

there will be any substantive action on Med Ed issues in this session. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is sending out requests for information on

outpatient rotations to all training programs. Please send an additional copy of submitted information to Margaret Hardy at the AOA. The next task force meeting will be in early 2005.

By now all institutions should have received the new match information. All DMEs should review the match information because the match rules have changed for the upcoming year. You may also visit [www.AODME.org](http://www.AODME.org) and click on

the "Protocol for The Match" link under "Useful Links" to review this information. Specifically, there is less information that you can release to candidates. There will be a number available for students to report violations of the match system directly to the AOA.

The AOA Board met the week of July 12, prior to the AOA House of Delegates. I gave an update report to the AOA Board about the status of AODME. We are taking a proactive role with the Intern Evaluation Committee (IEC) as well as the Osteopathic Medical Educators Council (OMEC).

We are already well into planning for our educational conference May 11-14, 2005 at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort, in Tucson, Arizona. Please visit [www.AODME.org](http://www.AODME.org) for more information. This will be a joint meeting with AHME. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Additionally we will be planning an educational conference to coincide with the 2005 Unified Osteopathic Convention October 23-27, 2005 in Orlando, Florida.

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BY SUSAN ZONIA, PH. D.  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

I would like to thank those of you who attended the 2004 AODME Annual Conference held March 24-27 at the Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort. We had one of the best-attended conferences in AODME history with 134 registrants. Even though we were fortunate to have very good weather with lots of sunshine and balmy breezes, the sessions were well attended throughout the conference. This is an indication that the sessions and speakers were valuable to attendees. The Program Committee was pleased with the turnout and attendance throughout the conference and has a challenge ahead to make next year's conference even better.

Next Year's conference is scheduled for May 11-14, 2005 at the Hilton El

Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort in Tucson, Arizona. AODME will join the Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME) again for another Joint Educational Institute. A retreat was held the weekend of July 16-18 in Wilmington, Delaware to plan the topics and speakers for the AODME/AHME Joint Educational Institute. Susan Zonia, Ph.D., Secretary for AODME, was the representative to the meeting. The general theme will be Providing Solutions to the "Darker Side" of Medical Education (e.g., compliance, stress, reliance on volunteer faculty, medical errors, and so forth).

Due to the success of last year's sessions for office support staff, AODME will offer those sessions again next year from May 13-14. In anticipation of the implementation of Electronic Residency Application Service, AODME will offer

two ERAS training sessions at next year's Conference, tentatively scheduled for May 12 and 13.

Please visit [www.AODME.org](http://www.AODME.org) for more information on the 2005 AODME/AHME Joint Educational Institute. There is already a link on [www.AODME.org](http://www.AODME.org) that will allow you to make your hotel reservations online at the preferred rate. This promises to be a very focused, practical meeting. Please be on the lookout for the official AODME/AHME Joint Educational Institute brochure in early January.



2004 Collegium Function at Annual Convention in Marco Island Florida. AODME President-Elect, Gary Willyerd, DO and AODME President, Gary Moorman, DO along with AOA Staff, Jason Friske, Joyce Ratliff, Penelope Evans and Margaret Hardy.

## COLLEGIUM UPDATE

BY GARY L. WILLYERD, D.O., FACOEP, FAODME, COLLEGIUM CHAIR

This past spring the AODME Collegium of Fellows met to discuss the new Membership Categories of AODME and to propose changes in the regulations governing the Fellowship for AODME. Those proposed changes were approved in June.

The Collegium would like to encourage AODME members to review the revised Regulations, which are designed to make the Collegium accessible to all members of the Association. You may be

eligible if you have been an active member of the AODME for the last five (5) consecutive years, or for a total of at least eight (8) years, including the year in which the application is made.

I encourage all AODME members to click on the link below for more information on the fellowship and its requirements.

<http://www.aodme.org/display-common.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=26>

In the event we have people inducted

into the Collegium of Fellows, the ceremony will immediately precede the President's Inaugural Reception Friday, May 13, during the 2005 AODME/AHME Joint Educational Institute at the Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort in Tucson, Arizona. A breakfast for the Collegium of Fellows has also been scheduled for Thursday, May 12 during the Joint Educational Institute. Please continue to visit [www.AODME.org](http://www.AODME.org) for updates regarding Collegium of Fellow activities.

## MEDICAL EDUCATION DAY

BY MARGARET HARDY, JD

On June 9, osteopathic medical educators asked Members of Congress to halt changes in Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) policy that adversely affect residency programs that use volunteer faculty to train residents in non-hospital settings. Participants called

on legislators to extend the current moratorium for family practice residents for 2 additional years and to make it applicable to all specialties that train residents in clinics, physician offices, and other non-hospital settings.

During the daylong event, participants held a series of very productive meetings with legislators and staffs in 28 Congressional offices, raising awareness and securing several commitments of

support for a legislative remedy to this ever-increasing problem.

A summary and talking points used during the Hill Day can be found on the members only section of [www.aodme.org](http://www.aodme.org) at the link below:

<http://www.aodme.org/display-common.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=25>

If you have questions about this issue, please contact me at [mhardy@osteopathic.org](mailto:mhardy@osteopathic.org) or 312-202-8104

## COUNCIL ON OSTEOPATHIC POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING (COPT)

BY AODME REPRESENTATIVE – GARY L. WILLYERD, D.O., FACOEP, FAODME



The Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT) met July 30-31, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois. This meeting of the COPT focused on the review and approval of the “Basic Standards” for training. This and future July meetings will have this focus, allowing a sixty (60) day review period on the AOA’s Website before going to the AOA Board for approval and implementation on July 1st of the following Academic Year.

Three additional topics were discussed and the following actions recommended:

1. The AOA’s IRRP (Match) – COPT reaffirmed its position that all AOA approved internship programs must participate in the AOA’s match program. Failure to participate will result in loss of a program’s approval. This action will be reported to the AOA Board at its next meeting to end the current one-year moratorium.
2. Subsequent to the AOA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, a one-year moratorium is on prohibiting the enforcement of Standard 4.6.b of the “Basic Document for Postdoctoral Training Programs,” which requires a minimum of four (4) interns per year. This issue will be a major focus of the next COPT meeting.
3. The PTRC meetings will remain open, but will enter into executive session when discussing individual trainees or programs’ deficiencies as indicated.

Two additional issues scheduled for the next COPT meeting will be the discussion of “rural track programs” and accepting allopathic residents into AOA approved training programs. Dr. Oipari reported that COPTI will be discussing the issue of resource poor pathways to OPTI. Please provide me any comments that you may have regarding these issues prior to the next meeting in October 2004.



**Osteopathic Medical Education on Capital Hill – From left to right, two Community Hospital of Lancaster residents, Anne Rickert, Margaret Wilkins, D.O. and Congressman Joe Pitts.**

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE REPORT

BY AODME REPRESENTATIVE – GARY L. WILLYERD, D.O., FACOEP, FAODME

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine held its 2nd Annual Meeting June 24-26, 2004 in Baltimore, MD. Attendance at this conference was estimated at 250.

On Saturday, June 26, the AACOM’s Board of Deans met. The AACOM’s Council on Medical Education requested that the Board of Deans change its name to the Society of Medical Educators. The Board of Deans approved the Council’s

request during their meeting.

Dr. Boyd Buser presented the NBOME report and noted that the Clinical Testing Center would have a grand opening event on Saturday, September 11. Dr. Buser also reported that the testing for parts 1 and 3 would be online. This should facilitate a candidate who fails their first attempt to accomplish completion of that level sooner. There is a three-month mandatory wait period after each failure, but it is possible that the exam could be taken three times in a year.

There was a special presentation to the Board on clinical research, specifically how to develop a research program. The speaker was Myles Wolf, M.D., MMSC, a graduate of the Harvard Medical School and researcher at Massachusetts General

Hospital. Dr. Wolf’s presentation was very informative and I would recommend him for an OPTI/DME joint session at a future AODME conference.

During the Board of Deans meeting I gave a report summarizing AODME’s accomplishments for the past year. Following my report I did request that the Board consider a joint meeting with AODME every other year and they expressed interest in this possibility. AACOM is locked into meeting the third week in June for the next two years, so the first possible date for a joint meeting would be in 2007. The remainder of the meeting focused on standard reports and business of the Board, which I do not feel requires reporting.



## Preparing for ERAS

2004		
SCHOOLS	APPLICANTS	PROGRAMS
		<p><b>SUMMER</b> - Programs start budgeting for resources needed to implement ERAS (computers, staff training, ERAS fee).</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b> - Programs receive advance information on the ERAS process.</p>

2005		
SCHOOLS	APPLICANTS	PROGRAMS
<p><b>MARCH</b> – Schools access ERAS Account Maintenance to provide updated contact information for the upcoming ERAS season.</p> <p><b>JUNE</b> - Schools receive the ERAS Deans Workstation Software (DWS) and start to generate and issue tokens.</p> <p><b>JULY 1</b> – Schools can start to scan documents for applicants that have registered.</p> <p><b>JULY 15</b> – Schools will receive information on programs applied to by applicants. Supporting documents will be transmitted to programs.</p>	<p><b>MAY</b> - Applicants start preparing materials for their applications, such as crafting their personal statement, requesting letters of recommendation, and researching programs.</p> <p><b>JUNE</b> – Applicants receive tokens and ERAS information from Schools.</p> <p><b>JULY 1</b> – Applicants can register on MyERAS and begin to work on their ERAS application.</p> <p><b>JULY 15</b> – Applicants may apply to osteopathic programs.</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 1</b> – Applicants may apply to allopathic programs.</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 1</b> – Dean's Letters/MSPEs will be released to allopathic programs. Dean's letters/MSPEs destined for osteopathic programs will not be held until Nov 1, but will be released as they arrive at the ERAS PostOffice.</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b> - All programs access ERAS Account Maintenance to register for the upcoming ERAS season.</p> <p><b>JULY</b> - Osteopathic programs receive and install ERAS Program Directors Workstation (PDWS).</p> <p><b>JULY 15</b> – Osteopathic programs start to download applications from the ERAS PostOffice.</p> <p><b>AUGUST</b> – Allopathic programs receive and install ERAS PDWS.</p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 1</b> – Allopathic programs may download applications from the ERAS PostOffice.</p>

2006		
SCHOOLS	APPLICANTS	PROGRAMS
<p><b>FEBRUARY</b> - AOA match results.</p> <p><b>MARCH</b> - NRMP match results and Scramble.</p> <p><b>MAY 31</b> – ERAS closes.</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b> - AOA match results.</p> <p><b>MARCH</b> - NRMP match results and Scramble.</p> <p><b>MAY 31</b> – ERAS closes.</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b> - AOA match results.</p> <p><b>MARCH</b> - NRMP match results and Scramble.</p> <p><b>MAY 31</b> – ERAS closes.</p>