AOCD HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology at its 1984 Annual Business Meeting approved the hiring of their first executive director, Ms. Cathy M. Garris of Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Garris is executive director of the Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association and has served in this capacity for the past nine years. She is a past president of the American Osteopathic Society of Executive Directors and currently serves as a member of the AOA Committee on Small States' Concerns. Ms. Garris will assume many of the responsibilities previously handled by AOCD secretary-treasurer, James D. Bernard, D.O. AOCD president, Dr. Joel Harris and the AOCD Board of Trustees expressed their appreciation to Dr. Bernard for his many years of service in this capacity.

AOCD PUBLISHES FIRST NEWSLETTER

The AOCD under the direction of executive director, Cathy M. Garris and secretary-treasurer, James D. Bernard, D.O. will publish periodic newsletter designed to increase communication among its members. Newsletter items will include reports from the Board of Trustees, Program Committee, AOBD, COPT, Editorial Committee, et al. Members are invited to submit news events they feel would be of interest to the membership at large.

REPORTS

American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology
Thomas H. Bonino, D.O.

For those candidates who anticipate certification in 1985, please have your credentials to me by April 1, 1985. If there are any questions, please contact me at 25510 Plymouth Road, Detroit, MI 48239, (313) 937-1200 or (313) 678-2478.
AOCD Newsletter continued...

Secretary-Treasurer
James D. Bernard, D.O.

Under the guidance and direction of our new executive director, Cathy M. Garris, we are endeavoring to provide communication, liaison, and service to the membership, the Executive Committee and the Board. Obviously it will take time and effort to coordinate the suggestions and ideas that have been voiced over the past months by many of our members. However, with patience, understanding and diligence we should be able to obtain the goals mandated by the AOCD membership. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any concern or constructive criticism which may help to give direction or be of benefit to AOCD.

Convention Committee
Robert D. Verona, D.O.

All previous contributors to AOCD have been contacted by mail requesting funds for the 1985 meeting. Requests will be sent to numerous other companies who have not contributed in the past.

William F. Heckert, D.O.

This year the Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar of the American Osteopathic Association will be held from November 10-14, 1985 in Atlanta, Georgia. As in the past, the AOCD will hold its didactic sessions, meetings and social functions during this national convention.

Members in training who would like to present a paper to meet certification requirements should contact me as soon as possible with their specific topics. Any other members who would like to address the group are encouraged to write me promptly. I will need your assistance in order to make this meeting as beneficial as possible.

Please take a moment to mark your calendar for November 10-14, 1985 for the meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Looking forward to a successful meeting in 1985!

Editorial Committee
Dudley W. Goetz, D.O.

The Editorial Committee is considering the possibility of an AOCD Journal to supplement the AOCD Newsletter. All materials to be submitted for publication (such as resident's papers) should be submitted to the AOCD Central Office. These papers will be evaluated by the secretary-treasurer and the Editorial Committee. All papers submitted by residents will be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the AOBD for review; this is in compliance with board certification requirements.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: Recent revisions of the AOBD Bylaws and the Basic Requirements for Residency Training Programs in Dermatology require that each resident submit at least two (2) papers per year during the three-year training program for evaluation by the Board.
AOCD Newsletter continued...

AOA DENIES AOCD RESIDENCY TRAINING STATUS

In a letter to James D. Bernard, D.O., secretary-treasurer, Douglas Ward, Ph.D., director, AOA Office of Education, conveyed the decision of the AOA Board of Trustees at its June 1984 meeting, concerning the residency training status for osteopathic dermatology programs as follows:

"RESOLVED that the proposal submitted by the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, for present and future AOA-approved programs in dermatology to be granted residency training status, and that such approved programs no longer be designated as preceptorships, be DENIED.

Explanatory Statement: Currently the AOA has approved dermatology programs that are identified as either preceptorships or residencies. The AOCD recommends that residency status be the sole postdoctoral training level for programs in dermatology; however, such a change would be in conflict with existing AOA policy."

AOCD RECRUITMENT EFFORT UNDERWAY

If you know of an osteopathic dermatologist who is not a member of AOCD, ask "WHY?" and encourage he or she to join. Membership now totals 109 including trainees.

FIRST AOCD MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PUBLISHED

The first AOCD Membership Directory has been published and mailed to members, the AOA, COPT, AOBD and various specialty colleges. Included, in addition to a listing of members, are minutes of the 1984 Membership Business Meeting, Treasurer's Report, Revised Constitution and Bylaws, 1984-85 Committees and a Fact Sheet on the College. For additional copies, please contact the AOCD Central Office.

ARTICLES SOLICITED FOR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL NEWS

Compendium Publishing Company and the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery have announced the formation of a new joint venture, Osteopathic Medical News, an official publication of the ACGP.

Each issue of the Osteopathic Medical News will feature an original article written by an osteopathic physician, articles on the various specialties, a medical computing section, financial and travel news, AOA news and events listings, and highlights of new research being done by the osteopathic community.

The first issue of this bimonthly publication scheduled for September 1984, was distributed to osteopathic physicians throughout the United States. Dr. Raymond Saloom, treasurer of the ACGP, is the editor-in-chief.
AOCN Newsletter continued...

Please submit articles for publication to Ms. Sandra J. Purrenhage, Managing Editor, Osteopathic Medical News, 3131 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

LECTURE NOTES FROM 1984 AOCN ANNUAL MEETING PUBLISHED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Notes from A. A. Fisher, M.D.'s lecture were recently mailed to AOCN members. Enclosed are lecture notes from S. Richard Diskin, D.O. on Herpes Zoster Lotion. Dr. Diskin was also a speaker at the Las Vegas meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AOCN Annual Convention
November 10-14, 1985
Atlanta, GA

AOCN Annual Business Meeting
November 11, 1985
Atlanta, GA

CORRECTION

Enclosed is a list of all osteopathic dermatologists who are certified. Unfortunately, due to a computer error, the AOCN Directory lists as certified many dermatologists that are not certified. Please insert this list in your AOCN Directory for appropriate reference.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT AOCN NEWSLETTER

Reports and articles of interest should be submitted by June 1, 1985