

# American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

## Newsletter

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### AOA STUDYING MEDICAL LIABILITY ISSUE

After carefully reviewing the medical liability issue, the AOA Board of Trustees directed the AOA staff to analyze the options currently available to determine how the AOA might participate in helping to relieve the crisis that now exists in many states.

As a result, representatives of divisional societies and colleges will meet in Chicago on June 14 to review their findings.

Professional Mutual Insurance Company, which has provided medical liability coverage for a large numbers of DO's for more than 25 years, was recently placed in a court-ordered rehabilitation. The future of the company has been somewhat tenuous causing grave concern since in some states Professional Mutual was the only insurance carrier open to D.O.'s.

At this time, Professional Mutual is renewing and writing new policies, however, the company providing reinsurance, General Reinsurance, has indicated they will not renew their contract. They have received tentative positive response from Lloyds of London. If this materializes, the company will take a new plan of claims-made policies an increased

premium, plus a surplus requirement, to the Missouri court. It is expected that, if the new plan is approved, and current policyholders renew, the company will once again be on stable ground.

### EDITORIAL

*Daniel Koprince, D.O.*

To have an opinion about a profound subject like hunger, poverty, nuclear war, holocaust, starvation, prostitution and drugs, is trivial. Perhaps to even have an opinion is trivial, however, to have a commitment is profound.

A commitment to fix the things that are wrong in the world is profound. To help one person who is hungry, make a donation to the hunger and starvation projects, or to even make a donation to the School from which you graduated is profound.

Have you ever sent a \$1,000 check to the Osteopathic Progress Fund?

Have you ever sent a two or three thousand dollar check to the osteopathic school from which you graduated?

If not, do it today! See how good it makes you feel.

The last suit or dress you wear doesn't need any pockets.

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Editor

Cathy M. Garris

The examination for Board certification will be given on Sunday, November 2, 1986, at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas during the AOCD annual meeting. The exams will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Barrymore Room.

The initial examination fee for certification is now \$500. A \$100 fee will be charged for retaking the examination for the second and third time. No examinations may be taken after the third failure unless the applicant has taken further training.



Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to the following AOCD members who took their Board certification exams in Atlanta in November, 1985 and were approved by the AOA Board of Trustees in February, 1986.

- Eugene Conte, D.O.
- Gary Heller, D.O.
- Stanley Roland, D.O.
- Saul Schreiber, D.O.
- Michael Scott, III, D.O.
- Robert W. Stokes, D.O.
- Shield Wikas, D.O.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE  
Dudley W. Goetz, D.O.

In response to the questionnaire in the last issue of the AOCD NEWSLETTER, I have compiled the following:

1. The majority felt we should follow the lead of the AAD and support their efforts.
2. Participate in educational programs in our communities to include tapes, slides and other materials.

EDUCATION EVALUATING  
COMMITTEE

James D. Bernard, D.O.

All materials for training programs to be reviewed by the Education Evaluating Committee should be submitted to me by October 1, 1986. The Committee on Postdoctoral Training will meet November 19-21, 1986.



ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

RICHARD MARTINES, D.O.  
is Chief of the Dermatology Service at Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point, New York.



**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

Robert D. Verona, D.O.

The program is beginning to take shape . . . but we need more DO speakers! Enclosed in this issue of the AOCD NEWSLETTER is a letter I previously sent to all AOCD members. If you are interested in speaking at the annual meeting, please complete the form and return it to me as soon as possible. The AOA is preparing the program for publication and I would like our portion to be as complete as possible.

A reminder . . . those of you who are in training must present two papers per year (a total of six) at the resident's forum.

The following topics and speakers have been confirmed:

**CUTANEOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF VIRAL DISEASES - John G. Brady, DO**

**THERAPEUTIC DILEMMAS IN DERMATOLOGY - James Q. Del Rosso, DO**

**PEMPHIGUS FOLIACEUS-LIKE, IMMUNOLOGICALLY NEGATIVE DERMATOSIS ASSOCIATED WITH T CELL CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA - Richard Diskin, DO**

**PYODERMA GANGRENOSUM: REPORT OF A CASE**  
Richard A. Miller, DO

I am also pleased to announce that RICHARD ODOM, MD, an AAD official will be speaking, however, his specific topic has not been decided as of this date.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Steven C. Roberts, D.O.

Contributions to the upcoming annual meeting in Las Vegas are beginning to pick up. It would be very beneficial if you would post this list in your office and thank those companies who are supportive of our educational programs.

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- Burroughs Wellcome (\$200)
- C&M Pharmacal (reception)
- Dermablend (\$200)
- Dermik Labs (\$175)
- Ferndale Labs (\$50)
- Flori Roberts (\$200)
- Herbert Labs (\$250)
- Hermal Pharm. (\$100)
- Hoechst-Roussel (\$200)
- Lederle Labs (\$200)
- Merck Sharp&Dohme (\$417)
- Neutrogena (\$150)
- Ortho Pharm. (\$250)
- Owen Labs (\$250)
- Roche Labs (\$250)
- Sandoz (\$200)
- Squibb (\$200)
- Stiefel Labs (\$1,100)
- Syntex Labs (\$200)
- Syosset Labs (\$50)
- Westwood (luncheon)

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TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE 1986 ANNUAL MEETING ARE \$4,642 AS OF JUNE 1, 1986.

PLEASE SUPPORT THOSE COMPANIES THAT SUPPORT YOUR PROFESSION!

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National Osteopathic Medicine Week  
September 14-20, 1986



**AOCD 1986 ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN LAS VEGAS**

The 1986 Annual Convention of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatologists will be held in conjunction with the AOA Annual Convention November 2-6, 1986. All didactic sessions will be held at the MGM Grand Hotel. Meeting registration, hotel reservation cards and other information will be mailed directly to you from the AOA.

The Annual Reception SPONSORED BY C & M PHARMACAL and the Annual Dinner SPONSORED BY STIEFEL LABS will be held on Monday, November 3.

The Annual Luncheon SPONSORED BY WESTWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS will be held on Tuesday, November 4. The Annual Membership Business Meeting will immediately follow the luncheon.

More details on the program will be included in the next issue of the AOCD NEWSLETTER. An AOCD convention program will be mailed in October.

THE VITAL LINK...



DUES DUE JULY 1, 1986

Dues statements for AOCD membership will be mailed June 1. Dues are due July 1, 1986.

Dues categories are: Active, Associate, Affiliate and Fellow (\$100) and Candidate or Trainee (\$25). Honorary and Life are gratis.

The College has a total membership of 95. Trainees number 28.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS???

With each mailing from the College office we "lose" some AOCD members. If you have a new address, please forward to the College office. This will also help in keeping the AOCD Membership Directory current.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!!

THE AOCD NEWSLETTER is the official communication of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. Let us hear from you about hospital appointments, lecture engagements, honors or awards and other information that would be of interest to our members.

IMAGE ENHANCEMENT

The AOA has put the finishing touches on a marketing tool for physicians whose practices include young children: coloring books that illustrate various types of examinations performed in a doctors office. Space is provided on the front cover to fill in the DO's name, plus additional space on the back cover for a stamp or label with the name and office address of the physician.

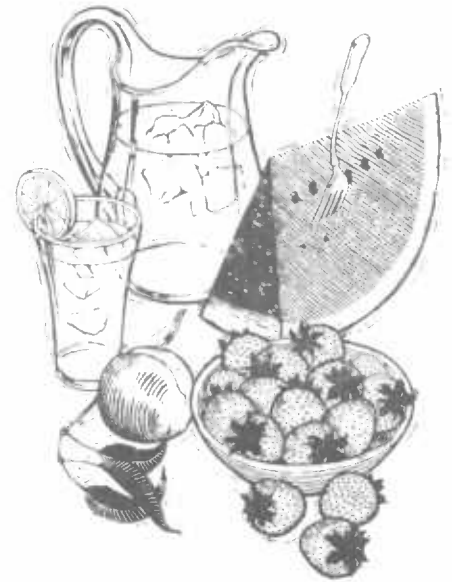
For information on ordering, contact Mr. Al Boeck, Director of Communications and the AOA.

AOCD Annual Membership Business Meeting

November 4, 1986 (Tuesday)

Las Vegas, NV

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Have A Nice Summer!!!

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