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 D.O.'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.
AOBD

Thomas H. Bonino D.O.

The examination for Board certification will be given on Sunday, November 2, 1986, at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas during the AOCMD 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 AOCMD 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.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

RICHARD MARTINES, D.O.
Chief of the Dermatology Service at Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point, New York.
The program is beginning to take shape . . . but we need more DO speakers! Enclosed in this issue of the AOCID NEWSLETTER is a letter I previously sent to all AOCID 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:

**CONVENTION PROGRAM**

Robert D. Verona, D.O.

**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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Stiefel Labs ($1,100)
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Syosset Labs ($50)
Westwood (luncheon)

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**AOCID 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 AOCID NEWSLETTER. An AOCID convention program will be mailed in October.
DUES DUE JULY 1, 1986

Dues statements for AOCMD 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 AOCMD members. If you have a new address, please forward to the College office. This will also help in keeping the AOCMD Membership Directory current.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!!!

THE AOCMD 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 doctor's 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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