

American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It is almost summertime and as I look back it has been a very busy year for me, and a very rewarding one. I hope the same for every one of you.

May has been an especially busy month with the various skin cancer screening clinics. I hope that you have been involved in those as well. If you have not, there is still an opportunity to hold these during the early summer. As per our previous letter regarding skin cancer screenings, assistance is available through Dr. Bachenberg and myself, or through the American Academy of Dermatology. We encourage you to be a part of this significant event. We received cards from a number of members who were involved in skin cancer screening clinics. If you were involved but have not yet mailed your card, please do so as soon as possible. This information is very valuable to us and we appreciate your accurate reporting.

The response to the survey included in the last newsletter was very good. There are still many of you who have not yet submitted your survey forms. This is a major instrument that we can use to assess the needs of you and the AOCD and provide an organization tailored to meet those specific needs. Please take time to complete your form and mail it to the AOCD office. Enclosed is another copy of the survey form if you have misplaced yours. We will publish in the next newsletter a summary of some of the major points from those documents. Please try to get these in as soon as possible.

A major issue continues to be our relationship with the American Academy of Dermatology. The most recent bylaw proposal is that membership for preexisting affiliate members continue. However,

this does not allow for the inclusion of members who were not previously granted affiliate status. We have written the AAD Bylaws Committee, Membership Committee, and the officers of the American Academy of Dermatology urging them to include our new eligible members, and we have had some very positive feedback. This is an ongoing process and we will keep you up to date as developments occur.

We have the opportunity to publish a number of articles in major publications and would encourage those of you with a journalistic flare to produce some articles. (Most provide an honorarium.) If you would please send your articles to my office, we will get them to the appropriate source for review and back to you. Certainly, as a College we need to be as academic as possible and publishing is a very good mechanism for that.

Dr. Conte is working on the program for the upcoming AOA meeting in November in California. It is important to let Dr. Conte know immediately if you wish to present a paper. We need a synopsis or an abstract of your presentation to be included in a booklet for presentation at the meeting. If you have not received one, please write the AOCD office or my office and we will get you one as soon as possible. They are available without cost and they are a nice compendium of the previously presented material.

Membership dues in AOCD are due July 1, 1989. One of our immediate goals is to get all eligible dermatologists as members of the AOCD. This will help us unify support for government and AOA policies as well as our relationship with the AAD. I encourage you to talk to your
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AOA PRODUCES VIDEO FOR CME CREDIT

The first videotape produced by the AOA for continuing medical education credit is now available. Titled "Special Approaches to the Elderly Patient," the program consists of the four-hour joint session presented at the 1988 Annual Convention.

For information on receiving the VHS videocassette call (800) 621-1773.

The AOA also provides a number of brochures on osteopathic medicine and education. The latest is a brochure for DOs and others who participate in student recruitment. (It would be excellent for distribution at high school or college athletic exams.) The brochure answers questions about preparation for admission, the DO curriculum, post-doctoral training, and licensure.

It can be used as a companion piece to the pamphlets "What is a DO? What is an MD?" and "Osteopathic Medicine." The cost is \$15 per 100 and AOA Fact Sheets are free.

American Academy of Dermatology New Affiliate Members Update

Michael J. Mahon, D.O.
Vice President, AOCD

Through recent correspondence by phone and letters with Marshall Blankenship, M.D., and James Nordlund, M.D., we have been able to obtain information regarding the latest situation with the AAD and its Affiliate Membership. Both of these Dermatologists are members of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Dermatology.

The AAD Board of Directors recently accepted a proposal which would open up the affiliate membership to various categories. One of these categories is Osteopathic Dermatologists who are board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology.

At the present time this is not a by-law of the American Academy of Dermatology since it must be voted on by the general membership by a mail ballot this fall. The final result will be available at the AAD meeting in December 1989.

We hope the general membership of the AAD will pass this new proposal. We will keep interested members of the AOCD informed as to the current status of the affiliate membership.

LETTERS

"April 20, 1989

Dear Drs Cleaver, Conte, and Mahon

Thank you for your letter of April 14, 1989, concerning Affiliate Membership for Osteopathic Dermatologists. President Ben Smith, appointed a special Ad-hoc Committee to define Affiliate membership, including Diane R. Baker, M.D., Chairman, William A. Caro, M.D., Larry E. Millikan, M.D., and Hiram M. Stern, M.D., and their report will be given during the meeting of the Board of Directors in Evanston, IL, April 22 - 23, 1989. I assure you that the Board will give careful consideration to your letter of April 14, 1989.

Yours sincerely,
J. Graham Smith, Jr., M.D.
President - elect, AAD"

"March 22, 1989

Dear Ms. Garris:

Thank you for your listing of current Osteopathic dermatology residents in training. As you are aware, Westwood is firmly committed to supporting dermatology education pro-

grams for residents and preceptors. Many of the Osteopathic dermatology residents listed are already receiving support from our program. However, sometimes identifying and locating all the Osteopathic dermatology residents has been difficult because of rotations and schedules.

Our structured residency program provides textbooks and educational support which is personally delivered by our sales representatives on a regular basis throughout a resident's training years. The names and addresses you provided will be forwarded to the appropriate area representatives who will attempt to contact the omitted trainees and set appointments to discuss the elements of our current program.

Thank you for your interest in Westwood and for your assistance in helping us to locate residents we may have missed.

Sincerely,

Marita Ronald

Supervisor, Professional Services.

Westwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc."

EDITORIAL by Daniel Koprinco, D.O.

There are no ordinary moments in life. Yesterday is gone forever - never to return - like a canceled check, spent forever. The future is promised to no one. To assume you will be here several years from now - is just that - an assumption - a blatant assumption. We only have today - make this day a miracle - for there are no ordinary moments in life.

The AOCD presently has two residency training programs located in Pontiac, Michigan and Dayton, Ohio, currently training two students each. We need several seasoned Certified Dermatologists to step forward and begin new Osteopathic Residency Programs. These programs should be associated with a teaching hospital and/or one of our 15 Osteopathic Colleges.

The Evaluating Committee has received complaints that preceptorship training programs occasionally leave something to be desired. The Committee shall tighten up the guidelines and is considering surprise inspections of some programs where complaints have been registered.

Eleanor Roosevelt said . . . you can become whatever you think about all day long - whatever you tell your brain you want to be. Tell your brain you want to become an exceptional Osteopathic Dermatologist.

AOCD LEADERSHIP GATHERS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN LAS VEGAS IN DECEMBER, 1989



Pictured above are left to right standing: Drs. Shelly Friedman, Eugene Conte, Lloyd Cleaver, Charles Hughes, and Thomas Bonino; seated are: Drs. Steve Roberts, Jim Bernard, Dan Koprince, and Harry Elmets.

AOCD VOTES ON CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGE

The AOCD membership approved a recommendation from the Executive Committee to change the AOCD Constitution, ARTICLE III - Membership Section 2 - Eligibility, Rights and Obligations, D. AFFILIATE to: (The underlined words are the change.)

"Any Physician in good standing who is directly affiliated with the practice of dermatology shall be eligible to become an affiliate member. Affiliate membership may be granted by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. Affiliates shall have all the rights and obligations of active members except they shall not be eligible to hold elective office or to vote."

The change shall be voted on at the Annual Membership Business Meeting in Anaheim, CA in November, 1989.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS . . .

DR. J. GREG BRADY (Boston, MA) has been selected for a fellowship in Mohs' Micrographic Surgery. The fellowship will commence on July 1, 1989 and will be two years in duration. The fellowship training will be located at the tufts New England Medical Center, Boston, MA and shall be under the direction of Donald J. Grande, M.D.

DR. SCOTT J.M. LIM (Philadelphia, PA) had published the cover case article on "Herpes Foster" in the March issue of Osteopathic Medical News.

DR. JAMES DEL ROSSO (Athens, OH) has presented lectures to several Ohio osteopathic and medical groups on a variety of topics. He also appeared on local TV and radio stations to discuss dermatology.

Education Evaluating

James D. Bernard, D.O., Chairman

The next meeting of the AOCD Education Evaluating Committee is scheduled for October 8, 1989. All reports and materials from trainees and trainers must be mailed to the Committee by that time. The AOA Committee on Postdoctoral Training is set to meet December 6-8, 1989.

CONGRATULATIONS

At its meeting on March 20, 1989, the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association, on the recommendation of the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists, approved the certification of the following physicians in dermatology:

John G. Brady, D.O.

Seymour R. Diskin, D.O.

Gary J. Rothfeld, D.O.

Stanley Skopit, D.O.

John N. Stathakis, D.O.

MEMBER PICTURES NEEDED

The AOCD will begin collecting pictures of members for the AOCD Membership Directory to be published in December, 1989. Please mail a "head and shoulders" picture of yourself to the AOCD office in Atlanta.

If you do not have a picture available, see Drs. Walker and Hughes at the next Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. They will have a photographer available to take your picture for the directory.

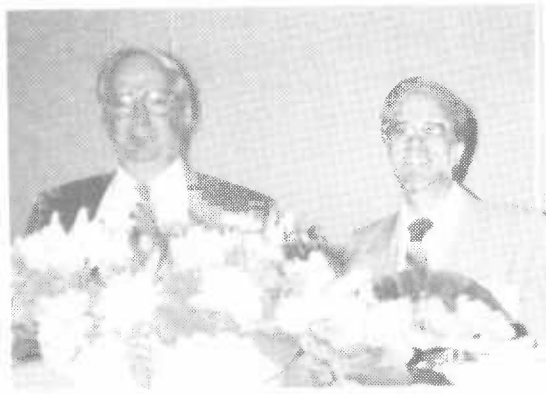
American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology

Thomas H. Bonino, D.O.
Secretary/Treasurer

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a list of D.O.'s who recently became board certified after taking their board examinations at the last Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Congratulations to them.

The next board examination will be held on Sunday, November 12, 1989 at the Anaheim Hilton in Anaheim, CA in conjunction with the AOCD Annual Meeting. Those interested in taking the exam must have submitted their materials to my office by April 1, 1989.

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