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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

What a time for our College! Some very positive changes have occurred that all of you need to be aware of. First, the AOA Committee on Postdoctoral Training (COPT) has recommended approval of our new guidelines for residency training. These guidelines put in place for the first time ever "office-based residencies." They also include a number of other changes which are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. We are now awaiting approval from the AOA Bureau of Professional Education. This should happen in late May. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who worked on this project, especially Dr. David Horowitz and his committee and Dr. Jim Bernard who "stood on the front lines" for us.

The first AOCD Midyear Meeting was held in Lake Tahoe, NV, in March. This meeting was particularly important in that it allowed us to finalize the details of the new residency guidelines, review the Mock Board exams and begin planning for the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas in November.

For those of you who missed this meeting... you really missed an excellent educational experience along with some great

weather for skiing, snowboarding, interacting with colleagues and the sharing of lots of new ideas. We all worked hard, but had some fun too. Everyone I talked to expressed a desire to see this meeting continue on a regular basis.



Shown above is Eugene T. Conte, D.O. and Michael J. Scott, D.O. enjoying the AOCD Midyear Meeting.

As stated in my address to the membership in Annahiem, my desire as president of AOCD is to bring us closer together, working with an unselfish, unified effort. This has certainly proved true. Individuals have given unselfishly of their time to help our College grow stonger and increase its visability and credibility. My sincere appreciation.

I also stated I was instituting an "open phone policy" which many members, including residents, have taken advantage of to discuss their concerns and problems. We've been able to resolve a number of problems, some we are still working on, but increased communication is healthy. Remember... I can't read your minds, pick up a phone and call if you have a question or problem.

I wish each of you a wonderful spring and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, November 25 - 29, 1990.

Fraternally,

Eugene T. Conte, D.O.
President

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For those who wish to sit for the certification boards November 25 in Las Vegas, all paperwork verifying that your program is complete, as well as all fees, should have been sent to the AOA before April 1, 1990.

Office based residents are urged to keep all original documentation of their training program. Mail copies only to the AOA Department of Professional Education.

Editorial

THE TRIAD

The first midyear meeting of the AOCD was held at the Los Angeles County Hospital in February or March, 1959 or 1960. Dr. Sidney Rothman, head of the Dermatology department of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the California School was program chairman. About 14 to 16 D.O. dermatologists attended the meeting. We met in one of the classrooms of the school and hospital building. Dr. Paul Courtney and I attended together with our wives. Dr. Murray Zimmerman was a guest speaker.

The second midyear meeting of the College, recently held in Lake Tahoe, was a success because of THE TRIAD. THE TRIAD, consisting of Dr. Lloyd Cleaver, Dr. Eugene Conte and Dr. Michael Mahon proved the College must have a midyear meeting every year. THE TRIAD has accomplished more in the last two years than was accomplished in the previous ten years. You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the decisions and accomplishments formulated at the midyear meeting.

Henry David Thoreau, the great early American writer, left civilization, left the city, and went to Walden Woods-Walden Pond to live by himself. Two years later he returned and wrote: 1. "You have to do what you love and have got to love what you do. 2. You learn that you can live with a lot less - so simplify, simplify, simplify. 3. The greatest myth is to believe that in order to be happy, you must have a lot of acquisitions, possessions, things, and stuff."

But the greatest happiness is to attend an AOCD Midyear meeting. Plan on going to the Annual Meeting in November in Las Vegas and the Midyear Meeting next winter.

Faternally,

**BYLAWS CHANGE APPROVED BY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

James Bernard, D.O., Chair

The Executive Committee at its Midyear Meeting in March voted to increase the annual membership dues for residents (both hospital and office based) from \$50 to \$60 to defray some of the expense of preparing and administering mock certification board exams. The following bylaws amendment was approved:

SECTION 2. - Dues

A. All dues and assessments for all membership categories shall be set by a majority vote of the AOCD Executive Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting.

B. No application for membership shall be considered unless accompanied by membership dues for the current year.

C. All membership dues are due and payable at the beginning of the fiscal year which is July 1.

This bylaws change shall be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting in November.

News From Our members

The AOA reports that clippings indicate the newspaper article "Head Lice: A Nitpicking Problem" featuring information from DR. LLOYD J. CLEAVER (MO) has been seen by a newspaper audience of over one million people. The AOA develops newspaper articles on a number of different topics for D.O.s to use "as is" in their local newspapers. The doctor can personalize the articles with his or her name. For more information, contact the Department of Communication at the AOA, 1-800-621-1773.

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DR. HOWARD GOLDMAN (NJ) reports that he has had an article published in the Journal of The New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, January, 1990, edition, entitled "Acne Vulgaris-Pathogenesis and Treatment".

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DR. EUGENE CONTE (OH) presented a lecture entitled "Cutaneous Immunopathology of Androgenetic Alopecia" at the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, World Congress on Hair Replacement in Dallas, TX, April 13-15.

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DR. JAMES YOUNG (OH) will present a poster session on androgenetic alopecia at the American Academy of Dermatology in Boston, MS, in June.

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DR. LLOYD CLEAVER (MO) will represent the AOCD at the federation of Osteopathic Specialty Organizations on June 29 and the AOA Board of Trustees/

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COPT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN TRAINING PROGRAMS

AOCD's representative to the AOA Committee on Postdoctoral Training (COPT), Dr. James Bernard, reports that the COPT recommended approval of the newly revised "Basic Standards for an Office-Based Residency Training Program in Dermatology." Their recommendation will go to the AOA Bureau of Professional Education for approval. If there are questions or denial, the matter will be referred to the AOA Board of Trustees for a final determination.

Included in the new guidelines, which were developed by the AOCD's Preceptorship Criteria Development Committee under chair Dr. David C. Horowitz, are some major changes, such as:

(1) The preceptorship designation is eliminated and is replaced by 'office based residency'.

(2) All M.D. program directors must be board certified by the AAD and must be and remain a member of the AOCD and the AAD during the length of the program.

(3) All D.O. program directors must have completed a one-year AOA approved internship before taking their residency. They also must be and remain a member of the AOCD and the AOA during the length of the program.

(4) All residents must prepare one original manuscript during each year of residency training for a total of three, attend the annual and/or midyear meetings of the AOCD, present a minimum of two manuscripts at the Resident's Forum of the AOCD (only one paper can be presented in a single year), and participate in mock board exams during the first and second year of the program.

For a complete copy of the new criteria, please contact the AOCD Central office in Atlanta at 404/395-6253.

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES A MAJOR ISSUE FOR 90s

The granting of hospital privileges, especially in the various specialties, has become a significant issue for the 1990s as more specialists compete to provide inpatient services. Included in the bylaws of a number of hospitals is the requirement that physicians must be board certified by a specialty body approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

D.O.s should be certain, when applying for hospital staff privileges, that the hospital is aware of the Healthcare Financing Administration's (HCFA's) rule citation which states that:

482.12 Conditions of Participation: Governing body

(a) Standard: Medical Staff. The governing body must:

(6) Ensure the criteria for selection are individual character, competence, training, experience and judgement; and

(7) Ensure that under no circumstances is the accordance of staff membership or professional privileges in the hospital dependent solely upon certification, fellowship or membership in a specialty body or society.

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Practice Affiliate Leadership Conference to be held June 30, 1990, in Chicago. The meeting was recently established as an annual event as a result of efforts by the affiliate (specialty college) over the past several years.

The AOA Board of Trustees also voted to include a delegate from each affiliate (specialty college) to the AOA House of Delegates which meets each year in July.

FUTURE AOCD ANNUAL MEETINGS

1990	Las Vegas, NV	November 25 - 29
1991	New Orleans, LA	November 3 - 7
1992	San Diego, CA	November 1 - 5
1993	Boston, MA	October 10 - 14
1994	San Francisco, CA	November 13 - 17
1995	Orlando, FL	October 15 - 19

MEMBERS ENJOY THE AOCD 1990 MIDYEAR MEETING

