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.

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 stronger and increase its visibility 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
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.

Fraternally,

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.

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".

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.

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

DR. LLOYD CLEAVER (MO) will represent the AOCDB at the federation of Osteopathic Specialty Organizations on June 29 and the AOA Board of Trustees/See 'NEWS' Continued on page 4

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 accordace 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

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1990 AOCD MIDYEAR MEETING A SUCCESS

The 1990 AOCD Midyear Meeting was considered by all who attended a huge success. Held in combination with the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine’s “External Medicine Review” March 8-10, 1990, in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, some 75 D.O.s enjoyed the beautiful weather, skiing/snowboarding, didactic sessions, and other activities in the area.

Presenters from AOCD were: Drs. Gene Conte, David Horowitz, Shelly Friedman, Gene Graff, Michael Mahon and Michael Scott.

One important aspect of the meeting was the ability to hold an AOCD Midyear Business Meeting with the Executive Committee and officers of the AOBD. Some highlights of the meeting were:

- Board certification exams will be administered on Sunday, November 25, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in Las Vegas during the AOCD Annual Meeting.

- The recipient of the first "Ulbrich Memorial Award" was chosen (to be announced at the Annual Meeting.)

- Increase the annual membership dues of residents from $50 to $60 to cover the cost of the mock board certification exams.

- Schedule mock board exams from 7:00 am to 9:00 am on Sunday, November 25, with exit interviews scheduled from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. (This is the first day of the AOA/AOCD meeting.)

- Review contributions to the AOCD from suppliers.

- Approved corporate membership to AOCD with an annual membership fee of $2,000.

- Reviewed and approved the new criteria for residency training programs.

It was also decided that the 1991 AOCD Midyear Meeting should again be held in conjunction with the KCOM March meeting.

Dr. Lloyd Cleaver and Ms. Rita Gray, cme coordinator for KCOM, were commended for their outstanding work in planning the meeting.

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Education Evaluating and COPT
James D. Bernard, D.O.

Seven new programs were presented to the COPT at the Chicago meeting in April. We are now awaiting approval from the AOA Bureau of Professional Education.

As indicated in this newsletter the COPT sent a recommendation for approval to the AOA Bureau for our new guidelines on residency programs. We will hear on that in May.

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Membership
Gene E. Graff, D.O.

A growing, active membership with members participating on the various committees and representing AOCD at the many meetings held around the country is vital to our College. It helps to increase the awareness of our College to others and assist us in our decision making. I urge all of you to get involved wherever you see a need.

Under the new residency guidelines, all trainers, both D.O. and M.D., must be members of the College. I urge trainers to mail back their membership applications with the appropriate membership dues as soon as possible.

I also ask you to become "recruiters" for the College and encourage D.O. dermatologists who are not members to join. A note or phone call from you might be all it would take.

We are beginning our campaign for membership directory ads for the 1990-91 directory. Enclosed in this newsletter is a form you can provide to suppliers. Your help is vital to the success of this project.

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Mock Boards
Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

As of April 14, 1990 there have been 18 responses for first and second year trainees to sit for the mock boards on November 25 in Las Vegas. I urge all first and second year residents who have not sent back their cards to do so promptly. Any third year residents who wish to sit for the exam should also forward cards to me. Remember, in accordance with the new residency guidelines, Mock Boards are mandatory for first and second year trainees.

The exam will be given on November 25, 1990, from 7:00 am - 9:00 am. Exit interviews will take...
SEEKING AN ASSOCIATE?

The following residents will complete their programs in the very near future:

Duyen Truong Far1a, D.O.
36435 Northfield
Livonia, MI 48150
313/425-7377
6/30/90

Elizabeth A. Langford, D.O.
151 East 1st Street, #326
Mesa, AZ 85201
602/277-1449
6/30/90

Matt L. Leavitt, D.O.
4259 Sugar Leaf Dr.
Dayton, OH 45440
513/848-4499
7/31/90

John B. Legere, D.O.
130 Robins Run West
Swedesboro, NJ 08085
7/14/90

Scott J. M. Lim, D.O.
6 East Clay Avenue
West Hazelton, PA 18201
215/454-1873
6/30/90

Layne D. Nisenbaum, D.O.
Dermatology Clinic
2999 E. Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48083
313/729-0400
9/30/90

Eric Seiger, D.O.
3014 Carly Court
Auburn Hills, MI 48057
313/548-7707
8/1/90

Robert J. Signore, D.O.
30 Tidewinds Terrace
Marblehead, MA 01945
617/631-1453
6/30/90

LAS VEGAS TO HOST AOA/AOCD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Las Vegas will again host the Annual Convention of the AOA which included the Annual Meeting of the AOCD November 25 - 29, 1990. Since the meeting will begin the Sunday after THANKSGIVING, those planning to attend are urged to make their airline reservations well in advance.

Registration will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturday with a social event for all registrants sponsored by Lederle Labs at 8:00 pm.

The opening Session with the Keynote Speaker will be at 8:00 am on Monday (11/26.) (This is a change from previous years.) The AOCD lectures will begin at 9:00 am on Monday only. The lecture will be from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday and 8:00 am to 3:30 pm on Wednesday.

All residents (both hospital and office based) should have already submitted their request to present at this meeting to program chair, Dr. Michael Mahon. The Annual AOCD Membership Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday immediately following lunch and the Annual Reception and Banquet will be on Tuesday night.

Healthy Tan Is A Myth

There is no such thing as a healthy tan, says the National Institutes of Health.

The incidence of melanoma has doubled in just 10 years, with 500,000 new cases each year. The worst sun abusers are teen-age girls, said Ruth Sikes, spokesperson from the American Academy of Dermatology.

Sun-screen lotions with an SPF rating of 15 or more gives most people adequate protection. Meanwhile, dermatologists are calling on state and local governments to really come down hard on the nation's 20,000 commercial tanning salons.

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place from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. The exams will be held at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

Resident Liaison
Bradley S. Kurgis, D.O.

The Midyear Meeting was a great opportunity for us to get together to do some problem solving. The new residency requirements will be a tremendous help in improving our credibility and enhancing our training programs. We welcome any questions from residents for this committee to take before the Executive Committee. Members of the committee are: Chair, Dr. James Young; Vice Chair, Dr. Bradley Kurgis; Members, Dr. David Kessler; Dr. Richard Rudnicki.

CONTRIBUTORS FOR THE 1990 ANNUAL MEETING
Shelly A. Friedman, D.O.

Listed below is a list of companies that have indicated their support of AOCD for the 1990 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, November 25-29, 1990.

If there are representatives from companies who call on you who are NOT on this list . . . ask WHY?

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UNIQUE PHYSICIAN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Physicians should have received a unique physician identification number (UPIN) no later than November 1989. Once the physicians have the UPIN they should put it in a "safe place" until they receive further instructions from the carrier on how to use it. There is no set time frame when physicians would be penalized for not using their UPIN. Penalties for non-compliance are still being discussed by HCFA.

The national UPIN registry, administered by TransAmerica Occidental Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles, issues the six-character identifier to carriers, who in turn distribute them to physicians. With this identifier HCFA hopes to better track sanctioned physicians who move from one region to another.

MALPRACTICE DATA BANK

The National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and other Health Care Practitioners is expected to be operational this month. Final guidelines for the bank have been written and are awaiting approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Once operational the bank will monitor malpractice claim payments, licensure decisions and professional review actions within hospitals, other health entities and medical societies. Hospitals will have to query the bank every two years about clinical staff or others seeking privileges. Consumers cannot use the bank but malpractice lawyers can if they prove that a hospital has not inquired about the physician on whom a malpractice claim has been filed.
AOCD SEEKING RESEARCH PAPERS

The AOCD under president Dr. Eugene Conte encourages members and residents to submit research papers for the Ulbrich Memorial Research Award to be given in 1991. A panel selected by the president will review the papers using a modified version of the NOF Research Grant Application criteria. A monetary award of $1,000 will be provided to the winner. The winner will also be asked to present his or her paper at the next meeting of the AOCD.

Contributions for the award are accepted each year from the membership at the time they renew their membership in the College. Funds will also be sought from corporations and foundations under the Educational Resource Fund chaired by Dr. Michael Mahon.

For more information, please contact Dr. Conte at 513/436-1433.

MORE DERMATOLOGY RESIDENCIES SOUGHT

The AOCD is seeking to establish more osteopathic dermatology residencies. Members are urged to discuss the possibility of starting a hospital-funded program with their hospital administration. A residency program can increase revenues to the hospital...something all hospitals are anxious to do. For more information or assistance in establishing a program, contact Dr. Conte at 513/436-1433.

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