Greetings and salutations as we begin this new year and new decade. Hopefully, the past holiday season was joyful for all.

It is, indeed, an honor and privilege to serve as president of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. Under the able past leadership of Dr. Lloyd Cleaver and his predecessors, the AOCID has grown stronger in its role of enhancing the visibility and credibility of our college on a national level. But as I said in my acceptance speech, "The secret to our future success as a college and our ultimate survival in the years to come will be the sum total of all our unselfish unified efforts". Much remains to be accomplished and we need the support and participation of all members of our College to reach our goals.

The 1989 Annual Meeting was a big success. The quality of the educational presentations was excellent. As program chairman, it was extremely difficult to choose the recipients of the Koprinse Awards (see article), however, I am very proud that such quality is exhibited at our meetings.

We are fortunate to have had support from a number of fine companies for our educational meeting. I urge you to thank these companies for their support and to encourage them to continue to support our college in the future. Dr. Shelly Friedman will be heading up contributions for the 1990 meeting in Las Vegas. Please help him by talking to representatives that call on you.

We are also fortunate to have many able leaders serving as chairmen of our various committees and subcommittees. Be sure to check these out in the 1989-90 Membership Directory. Of special concern to our members and trainees is the Committee on Preceptor Criteria Development chaired by Dr.

David Horowitz. This committee is currently working on new preceptorship guidelines and will present drafts of their findings to the Executive Committee at our March meeting in Lake Tahoe.

The Education Evaluating Subcommittee (Committee on Mock Boards), is currently working on mock board exams for all trainees. As of this date, all trainees should have received a letter asking them to submit six questions in specific categories. Any trainee who did not receive this letter should contact my office immediately.

Trainees should also be receiving a questionnaire being distributed by the Resident Liaison to the Executive Committee. I ask that this questionnaire be returned to the Resident Liaison Committee as soon as possible so your concerns can be evaluated and acted upon.

We are very pleased that another residency has been established by Dr. Shield Wikas in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Establishing residencies in order that we can phase out the preceptorships is very important to the AOA and the growth of our College. I urge you to consider your particular circumstances and decide if the possibility of a residency exists at your hospital. If so, please call me at 513/436-1433. I'll be glad to help you work out the details.

Finally, as your new president, I am ready to work for you and with you. I urge all of you to communicate any concerns or problems you may have to me. Look forward to seeing EACH of you at the AOCID Midyear Meeting in Lake Tahoe!

Sincerely,
Eugene T. Conte, D.O.
President
FOUR VACANCIES FILLED ON AOBD BOARD

Elections to fill four vacancies on the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology were held at the November, 1989, Annual Business Meeting of AOCD in Anaheim, CA.

Congratulations to the following: Daniel Koprince, D.O., chair (elected to a three-year term); Thomas H. Bonino, D.O., secretary-treasurer (elected to a three-year term); David C. Horowitz, D.O. (elected to a three-year term); and Rodger C. Byrd, D.O. (elected to a one-year term).

Held over were Drs. David Brooks Walker, Dudley W. Goetz and Charles G. Hughes.

NOTICE

AOCD BYLAWS CHANGE

The membership is advised that the AOCD Executive Committee has approved and will present for vote to the membership the following Bylaws changes: (These changes will be voted on at the next Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 27, in Las Vegas, NV.)

- Add the following under Active, Associate, Candidate & Affiliate categories of membership: "Shall hold a valid license in the state where he/she resides or be in the uniformed services."

- Under Article III of the Constitution, Section 2, ADD to A. Active Membership "and the AOCD." Delete the last sentence.

- Under Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws, Add "Ethics Committee - members to be the three immediate past presidents, with the immediate past president as chair and two additional members to be appointed by the current president. All matters of an ethical nature regarding any member or resident/trainee of AOCD should be referred to this committee for review."

- Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws under Education Evaluating Committee "shall develop mock boards to be presented to residents/trainees at AOCD meetings. Interviews of residents/trainees may also be conducted. A procedure for administering the mock boards and interviews shall be developed by the Education Evaluating Committee and presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for approval.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 1989 ANNUAL MEETING

We are deeply grateful to those companies that provided financial support to make our 1989 Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California, a very successful meeting for the College. We acknowledge these supporters and ask our members to personally thank representatives from these companies that call on them in their offices.

PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT
($700 to $1,000+)
- C & M Pharmaceutical
- Demark Laboratories
- Glaxo Dermatology Products
- Sandoz, Inc.
- E. R. Squibb, Inc
- Stiefel Laboratories
- The Upjohn Company
- Westwood Pharmaceuticals

PATRON SUPPORT
($400 to $700)
- Janssen Pharmaceuticals
- Merck Sharp & Dohme
- Schering Laboratories

GENERAL SUPPORT
($100 to $400)
- Almay
- Elder Pharmaceuticals
- Femdale Laboratories
- Hemal Pharmaceutical Labs
- Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals
- Neutrogena
- Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp.
- Owen/Allercreme
- Person & Covey, Inc.
- Professional Mutual Insurance Co.
- Risk Retention Group
- ROChe Laboratories
- Syntex Laboratories
- SYosset Laboratories

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**News About Our Members**

DR. STEVE ROBERTS (Largo, FL) was elected a Fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology at the Annual Meeting in November, 1989, in Anaheim, CA.

DR. JAMES BERNARD (Stone Mountain, GA) was elected president of Phi Sigma Gamma the National Osteopathic Medical Fraternity.

DR. IRVING TENNENBAUM (Cape May, NJ) was appointed chief of the Division of Dermatology at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital.

**AAD REINSTATES AFFILIATE CATEGORY**

The American Academy of Dermatology has voted to reinstate the Affiliate Category of membership. Osteopathic dermatologists who are board certified by the AOBD shall be eligible for membership in AAD in this category.

This decision is extremely satisfying to all who have worked long and hard to overturn AAD’s directive three years ago to do away with the affiliates category.

Special recognition goes to Dr. Robert Verona, Dr. Steven Roberts, Dr. Michael Mahon, Dr. Gene Conte and Dr. Lloyd Cleaver for their diligence and tenacity in pursuing this matter.

**1989-90 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY MAILED**

Members should have received their 1989-90 Annual Membership Directory. If you have not received your directory, please contact the Central office for a copy. This year’s edition included a pictorial of members. If your picture is not included, be sure to forward one to the Central office now so it can be included next year.

**AOCD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

New AOCD President Dr. Eugene Conte presents plaque of appreciation to president Dr. Lloyd Cleaver.

Congratulations to the new officers elected at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim. They are:
Dr. Eugene T. Conte, president;
Dr. Michael J. Mahon, president-elect;
Dr. Shelly A. Friedman, vice president; Dr. James D. Bernard continues as secretary-treasurer and Dr. Lloyd J. Cleaver remains on the Executive Committee as past president.

Also elected was Dr. Michael J. Scott as a trustee. Continuing as trustees are: Drs. James Q. DelRosso, Fred Eaglestein; and Gene Graff.

**KOPRINCE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Dr. Eugene Conte, program chair for the 1989 Annual Meeting in Anaheim has announced the recipients of the Daniel Koprinse, D.O. Educational Awards I and II. The first award which is for residents and trainees goes to:

Layne D. Nisenbaum, D.O.
(third year in training)

James W. Young, D.O.
(second year in training)

Robert J. Signore, D.O.
(first year in training)

For the two D.O.s in practice who presented at the meeting, the second award goes to:

James Q. DelRosso, and
Harley A. Schwartzberg, D.O.

These awards are presented annually at the Annual Meeting. Papers are judged for excellence by the program chairman using established and approved criteria. Residing/trainees received $150, $100 and $50 cash awards respectively, and D.O.s in practice received $50 each.

**XXVXRY PXRSXON IS IMPORTANT**

Xach Mxmbxr is A Kxy Pxrson! Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxll- xxcxpft for onx kxy. You would think that with all thx othxr kxys functioning propxry, onx kxy not working would hardly bx noticexd; but just onx kxy out of whack sxxls to ruin thx wholx xffort.

You may say to yourzelf-Wxll I'm only onx pxrson. No onx will noticexd if I don't do my bxst. But it doxxs mxxx a diffxrnxnc bxcauxx to bx xffxctivx an organization nxxds activx participation by xxvxy onx to thx bxst of his or hxr ability.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx not important, rxmxmbxr my old typxwritxr, You arx a kxy pxrson
CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR ULBRICH AWARDS

The Executive Committee approved criteria for the Ulbrich Awards at the Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Named for Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O., who was a founder of the College, there will be a Memorial Award and a Research Award presented every two years at the Annual Meeting. The Memorial Award will recognize an outstanding osteopathic dermatologist who has exhibited exceptional commitment to excellence in education. The recipient will be selected by the Executive Committee from nominations submitted to the AOCD.

The research Award will be presented for the best research paper. A committee will review papers and select the best using a modified version of the NOF Research Grant Application criteria. A monetary award of $1,000 will be provided to the winner.

Applications are available through the AOCD Central office in Atlanta.

Contributions to both these awards can be made annually with membership renewals. Listed below are contributions for 1989. Funds will also be sought from corporations and foundations by the AOCD Educational Resource Fund chaired by Dr. Michael Mahon.

It should be pointed out that all funds donated for both the Koprinze Awards and the Ulbrich Awards are kept separate from the general operating funds of the College and are used only for their designated purpose.

1989 Contributions to the Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O. Awards

James D. Bernard, D.O.
Thomas H. Bonino, D.O.
John G. Brady, D.O.
Lloyd J. Cleaver, D.O.
Eugene T. Conte, D.O.
James Q. Del Rosso, D.O.
Richard Diskin, D.O.
Israel Feldman, D.O.
Shelly Friedman, D.O.
Dudley Goetz, D.O.
John P. Hibler, D.O.
Charles G. Hughes, D.O.
Howard Kessler, D.O.
Daniel Koprinze, D.O.
Michael Mahon, D.O.
Alvin Pressman, D.O.
Steven C. Roberts, D.O.
Stanley S. Roland, D.O.
Hartley Schwartzberg, D.O.
Robert G. Shimmel, D.O.
Robert W. Stokes, D.O.

FIRST MIDYEAR MEETING SET FOR LAKE TAHOE

The first AOCD Midyear meeting has been scheduled for March 8-10, 1990, at the High Sierra Resort and Casino in South Lake Tahoe, Stateline, Nevada. To be held in conjunction with the Kirsksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, the didactic sessions will provide approximately 20 1-A CME credits in the specialty of dermatology.

Registration and hotel information will be mailed from KCOM, however, members are urged to make their reservations early as this is considered the "prime time" for the High Sierra Resort. Reservations can be made by calling 702/588-6211. Special group rates are $80 per night plus tax.

The Sierra Nevada mountains are ideal for the skiing buff with 19 top ski resorts in the immediate area. Heavenly Valley (truly "heavenly") is only two short miles away! Didactic sessions will be held in the early morning and evening to accommodate those who like to see the sites or ski.

Meeting tuition is $250 for doctors in practice and $125 for residents or trainees. Checks should be made payable to KCOM. For more information contact Rita Gray, KCOM, 800/626-5266.

AOCD AND AOBD OFFICERS MEET AT ANNUAL MEETING

Shown above are: (standing) Drs. Shelly Friedman, Daniel Koprinze, Gene Graff, Charles Hughes, James Bernard, Dudley Goetz, Steven Roberts, Thomas Bonino, and David Brooks Walker. (seated) Drs. Eugene Conte, Lloyd Cleaver and Michael Mahon.
Education Evaluating
James D. Bernard, D.O.
Chairman

Trainees are reminded that reports are due to the AOA Department of Education prior to March 1. The next meeting of the AOA Committee on Post Doctoral Training (COPT) will be April 18.

Trainees are also reminded that three (3) manuscripts or projects suitable for publication must be submitted to the AOCD Education Evaluation Committee before their program is complete. Two of these must be presented at an AOCD Annual Meeting (only one can be presented in any one year.) One of the three papers may be a research endeavor recommended by the AOA Bureau of Research, or a research committee of the AOA, and must be approved by the AOA.

Trainees are urged to contact program chair for the 1990 Annual Meeting, Dr. Michael Mahon, with their request to present as early as possible. With a larger number of trainees, it is becoming more and more difficult to schedule these presentations.

Membership
Gene E. Graff, D.O.
Chairman

It is a delight to report that the AOCD membership continues to increase. We have noted a 28% increase over the past three years. However, there are still some osteopathic dermatologists out there who are not members. If you note in your new membership directory that a friend or colleague is not a member... call him or her and encourage their membership. Membership in AOCD is an investment in our future and the future of our profession. It is to our best advantage that all D.O. dermatologists belong and support the College.

As noted, the 1989-90 Membership Directory has been mailed. This edition includes photographs... at least those we had received at the time of publication (after a year-long campaign to obtain them!) If there’s a blank where your image should appear, take a moment while you are thinking about it and send your picture to the Central office in Atlanta. (A head and shoulders shot in black and white is ideal, but we’ll take whatever you send.)

Cathy and her staff try to keep up to date with all the address changes. If your address is incorrect, please let her know so the correction can be made.

We have mailed applications to all M.D. preceptors encouraging their membership in the Affiliate category. If you are in a training program and your trainer is not a member, please encourage him or her to join.

Convention
Michael J. Mahon, D.O.
Chair, Program

Plans are already underway for the 1990 AOCD Annual Meeting in conjunction with the AOA Annual Convention scheduled for November 25-29 in Las Vegas, NV. Trainees are asked to send their requests to present along with the date and time best for them (lectures will again be scheduled on Monday (11/26) from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm; Tuesday (11/27) from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon; and Wednesday (11/28) from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. In order to have the program complete according to the AOA time table, this information must be in my office by March 1.

News Notes

* The AAD will hold its annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, December, 1990.

* There are currently five osteopathic dermatology residents; 13 preceptorships, two residencies in M.D. programs, and 21 D.O.s in M.D. AOA/AOCD approved preceptorships.

* In a recent study by the AOA, Dermatology was ranked eighth as the specialty doctors under age 45 sought. First was Emergency Medicine.

* A recent report has revealed that of the osteopathic hospitals currently active institutional members of the American Osteopathic Hospital Association, approximately 34 percent have a majority of M.D.s on the active medical staff. Only seven percent of the AOHA hospitals have a 100 percent D.O. medical staff.

* A New Haven, Connecticut hospital has stopped the dispensing of over 150 generic drugs citing safety concerns as the reason. The hospital, Saint Raphael, says the switch will cost approximately $100,000 per year.

STUN...CAVEAT-Editor’s Note: For those who heard Dr. Zimmerman at the Annual Meeting Banquet, the above needs no explanation; for those who were not there... you really missed a fun time!
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AOCD ANNUAL MEETING
January 22, 1969

AOCD Newsletter

The upcoming meeting in Lake Tahoe will be a very exciting meeting, one which we hope will be productive for all involved. I would encourage everybody to support this initial meeting so that it can become an annual event. Without your support, we cannot continue this. Multiple periods of time have been set up for individual discussion as requested by many members of the College to provide an opportunity for exchange. If individuals want to present small forums or cases and are not currently on the program, we would encourage them to use some of the available time for short presentations. Please bring your slides and be ready to discuss some of your unusual patients as well.

I would, in addition, like to point out the importance of having the second yearly meeting in the planning aspects of the College. We found that the mid-year meeting last year turned out to be a highly successful administrative meeting. The more input we can get from your point of view, the more we can provide in the way of membership services, benefits and organizational structure. We also will be planning the preceptor guidelines at that time.

I would like to thank the general membership, every member and trainee, for their tremendous support throughout my year as President. It was a delight to be involved in the College and to have the honor to serve you in that capacity. I know that we can continue to develop a strong, viable organization. It requires everybody's support and from the perspective as the past president, it shows the importance of getting that kind of support on a regular basis.

I recently attended in January the Urticaria/Angioedema symposium in Cambridge, England and will be presenting some of that most interesting data at the conference. This was sponsored by Cambridge University and chaired by Dr. Champion who has written the book on urticaria. Dr. Malcomb Greaves was also there as well as a kind of "Who's Who in European Dermatology." It was a very interesting meeting and I would like to share that information with everybody at our March meeting.
AOA Affiliates meeting:

The December meeting of the Federation of Osteopathic Specialty Organizations in Chicago was an interesting, productive session. I attended this meeting as a representative of the AOCD to provide our viewpoint and input. The main purpose of the meeting was to revise the by-laws. Several changes were proposed and will be presented to our membership at the March meeting in Lake Tahoe.

This certainly has the opportunity to be an excellent organization and may be very beneficial to us. They serve us a liaison with the AOA, HCFA, governmental organizations and other specialty groups. We should be supportive of their work and their membership.

Lloyd J. Cleaver, D.O.
Past President
February 1, 1990

TO: AOCDE MEMBERSHIP

FROM: Eugene T. Conte, D.O.
President

Enclosed is the first issue of the AOCDE NEWSLETTER of my presidency. I urge you to read it carefully as it is an important communication tool for the College.

As chairman of the Mock Board Committee, I regret that we've had such poor response to the questionnaire I sent out. Only seven residents/trainees have responded. I urge the others to return their questionnaire as soon as possible. We want to use questions presented by you, not make them up ourselves, but that may be our only choice!

As you know, Medicare now requires (CM) 9 CM codes for reimbursement. Other third party payers are expected to follow. Dermatology Coding Service (DCS) has created a dermatology specific list of these codes. Enclosed is an example of codes as listed in the DCS manual.

If you would like to order this listing, send a check for $160 (includes shipping and handling) to Dermatology Coding Service, 6926 Washita Way, San Antonio, TX 78256.

Look forward to seeing you in March.

Best regards!
PRESIDENT CONTE APPOINTS ETHICS COMMITTEE

President Conte has appointed an AOCD Ethics Committee chaired by Dr. Steven Roberts. Other members are vice chair Dr. Robert Verona and members Drs. Lloyd Cleaver, David Brooks Walker and David Horowitz.

The committee is charged with reviewing all matters of an ethical nature regarding any member or resident/trainee of AOCD and reporting their findings to the AOCD Executive Committee.

ADDITIONAL OSTEOPATHIC RESIDENCIES TO BE ADDED

Additional residency seats are being sought by all three established osteopathic dermatology residencies. Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI, which is approved for two seats is seeking to add more as is Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, (currently approved for two) and Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, (currently approved for one.)

More information on approval of these programs will be provided as it is available.

PRECEPTORSHIPS AVAILABLE

AOA approved dermatology preceptorship program with University affiliation available August 1, 1991. Stipend provided. Contact Steven C. Roberts, 1401 East Bay Drive, Largo, FL 34641, 813/585-8591.

HUGO DAMAGE STILL FELT

The South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) reports that a large number of hospital employees suffered great personal loss during the storm yet continued to keep their hospitals open. The Association points out that many employees put on I.D. bracelets so if needed their bodies could be identified after the storm. Acts of personal heroism were commonplace: a nurse who saved two children from being sucked out of a window; two maintenance workers who tied themselves to the hospital, wading through waist-deep water and dodging flying debris to keep the emergency generator going; the nurse who kept a vigil over critical-care patients whose life-support alarms could not be heard over the wind; and the housekeepers who spent hours carrying buckets of water up and down the stairs to flush toilets.

To help these employees who suffered the greatest personal damage, the SCHA has set up a Hospital Employee Relief Fund to provide what it describes as "modest financial help during this rebuilding phase." According to the Association, money collected will go to the persons who have the greatest need, and SCHA will report on how much is collected and how it is used to help hospital employees in the state.

Contributions to the fund should be made to the Hospital Employee Relief Fund, South Carolina Hospital Association, P.O. Box 67009, West Columbia, SC 29171.

MEDICAL DRAFT BEING READIED BY SELECTIVE SERVICE

On instruction by Congress, the Selective System is preparing a plan to revive the conscription of doctors and expand the medical draft to include other medical personnel in a military emergency. The proposal would provide for a speedy method of drafting medical personnel and would include nurses, technicians and other health care workers.

The draft would differ from earlier ones in that women would be called and the "call up" would begin within ten days of an order to mobilize instead of the several months it took before.

Current draft registration rules make non medical men between 18 and 25 liable. However, the Selective Service plan calls for making men and women between the ages of 20 and 44 liable for medical draft.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW BOARD CERTIFIED

Congratulations to the following doctors who passed their AOBDCertification exam given in November at the Annual Meeting. They are Drs. Edward Yob, Daniel Seff, Richard Miller, Lawrence Paolinti and Angelo Mancuso.

PR TIP

Be sure to check out "Patient Health Guide" in THE DO magazine. It would make a great bill stuffer or patient handout.
Instinctively Secure

It's a feeling that stems from strength and knowledge. But it's built upon respect.

That's true in our business, too. Because it takes more than providing the proper medical malpractice insurance to assure security.

That's why our clients regularly receive not only professional advice, but also personalized attention.

By staying in touch we know our client's concerns, and can act upon them promptly. As a company directed for osteopathic physicians, we know how much more that can add to your sense of security.

Professional Medical Insurance Company
Professional Mutual Insurance RRG