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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Best wishes to all of you in this new year of 1991. I hope everyone is enjoying a successful practice or training program. This year promises to be a busy and challenging one for the AOCD.

The 1990 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas was excellent. I wish to thank all of those who participated in putting the meeting together. Special thanks goes to Dr. Shelly Friedman, for his ambitious fund-raising program; and to Dr. Gene Conte, our immediate past president for his fine leadership this past year. Of course, the infrastructure of our meeting was handled by the executive director of the AOCD, Cathy Garris and her staff, who did an outstanding job.

While in Las Vegas, new committee appointments were formed. The members of these various committees are motivated to improving the AOCD. I would like to urge all members of these committees to forward their ideas to the committee chairman. Furthermore, I would like to stress to the chairman or vice chairman of each committee the importance of contacting members often, so as to meet the specific responsibilities of each committee.

The three guest speakers and our three attending dermatologists who spoke at the Annual Meeting were excellent. "Thank you" for your time and efforts. Also, the lectures by our residents and preceptees were of an impressive caliber. The award winners will be mentioned later in this newsletter.

The AOCD leadership is working very hard for all of you. Much progress was made at the recently held meeting of the Education Evaluating Committee on February 2nd and 3rd in Atlanta, Georgia.

Work is being done in the areas of subspecialties within the AOCD. We hope to have more information this year in regards to requirements for training and testing in the areas of MOHs, chemo-surgery and Dermatopathology.

One of our most critical challenges is in the area of education of all of our trainees. We are determined to accomplish three things this year:

1. Promote strong residencies and office - based residency programs.
2. Standardize a core curriculum for all dermatology training programs.
3. To make absolutely clear, the requirements of trainers and trainees, so that there will be no confusion as to the training programs available. We owe this to our College and to all of those seeking training in dermatology.

Dr. Shelly Friedman and Dr. Michael Scott, are doing phenomenal and innovative work toward our Annual Meeting this fall in New Orleans. Dr. Scott

has already obtained contributions from a number of new companies and Dr. Friedman, program chairman, is planning workshops, and special speakers in a wider range of topics than in past years. I hope all of you will mark your calendars now to plan to attend this very special meeting!

Lastly, let me urge all of you to attend our Midyear Meeting in the Bahamas from March 10th to the 14th. This

meeting offers a chance to participate in the AOCD, as well as an escape from the winter cold (especially for us northerners). Also, please become active in the AOCD. Even a phone call or letter to me, or the AOCD central office in Atlanta, would be welcome. Let us hear your complaints as well as your suggestions.

We can become a stronger College only if everyone helps—even a little. It has been noted elsewhere that "a *splintered* profession cannot speak for the best interests of health care, and a *disinterested* profession has no voice at all."

I hope to see all of you in the shade of the sunny Bahamas for our Midyear Meeting.

With best personal regards,



Michael J. Mahon, D.O.
President



Shown above is: Shelly Friedman, D.O.,
President-elect; Michael Mahon, D.O., President;
Michael Scott, D.O., Vice President.

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THE OLD TRIAD AND THE NEW TRIAD

—Daniel Koprince, D.O.

The "Old Triad" of Drs. Cleaver, Conte and Mahon had a very positive work ethic in their genes. They worked hard to develop a five-year plan for the College with a strong emphasis on education. And, in the past couple of years they have accomplished much of what was set out in the plan.

The "New Triad" consists of Drs. Conte, Mahon and Friedman. They continue to carry forth with the work of the "Old Triad." We now have a research award, corporate membership, intraining exams, recognition of members through the Koprince and Ulbrich awards, and a midyear meeting. We continue to develop more residencies as well as develop more consistent training requirements. Dr. Friedman set a record last year in financial support through corporate contributions and this year's chairman, Dr. Michael Scott, looks like he will surpass that record!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Eugene T. Conte, D.O., Chair

I am pleased to announce the winners of the 1990 Koprince Awards for residents go to: Gregory Papadeas, D.O., Robert Signore, D.O. and James Young, D.O. For physicians in practice, Dr. Michael Scott and Dr. Lloyd Cleaver were chosen to receive the Koprince Award II.

The Committee is now accepting nominations for the "Albert P. Ulbrich, D.O. Lifetime Achievement Award." Nominations should be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Awards Committee. When submitting nominations, please include why you believe the individual is an outstanding osteopathic dermatologist and how he/she has exhibited exceptional commitment to the College, especially in the area of education, giving examples to support your nomination.

Bylaws

Charles G. Hughes, D.O., Chair

We are currently in the process of reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws. Any changes, additions or concerns should be directed to Dr. Hughes.

Convention

Shelly A. Friedman, D.O., Chair

The call for presenters at the 1991 Annual Meeting in New Orleans has already been mailed and I'm pleased that I'm already getting responses. For residents who want to present at this meeting, I urge you to contact me as soon as possible. We plan to add some workshops, special speakers and perhaps a roundtable breakfast session . . . so watch for news of the meeting during year.

The Midyear Meeting is coming along well. We have several residents who will be presenting and registration has been brisk. The site is perfect after a cold, wet winter in most of the U.S. - Paradise Island, Bahamas. Call Rita Harlow at 800/626-5266 for more information and registration information.

Educational Program Fund

Michael J. Scott, D.O., Chair

"THANK YOU" ... to those companies that have already committed support for our 1991 AOCD Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans, LA, November 3-7, 1991. We have a number of NEW corporate contributors for this year. A list of contributors as of February 15 is included in this newsletter. You can help by thanking representatives from those companies listed that call on you . . . and if they are not on the list, ask "WHY NOT?"

Education Evaluating

James D. Bernard, D.O., Chair

The committee met on February 2 and 3 in Atlanta to review applications for residency/preceptorship programs and to revise the Basic Criteria for Residency Training in Osteopathic Dermatology. Their recommendations will be presented to the AOA Committee on Postdoctoral Training which meets in Chicago, April 12-14, 1991. Final approval comes from the AOA Bureau of Professional Education which meets in May, 1991.

In submitting the revised Criteria, and upon the request of the AOCD Executive Committee, the Education Evaluating Committee requested a moratorium be placed on all new preceptors until criteria governing such programs can be approved.

Educational Research Fund

Eugene T. Conte, D.O., Chair

Members and residents are reminded that a research award in the amount of \$1,000 is available through the College. Grant applications may be obtained by contacting the AOCD Central Office in Atlanta. The award was named after one of the founders of the College, Dr. Albert Ulbrich.

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SCHERING JOINS AS FIRST CORPORATE MEMBER

Schering Corporation became the first corporate member of the AOCD, joining as a Gold Circle member. The corporate member category was first implemented in late 1990 and includes Gold Circle with annual membership dues at \$3,000; Silver Circle, \$2,000; and Bronze Circle at \$1,000. Members are encouraged to talk with representatives of companies calling on them concerning joining the College in one of these categories.



Pictured above is Robin Winter-Sperry, M.D., Schering Labs, accepting a plaque from AOCD President, Eugene T. Conte, D.O.

CLEAVER TO REPRESENT AOCD AT AOA DELEGATES MEETING

Dr. Lloyd Cleaver was selected by president Michael Mahon, D.O. to represent the AOCD at the July AOA House of Delegates meeting to be held in Cincinnati, OH. He has represented the College for the past two years at the Federation of Osteopathic Specialty organizations which had called on the AOA to provide for representation of the specialty colleges at the Delegates meeting.

The AOA House voted in July, 1990, to include the specialty colleges with voice, but no vote.

GME CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER, 1991

The AOA has scheduled the second Graduate Medical Education Conference for September 13-15, 1991, in Chicago. The conference will include representatives from specialty colleges, residency program directors, DME's, deans and presidents of osteopathic colleges, and others in the AOA leadership.

In representing the College at the 1990 meeting, immediate past president Dr. Eugene Conte stated it was a very worthwhile meeting in that it brought together all parties involved in osteopathic graduate medical education for the first time. A good mix of paper

presentations and workshops served as a forum for discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the osteopathic profession's GME programs.

Dr. Conte urged that all osteopathic dermatology program directors and preceptors plan to attend the 1991 Conference.

AOCD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALLS FOR INCREASE IN RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

President Michael Mahon, D.O. announced that the AOCD Executive Committee at its Annual Meeting in November, 1990, approved continued efforts to increase the number of osteopathic residency programs in dermatology. Currently residencies include the following:

- Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital (2)
- Detroit Osteopathic Hospital (2)
- Grandview Hospital and Medical Center (4)
- Osteopathic College of the Pacific in Pomona (2)
- Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital (4)
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (6)
(awaiting approval)

This will provide twenty (20) hospital-based residency slots which is a good number for our size College, said Mahon. However, we would like to see more hospital-based residencies developed and a "phase out" of the preceptorships. We believe this is in the best interest of the College and the osteopathic profession, said Mahon.

AOCD MIDYEAR MEETING

March 10-14, 1991
Sheraton Grand Hotel
Paradise Island, Bahamas
Special group rate
call Rita Harlow - KCOM
816/626-2232

A passport or certified copy of your birth certificate is required to enter the Bahamas.

AOCD ANNUAL MEETING

(held in conjunction with
the AOA Annual Convention)
November 3-7, 1991
Hilton Hotel - New Orleans, LA

Shelly A. Friedman, D.O.
Program Chairman

AOCD ANNUAL MEETING - Las Vegas, NV - 1990

(Thanks to Dr. Richard Diskin and Dr. Michael Fetterman for taking the pictures.)



AOCD ANNUAL MEETING - Las Vegas, NV - 1990

