

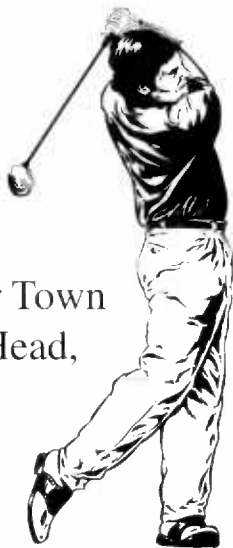


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Calendar of Events

Midyear Meeting 2002
March 20 - 23



Inn at
Harbour Town
Hilton Head,
SC

Annual Meeting 2002
October 7 - 11
Las Vegas, NV

A Message from the President

Greetings from the great city of New York. I certainly had my doubts about leaving New York on October 20 and going across the country to run our Annual Meeting in San Diego. The thoughts of getting on a plane, leaving my kids and being far away from home was very difficult, especially in the midst of the devastating tragedy of September 11. But as I sat on the balcony of my hotel room overlooking the San Diego Bay, and had time to reflect I was overjoyed by the number of registrants and the overwhelming positive response to the convention. It was nice to get away from the cycle of gloom and despair and to see that because we were thousands of miles away from the disaster site, it was business as usual.

When I arrived back home, it was upsetting to see that everyone was still engrossed in the cycle of depression. And each time I drive to work, I am reminded of that day that I saw billowing smoke coming from the twin towers. And every time I sit on the terrace of my in-laws apartment, looking at the New York skyline in the distance, I'm reminded of it without the towers. Each time I speak with one of my attendings, my librarian, my patients, my nurse, my kids school, my neighbors, I'm reminded that each lost someone close and how important friends, family, and colleagues are. When you go to Manhattan and see that the energy is lacking and go to Ground Zero to see that the devastation is reality, it's not business as usual. That's why it was a great feeling getting away.

The most important part of the convention for me was the honor of being installed as your President. It is a privilege to serve this College and hopefully I will achieve the goals and accomplish what I have set out to do. Regarding residency programs, we need to upgrade the Basic Standards so that our programs remain strong. We need to continue our public relations efforts with first increasing awareness of what an osteopathic dermatologist is, and continuing our great relationship with those in the Academy. We had a unique opportunity this year to hear both President-elect candidates for the AAD speak prior to our business meeting. Our ultimate goal is to achieve fellowship status for those board certified by the AOBD. Mike Scott and Ed Yob are working on this.

Our Internet site is amazing. Jere Mammino has done a fantastic job and each time I log on, I wonder how many hours get devoted to putting this site together. We are in the process of putting together a grand rounds session sponsored by a residency program each month. Many questions may be answered online, so please take a look. There's even a Dermatology Diagnosis Database. Visit the site at WWW.AOCD.ORG.

Regarding AOCD membership, we have 300 members. There are 50-60 osteopathic dermatologists out there that are non-members that we need to target. The membership committee, chaired by Monte Fox, will be sending out a survey this winter requesting your feedback on member benefits. A brochure will be finished by the summer. Speaking of benefits, look out for an upcoming mailing on a new benefit with Tiemann and Bernsco. They will give you a 10% discount on instruments (if you spend over \$500) if you are a member. See the upcoming flyer for details.

As far as Corporate Membership, Jim Del Rosso and Robert Schwarze are doing a great job in getting things in order for 2002. We need your help though. If you have special relationship with a pharmaceutical company, at the local or national level, please contact them with the information. We need as much support as we can get to support our excellent educational programs.

Finally, as I said in my speech as President, remember your roots. Each year I get to rehear the osteopathic oath we all took "To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will

come after me". I say always be loyal and dedicated to your college, the AOCD, the college that has given you the opportunity to be in the greatest profession desired by many, and support the interests of the residents who come after you. Please help in any way you can.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and I hope to see all of you in relaxing Hilton Head. And I would like to end this message with the last part of the poem read at our President's Banquet honoring those who have lost loved ones on September 11. I thank my husband, Mitch Fischer, for reading it entirely as it has touched everyone.

"How proudly we display our red, white and blue
Representing our country where freedom is true
Today and tomorrow we continue to mourn
But remember, every day, a new patriot is born."

Sincerely

Cindy Hoffman, DO, FAOCD
President

NOM Week

November 16 through 18 I attended the annual AOA Leadership Conference and Women's Health Symposium held as part of National Osteopathic Medicine Week held in St. Louis. On Friday discussion focused on terminal care issues such as chronic pain management. The speaker, Mike Magee, MD, presented numerous ways of providing compassionate care for your patients whether they were suffering from terminal conditions or life-long illnesses. On Saturday, an excellent "Marketing Your Practice" program was presented. We discussed problems with billing and the implementation of HIPPA regulations at length. Hopefully, our college will have a presentation on these topics in the future.

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning an interactive session was held discussing how culture is a pattern of beliefs and expectations that produce behavioral styles. Participants identified leadership styles and key skills necessary to be a good leader. The information was applicable for all attendees whether they were organization leaders, employers, or employees.

The Sunday activities were closed with remarks from the US Assistant Surgeon General. In addition to a presentation on the national organ donor program and the need for organ donors, he discussed health issues that have arisen since the September 11 attack.

Robert Schwarze, DO
President-elect

Midyear Meeting 2002

The plans are shaping up for an exciting AOCD midyear convention to be held on Hilton Head Island, SC, March 20-23. The opening program will start on Wednesday, March 20 at 1:00 pm and will cover business issues. We will have a speaker who will discuss how to conduct employee interviews from the initial interview to the final exit interview. Also speaking will be a financial consultant discussing finances, mistakes physicians make, and the changing market situation. The educational program on Thursday through Saturday will include some great speakers including William Lichon, DDS who will speak on "Oral Forensics on the Skin", James Del Rosso, DO who will moderate "Medical Therapeutics", Edward Yob, DO who will discuss "Dermatology Pearls of Surgery" and James Leyden, MD will discuss "Acne and New Therapies".

Please contact Becky Mansfield, Executive Director for complete program details.

The hotel chosen for this meeting on Hilton Head Island is the Harbour Town Inn located in the Sea Pines Resort. It has numerous amenities including outdoor pools, tennis courts, spa, health club, marina, water sports and some of the best golfing in the world.

Next to the Harbour Town Inn is their new convention center. This is an excellent facility which adjoins an outstanding restaurant and the golf club. It is a close two-minute walk from the hotel to our meeting rooms. A beautiful ten-minute walk will take you to the lighthouse, the village and several excellent restaurants. Additional restaurants you might consider on the island include Alexander's, Eugene's and Baroney's at the Westin Inn.

March is somewhat of a windy, cool month so you should pack sweaters, windbreakers, rain gear and a cover for your golf clubs. Temperatures are usually in mid to upper 60's.

If you need additional information on the area or the hotel, please contact Becky Mansfield. Hotel reservations should be made by January 19, 2002 to guarantee the conference rate and availability.

Ronald C. Miller, D.O.
Program Chair

2002 Membership Dues are now due for the 2002 calendar year. You can renew online at www.aocd.org.

AOBD Recertification

The American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology shall offer recertification to its diplomats as follows:

- A. Recertification is required for physicians holding time-dated certifications (issued after 12/31/03) and will be valid for ten (10) years.
- B. Recertification is voluntary for physicians holding lifetime certification (issued prior to 12/31/003).
- C. Failure in the recertification process will in no way result in loss of certification for physicians holding lifetime certification.
- D. For physicians holding time-dated certification, failure to successfully complete the recertification process will result in the loss of certification at such time as the current time-dated certificate expires.
- E. Subspecialty certification is dependent on primary recertification.

Although recertification is still voluntary, a few states are requiring recertification for licensure by reciprocity if original certification was issued more than ten years prior.

Anyone interested in taking the recertification exam should contact the Secretary of the AOBD, Dr. Charles Hughes, for further information. If there is significant interest an exam will be given at the next annual meeting in October, 2002.

AOA Specialty Board Diplomates Receive CME Credit For Obtaining CAQS And Recertification

January 1, 2001, marked the beginning of the current three-year AOA-CME cycle. Physicians will be selecting CME activities to fulfill their CME requirement for this cycle, which ends December 31, 2003.

In addition to CME activities, AOA members may earn CME credit hours by successfully completing a certification examination requiring extensive study. The AOA Board of Trustees approved the awarding of 15 hours Category 1-B credit to osteopathic physicians who successfully passed the requirements for a certificate of added qualifications. The Board also approved the awarding of 15 hours Category 1-B credit to osteopathic physicians who successfully pass an AOA recertification examination. The AOA Council of CME recommended these policies at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the AOA Board of Trustees to recognize the intensive study and educational achievement required to successfully pass such

an examination.

The AOA Continuing Medical Education Guide states that a maximum of 150 credits per 3-year period is required of each AOA member. A minimum of 60 hours is required in Category 1, of which 30 hours must be in Category 1-A. The 15 hours earned for either successful passage of a recertifying examination or successful completion of requirements for a CAQ would be awarded as 1-B credit to assist in fulfilling the requirement of 60 hours in Category 1.

2001 Annual Meeting — San Diego, CA

Post-Convention Overview

It was a beautiful site and I wish I could have enjoyed it. The view from the 22nd floor of the Marriott Hotel and Marina in San Diego was magnificent. Looking out at the Bay, seeing the bridge to Coronado and the odd shaped pool of the hotel below from our private balcony was breathtaking. But of course I was in lectures all day running our Annual Meeting, but it was worth it, considering all of the positive feedback I have received from this convention.

There were more attendees at this meeting than any other, about 190. I was surprised considering the recent tragedy. But the most gratifying part of the meeting was when Gregg Lapin, convention coordinator for the AOA, came up to me and asked how I managed to have an almost full house on a late Tuesday afternoon, and if I tied these people to their chairs, considering that all of the other specialty college lecture rooms were almost empty.

Apparently the speakers were excellent. We started by having the AAD President, Ronald Wheeland, M.D., give us an update on Academy news and events. We continued the morning with general derm lectures including "Contact Dermatitis" by

*Cindy Hoffman, DO, incoming President
presented the Past President's gavel to James Young, DO.*





2000-2001 Koprince Award winners (L to R): Natalie Monticello, DO; Barbara Cortez, DO; Tiffany Cukrowski, DO; James Young, DO. AOCD President: Bruce McDonald, DO; Michael Cohen, DO; Thomas Burke, DO



Frank Armstrong, DO (L) received the Connecticut Internet Exam award from Mac Clement, Connecticut West Regional Director.

Ron Brancaccio, M.D. "Rosacea" by Charles Gropper, M.D., "Lasers" by Sorrel Resnik, M.D., and a "CLIA Quality Assurance Program" by Greg Papadeas, D.O. What a great idea to have a CLIA certificate sponsored by the AOCD to display in the office.

We moved into a full Tuesday starting off with Steve Purcell, D.O., moderating our "Great Cases from Osteopathic Institutions" and it's nice to see that all our programs have interesting cases. Then Jim Del Rosso, D.O. moderated our Therapeutics Symposium with great speakers and topics such as Mark Lebwohl, M.D. on "Medical Treatment Pearls", Vincent Beltrani, M.D. on "Urticaria Management", Joseph Jorizzo, M.D., AAD Vice President-elect, on "CVD Management", and Kenneth Gross, M.D. on "Basal Cell Carcinoma Management". Even though it was a hectic morning, registrants asked for more by attending the lunch lecture on "Dermatology Pearls" (medical, surgical, and pediatric) moderated by Michael Scott D.O. We had the opportunity to hear Joseph Bikowski, M.D., Howard Steinman, M.D., and Joan Tamburro, D.O., who shared with us the knowledge she obtained from doing a Pediatric Dermatology



Mr. & Mrs. Elliot Milstein, Genesis Pharmaceuticals host and hostess, for the Sunday night Welcoming Reception held aboard the Adventure Hornblower.

fellowship sponsored by the AOCD. Dr. Scott gave a great lecture on "Hair Shaft Disorders" and Constance Nagi, M.D. on "Office Based Emergencies".

The lectures ended Wednesday with the Residents Symposium. The residents continue to have stellar presentations using all of the updated technology of PowerPoint.

I would like to say that I hope everyone enjoyed the Hornblower Welcoming Reception Cruise. We had over 200 people attend including both President-elect candidates of the AAD. It was time to socialize, relax, and enjoy the San Diego and Coronado skyline.

We couldn't have done this program without our corporate sponsors who contributed to supporting our speakers, social activities and this whole educational event. A special thanks goes to Becky Mansfield our AOCD Executive Director for coordinating the logistics and details of the meeting.

Hope to see all of you at our next CME program in Hilton Head, SC.

Cindy Hoffman, DO, FAOCD
President, Program Chair

William Humphries, VP Skin Care Sales & Marketing (L) presented the Allergan Research Awards to Thomas Burke, DO; Greg Neils, DO and Alexander Doctoroff, DO



2001 Fellow inductees (L to R) Edward Yoh, DO; Stanley Skopin, DO, Fellowship Committee Chair; Gregory Papadeas, DO; and Stephen Purcell, DO



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"Website Updates"

Members are now able to update all website information on their own. Go to the main page of the AOCD website, www.aocd.org, click on the Membership section, and then click on the big red members update button.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr. Daniel Steward and Dr. Claude Frazier, winners of our daily drawings in San Diego.

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Award Recipient

Cindy Li, DO was chosen as the recipient of the Richard C. Webster Resident Paper Contest award for a paper titled "Treatment of leg & face veins with a cryogen spray variable pulse width 1064nm Nd:Yag laser – A prospective study of 47 patients." The award is presented by the Cosmetic Surgery Foundation.

2001 First Year Residents

Oops! We missed including the name of a first year resident in the Pontiac program in our last issue. Welcome to Wendy McFalda! Another resident, Megan Goff, will be joining us in January in the Phoenix program.

West Virginia Derm Society

Daniel Hurd, DO is currently serving as Vice President of the West Virginia Dermatology Society. At the completion of his term, he will move up to a two year term as President.

Associate Wanted

Dermatology associate wanted for busy northern Virginia Practice in Washington, DC suburb. Good mix of general and cosmetic derm. Laser on premises. Excellent location. Salary and benefits negotiable. Contact Duyen Faria, DO, 703-827-7008.