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Message from the President
by Richard A. Miller, DO, FOD, President AOCD

I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of representing you this next year as President of the AOCD. As a longstanding AOCD executive committee member, I have had the opportunity to observe and participate in many of the functions of our college. In doing so, I have endeavored to become familiar with the requirements necessary for the continued successful growth of our college.

Our college is experiencing remarkable growth. Our membership has doubled in the last ten years and will most likely double again in the next ten years. As our numbers and thereby our strength increase, we can also expect an increase in corporate involvement and financial support. With these increasing numbers comes a degree of power. This is acutely evident to the pharmaceutical companies and ancillary businesses which support our specialty. These added resources will augment funding for resident training and research. Thus, it is important that we attract all potential members, retain current members and impress upon future members as to why the AOCD should play an important role in their career.

Attracting all potential members to join our college will ensure our future place in the field of dermatology. My goal is to reach out to those Osteopathic Dermatologists who have not joined or have departed from our college.

As physicians today, we are asked to join a myriad of organizations. The AOCD is an organization by and for the Osteopathic Dermatologist and is singularly concerned with those issues and problems that are unique to our profession. It is currently the only dermatologic organization that is able to certify our graduate members. It is the controlling force that ensures the quality training necessary to develop and instruct our residents. Biannual Scientific seminars are developed exclusively by Osteopathic Dermatologists allowing our residents, members and guest faculty a forum to present lectures of varied topics. The college has developed avenues for certification in Dermatopathology and Mohs surgery and will be responsible for recertification that will be required in the future.

I would hope that most of us would maintain our AOCD membership purely out of gratification for the ability to practice our specialty. Unfortunately, I know that there are members and potential members that may not feel a connection or appreciation for what they have received thus far. They have no motivation to participate in the organization or share their knowledge or talent. As president of the AOCD, I would like to bring our members back to the original focus of this organization. I ask you to support this organization by volunteering for one of our committees or by adding whatever unique talent you have that will help to enhance and improve the AOCD. As a group we have a vast wealth of knowledge and experience that we should share. This is our organization which will continue to improve with your contributions. I challenge each and every one of you to get involved and give in some way to the enhancement of our college.

In the past, the AOCD has been instrumental in developing informative brochures (What is an Osteopathic Dermatologist?), posters and marketing campaigns promoting the AOCD and our foundation. These past accomplishments are only a small part of what could be achieved. Although we are a relatively small group, we have unlimited potential. As an organization, the AOCD can make a tremendous impact on the future of our profession. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 727-841-8505 or via email at rmiller.aocd@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you with your concerns and ideas.

“The biggest human temptation is to settle for too little”
- Lao-tzu
2005 was a very good year for the AOCD. The College continues to grow with new student and resident members as well as new residency programs. The enthusiasm these new members bring to our organization promises a bright future for the AOCD.

Here is a report of activities in the national office since the summer newsletter.

Midyear Meeting
Dr. Don Tillman has developed an excellent lecture program for the January Midyear Meeting in Whistler, Canada. Special guest Dr. Philip Shettle, AOA President, will provide an update on AOA activities that affect the AOCD and our membership.

Annual Meeting
Despite the appearance of Hurricane Wilma, AOCD attendees enjoyed an interesting and diverse lecture program in Orlando. In addition to outstanding lectures by our speakers and residents, attendees had an opportunity to hear a very interesting and thought provoking presentation by Olympic Gold Medalist Mark Spitz. Mr. Spitz challenged the audience to set goals for themselves and develop a plan that would enable them to achieve their goals and strive to be the best person they can be.

Meetings
I attended the AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates meeting in Chicago in July. Dr. Lloyd Cleaver, AOCD delegate and Dr. Jim Towry, Arkansas delegate also attended the House of Delegates.

In October Dr. Ron Miller and I attended the AOA Leadership Conference in Las Vegas. This was an intensive two day program for state and association executive directors and presidents. Topics covered included a comprehensive overview of the new Medicare prescription drug program, issues and challenges that state and specialty societies faced when helping their members recover after Hurricane Katrina, and essentials of effective leadership.

Education/Residents
We have 79 residents in 18 programs. The Education Evaluation Committee met in St. Louis in September to review all residents’ annual reports and other educational issues. They met in Orlando to approve two new dermatology residency programs in Michigan.

Membership
Membership renewal notices were mailed to all members in December. Delinquent members will receive a second renewal notice in February.

I encourage the membership to call, email or write the national office with any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the future of the AOCD.

Letter from the Editor
by Christi Nielsen, CPhT, Editor

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of you who contributed to the new and improved newsletter. There were many great comments regarding the improvements and technology that went into the new look. I want to take a moment to Thank Roger Watson for his creative integrity and ingenuity. I know that time is of the essence when you are asked to write articles, send pictures, or provide input to make our newsletter better than ever. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated! Thank you and keep up the good work!

It was great to meet and ‘put faces with’ a lot of you whom I have been in constant contact with regarding articles at the recent Annual Meeting in Orlando. Despite the frequent questions and concerns regarding Hurricane Wilma we were able to have a great meeting. Thank you to those of you who filled in when you were needed the most. So many people and other colleges were affected by Wilma I am thankful that we as a college were a success. Our hearts and thoughts go out to those not only of other specialty colleges but our members that suffered destruction and loss due to Wilma.

Dr. Don Tillman has put together a great program for the upcoming Midyear Meeting in Whistler, B.C. and I look forward to seeing all of you there for the exceptional lectures and camaraderie. Don’t forget to check out the slopes in your free time along with the unique shopping and dining experiences that await all of us.

The holidays are quickly approaching, there are gifts to buy, holiday parties to attend, and there is no time to stop and reflect on what is most important, family. Generations of osteopathic physicians help us to grow in membership and what we hand down along the way will guide those who follow. You, as physicians were taught the ‘Osteopathic’ way of medicine, to treat the patient as a whole. Remember as you examine the future of the AOCD, see it as a whole and do what is best for the college not for the ‘one’. As the AOCD grows and changes with the times the unity of an ‘extended family’ is what will make progress successful. Keep this in mind when thinking of ways to enhance and promote our college.
The year 2005 has brought me a new dimension and vision. Chance and change favored the prepared mind. It is my plea as the past President of the AOCD to initiate a challenge to all members, Executive Board members, and past Presidents. We should bond together in unity to pursue the new direction we are about to follow. If you were a navigator, you would call these uncharted waters, a place we’ve never been before, a new dimension. Hopefully, we are successful. We must never forget that the road to success is always under construction.

As the past President, I must say thank you for all of the assistance and direction that you have helped me to find and revamp my life. As we seek a new path in corporate fundraising under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Gottlieb, our Executive Director, Becky Mansfield, and our Executive Board, I plead for unity. Although the issue is delicate, it can be resolved with tenacity allowing the ability to move forward with the AOCD. I ask for 1) clarity and consensus about all that constitutes our AOCD; 2) open access to common information between the general membership and the Executive Board; 3) confidence, competence and commitment to all of the people working on both sides of the fence. There are two major pains, the pain of discipline and the pain of regret. I have no regrets for what transpired over the past year. I have made many friendships that will last forever. If I have hurt anybody’s feelings, I apologize. My view as a past President was that no officer is bigger than the organization. I hope I represented my office with the class and dignity of the people that taught me. Special thanks to Dr. Charlie Hughes, Dr. Robert Schwarze and Dr. Ed Yob. Also, a special thanks to my Executive Board who were stellar under stressful situations. It has been a privilege and an honor working with my Executive Board. I am extremely confident in the direction of the AOCD under the current President, Dr. Richard Miller. I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Miller over this past year. His integrity and direction are impeccable. He is one of the classiest people I’ve ever been around.

I make a plea to the general membership: If there are ever any concerns about the direction of the AOCD, that they would contact Executive Officers to discuss issues. After all, the membership is the mainstay of the AOCD. I want to welcome Mrs. Shirley Gottlieb in her new position and hope her transition is positive and productive. The future holds many undetermined messages. Let’s strive for unity, always realign our priorities and make the best decisions and quality choices for the AOCD.

Sincerely Yours,
Ronald C. Miller, DO, FAOCD
Past President AOCD
The dermatology residency program, currently at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg/Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, began in 1991 with two residents. Over the years, the program has matured and grown to its present size with nine residents. The program joined the Lehigh Valley Hospital system in 2002.

The LVHM/PCOM dermatology program has always fostered an atmosphere of scientific thought and academic achievement. Our residents are encouraged to participate in scientific research and publish in medical journals. This past year, our residents had manuscripts accepted for publication in Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, Pediatric Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery, Archives of Dermatology, European Journal of Dermatology, and Dermatopathology Practical and Conceptual. Our recent graduate, Susan Kelly, D.O. received the AOCD’s Ulbrich Award in 2005 for her research project “The Efficacy of Cosmoplast, An Injectable Collagen Filler for the Treatment of Angular Cheilitis (Perleche)”.

Our residents are very active in the local dermatologic community. In addition to attending grand rounds and academic sessions with other dermatology residency programs in our area, residents also attend academic sessions at the Philadelphia College of Physicians, section of dermatology. Our residents also host and present an annual meeting of the Philadelphia Dermatological Society. This past year, residents presented papers at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology and the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology.

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Residents Contribute...

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg/Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Resident Program

by Stephen Purcell, FAOCD, Program Director

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 Featured left to right: Mark Levenberg, DO (2nd yr), Gregg Severs, DO (1st yr), Jocelyn Harris, DO (3rd yr), Celeste Angel, DO (1st yr), Mary McGonagle, DO (2nd yr), Tara Lawlor, DO (2nd yr), Valerie Nozad, DO (1st yr), Susan Kelly, DO (3rd yr), J. Greg Brady, DO (staff), Stephen M. Purcell, DO (Program Director)
KCOM-Texas and NOVA Residents Team-up for JAAD

The Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology has accepted for publication an article chronicling the genesis and growth of osteopathic dermatology, entitled: "Osteopathic Medicine and the Practice of Dermatology: History and Current Status. An Overview of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, an affiliate specialty college of the American Osteopathic Association." Stan Skopit, D.O., FAOCD spearheaded this interesting and important project and Erik Austin, D.O., M.P.H. served as the lead author and coordinator.


This JAAD article provides information about the growth and development of the AOCD as the "unified training body for osteopathic dermatologists" and provides insight into AOCD residency programs, in an effort to create a well-informed readership when the issue of AAD fellowship status for AOBP-certified individuals is again addressed.

The article states: "The leadership of the AAD has been working with the AOCD to find a way to recognize board certified D.O. dermatologists as Osteopathic Fellows in the AAD. Moreover, constitutional bylaws of both societies stress the importance of the goal of unification and representation of the specialty of dermatology." The article further states that: "Continued rapprochement appears to be in the best interest of the AAD and AOCD and may well enhance our efforts to deal with the challenges that face dermatology and medical practice in the 21st century."

The authors spent over a year working on this JAAD publication, which is due in print in the December issue (volume 53, number 6). Please make a note to review this significant publication.

CONGRATULATIONS to the KCOM-Texas Division and the NOVA Program for their efforts on behalf of the AOCD.

Four Residents are Selected for Research Awards

The AOCD and its sponsor, Allergan Pharmaceuticals, held a Research Paper Competition in May of 2005. AOCD residents were encouraged to respond to a call for papers and to submit their research papers for review. Each research paper was distributed to six esteemed reviewers throughout the country. Dr. Eugene Conte of Advanced Dermatology of Ohio developed and directed this program.

Cash stipends were provided to the first, second, and third place finalists. The winners are:

- Dr. Erik Austin - 1st Place
- Dr. Marya Cassandra - 2nd Place
- Dr. Rick Lin - 2nd Place (tie)
- Dr. Darron DiGuilio - 3rd Place.

Erik Austin, DO, MPH is a second year resident at the Texas Dermatology Residency Program under the direction of Bill V. Way, DO, FAOCD. His paper is entitled: "Clark’s Nevus: An Acquired Dysplastic Melanocytic Nevus and Precursor of Melanoma."

Rick Lin, DO, MPH is a third year resident at the Texas Dermatology Residency Program under the direction of Bill V. Way, DO, FAOCD. His paper is entitled: "Do Clinical Images Alter the Histopathologic Diagnosis of Melanocytic Lesions?"

Dr. Marya Cassandra, DO is a third year resident at the Sun Coast Dermatology Residency Program under the direction of Dr. Richard Miller. Her paper is entitled: "Medical Spanish for the Dermatologist."

Dr. Darron DiGuilio is a second year resident at the St. Johns Episcopal Dermatology Residency Program under the direction of Dr. Marvin Watsky. His paper is entitled: "A Case Report of a Rare Entity That Mimics Mycosis Fungoides."

Congratulations to the above residents for their success in the area of research and scientific communication.

The AOCD and its residents wish to extend their wholehearted thank you to Allergan Pharmaceuticals for their sponsorship of this research program. By this sponsorship, important research activities are encouraged among our residents. We are all very grateful to Allergan for its generous support of this program.
I would like to thank all of those who attended our annual conference in Orlando. The threat of the hurricane kept some from attending, but we still managed to have over two hundred members who braved the weather. This conference was the first unified meeting of the American Osteopathic Association and the theme of unity was certainly felt by all who attended. This positive message is one we all would like to see continue. The meeting offered many informative speakers and although the weather caused some schedule changes, I think a varied and educational choice of lectures was presented. I would like to thank Dr. Ed Yob and Dr. Jere Mammino for stepping in at the last minute to cover speaker cancellations. We enjoyed their informative and interesting presentations on Mohs surgery and Dr. Mammino’s Dermatology Mission to Kenya.

Former Olympic Medalist Mark Spitz was the keynote speaker at a luncheon lecture which was held over and above our didactic schedule that proved to be an enjoyable addition to the meeting activities.

Our meeting sponsors enthusiastically attended the meeting and accepted their recognition awards at the President’s Dinner. We are pleased to report that sponsorship of the meeting was of record proportions.

Both long term and new sponsors of our organization have promised continued generous support of our meetings. The rapid growth of our membership affords us the power to attract increased corporate support. We are expanding our efforts to attract additional corporate sponsorship with the addition of the new position of Corporate Development Consultant.

We have much to be proud of with the growth of our college. Our membership has doubled in the last ten years and we anticipate continued, steady growth. The AOCD is an organization by and for the Osteopathic Dermatologist and is singularly concerned with those issues and problems that are unique to our profession. I hope all of our existing and new members will take an active role in sharing their knowledge, talents and enthusiasm to help guide the college as we expand and develop in the future.

I look forward to the honor of representing you this next year as President and encourage you to share with me your ideas and concerns. I can be reached at 727-841-8505 or via email at rmiller.aocd@gmail.com.
The AOCD wishes to thank DERMPATH DIAGNOSTICS, a division of AmeriPath for their sponsorship of the microscopes used for the In-training Examination this year.

Have you ever wanted to give a patient more information on an uncommon disease but have not had any resources? Or maybe you’ve just written the name down for the patient and told him to ‘Google it’. As an AOCD member, you have permission to download information from the most popular section of our www.aocd.org website, the Dermatologic Disease Database. In fact, of the over 2,000,000 unique visitors to our web site each year, over 95% view this section!

Locating this Database is simple, since it’s a direct link on our home page. Each page is written in the language of a non-medical person, so they are easy to understand. In addition, most diseases have photos attached which enlarge when clicked. In my own practice, when I have a patient with an uncommon disease, I send my nurse to the web site and have her print out a page. It makes a great handout for the patient, who will appreciate your extra effort in helping them understand their condition.

Easy Patient Handouts
by Jere J. Mammino, D.O., FAOCD

“People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.”

Denver’s Top Doc

Gregory G. Papadeas, D.O., F.A.O.C.D., Past President of the Colorado Dermatologic Society and the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, was selected by colleague physicians as Denver’s “Top Dermatologist!” As reported by 5280 Magazine. Physicians surveyed, were asked who they would trust most for their dermatologic needs for themselves and their families.

Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists Elects Lloyd J. Cleaver

Early November Harold Thomas, DO, Bureau Chairman, announced the election results and subcommittee assignments for the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists. Dr. Lloyd Cleaver, DO, FOD, Past President of the AOCD, has been elected as Vice Chairman of Bureau Officers; Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee; and Chairman of the Jurisdiction Committee.

Congratulations Dr. Cleaver on this wonderful accomplishment!
**Corporate Development**
*by Shirley Gottlieb, Corporate Development Consultant*

The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology is proud to have a Corporate Membership Program. The AOCD administers educational programs on a national level encompassing the very latest in medical and pharmaceutical research. It is through the financial support of our Corporate Members that we are able to attain our goal of providing high quality education to our membership.

The funds are used to support our annual and midyear national educational programs and events, publications related to our educational activities, and other necessary projects such as our directory, newsletters and educational brochures.

I will be highlighting a few Corporate Members in each newsletter.

Global Pathology has always made it a point to offer the AOCD its support with each meeting, general funding and for providing residents with individual training in dermatopathology. They have taken up to 40 residents each year, bringing them to their facility, housing them and offering them an outstanding educational opportunity. They also provide the financial backing for the 2nd year residents to attend the Chicago Board Review Course. They are proud to introduce their website; www.global-pathlab.com.

Connetics Corporation has always been a strong supporter of the AOCD, and for 2006 they have made a serious commitment to offer financial assistance to the residents for attendance at the annual meeting. They supported both the Midyear and the annual meetings in 2005 and have already committed their support for our 2006 meetings. To learn more about Connetics, please visit their website at www.connetics.com.

Stiefel Laboratories also supports our meetings, and our general funds. They now sponsor the Daniel Koprince Award. Stiefel recognized the prestige this award has within the AOCD. Dr. Koprince created this opportunity for recognition and for a monetary award for AOCD residents that excelled in their required papers and their oral presentation. Their website is www.stiefel.com.

Intendis supports the AOCD meetings and general funds also. They have also instituted a new grant that will be offered in 2006. This is the Intendis Mentoring Grant. This grant will create, finance and provide residents with an opportunity to study with leading experts who have specific expertise for one week. There will be two positions open for 2006. Their website is www.intendis.com.

The AOCD is fortunate to have such strong supporters. The complete list of our 2005 Corporate Membership is printed in this newsletter. Please make a point of thanking your pharmaceutical sales professionals for the support their company provides.

I wish each of you a happy new year!

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**Classifieds**

Solo dermatologist looking for associate to join his practice in Colorado Springs, CO. E-mail inquiry/resume to mail@cghughes.com or fax to 719-531-9545.

Dermatologist seeks locum tenens for 1-4 weeks. Licensed in NY, NC, & FL. Contact Howard Kessler D.O. at skinman300@aol.com or (585) 383-0904.

DERMATOLOGY OPPORTUNITY, CHICAGO, IL: Excellent, Full-time or Part-time opportunity to join a busy, well established, four dermatologists practice in Northwest suburbs of Chicago. Medical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology (lasers, NUVB and PUVA) with opportunity for Moh’s. Contact: katana@pol.net.

Part Time/Full Time BC/BE Dermatologist or MOHS Surgeon needed for busy dermatology clinic 20 miles north of Austin in the beautiful Texas hill country. This is a great place to raise a family while living life to its fullest. Please contact Brian Seely at (512) 626-4616 with any questions. You may also fax your CV to (512) 869-5868 or mail it to: Sherrie Williamson, D.O. PA. 3010 Williams Dr., Ste. 25 Georgetown, TX 78628 Bus Dermatology office in Central Phoenix, Arizona, looking for a general dermatologist to join our practice established in Phoenix for over 10 years. Contact Dian Giammarino, office administrator by email at dgiammarino@hotmail.com or by phone at (602) 604-6900.

DERMATOLOGISTS – Rapidly growing practice in Lansing, Michigan seeks board certified Dermatologist. The patient population is varied and case-load variety is excellent. We offer a wide variety of dermatologic services to include UVA/UVB therapy, Blu-light therapy and a substantial amount of dermatologic surgery. Our practice has just built a new office. Please send CV to: Mid Michigan Dermatology, P.C., Office Park West, 416 S. Creyts Rd. Lansing, MI 48917.
Canada will be the site of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, and also the site of the 2006 AOCD Midyear Meeting. We have assembled an excellent group of speakers who have prepared an exciting and comprehensive educational series. I can assure all members that there is something for everyone. The Westin Resort places you in the heart of Canada’s greatest year-round recreational destination. The ski mountain is world renowned. There is shopping, dining, and a world-class spa facility on premise. I encourage you to plan to spend an extra day or two, to just enjoy the resort. Make your reservations early.

I hope to see you there.

Donald K. Tillman Jr., D.O., Program Chair