Meet our New Board Members

Ralph Fiore, II, DO, FAOCD

Carlos Gomez-Meade, DO, FAOCD

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Ciao A Tutti E Benvenuti

2019 has started with a bang for the AOCD with a great Orlando meeting which not only proved valuable educationally but also financially. We should always thank Marsha and her crew for their tireless efforts and making these meetings run perfectly.

Speaking of staff, there have been a few changes in personnel and duties which will be beneficial for the entire college. It was also streamline duties so we can run more efficiently. Please re-welcome John Wise as he is taking on an expanded role with our meetings. He is also charged with procuring and securing sponsorship for our meetings.

We also have several initiatives we will be starting shortly. These initiatives are pain staking but will truly be rewarding for our members. First, the online CME delivery system Learning Management System (aptly named) will be launching very soon. Second, as many of you know the iOS app is complete for download. The companion Android app for the disease database is in the works. Most importantly the ACCME accreditation documents are nearly complete and we hope to receive great news in March 2020 of a four-year accreditation.

When it comes to meetings, we are working to improve not only participation but expand offerings to include more members. A resident education series has been initiated with an intensive board review. Awarding CME and intensifying recruitment of PA/NP’s to our meeting has begun in earnest. Ralph Fiore, DO and Jeff Johnson, PA-C will be spearheading that and I am in contact with the nurse practitioner societies as well. As for the setup of the meeting we will now transform our booth room into a true EXPO center to not only encourage pharma interaction but to have better space for attendees to mingle and catch-up.

Sincerest gratitude for all the names and contacts for pharmaceutical companies to help expand sponsorship. Again, I hope to follow with some great news on this front. I would also love to thank everyone for helping out whenever something is needed. Whether its Steve Grekin, DO helping with the main office or Dwayne Montie, DO crossing t’s and dotting i’s for CME minutiae, support has been incredible. It is truly amazing to see that our osteopathic dermatology community is still thriving. If anyone would like to help in any way please contact me or Marsha.

Ideally, I would like to have the AOCD as an education hub. Providing expert education from the dermatology resident to seasoned dermatologist is our top priority. Educating the providers we work with every day is also becoming more and more important. Who better than the AOCD to provide this? Meetings we are working to increase in attendance, as well as, expand offerings into the online stratosphere. With this great staff we have and truly remarkable board of trustees I feel confident we will become a great education juggernaut.

Fraternally,

John P. Minni, DO, FAOCD
AOCD President 2019-2020
Hello AOCD Colleagues,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. As Secretary Treasurer of the AOCD, I wanted to update the membership on the college’s finances.

The college has been very fortunate through the years with great supporters. Membership dues are our foundation for the operation of the college. We have also been fortunate to receive support from pharma through the years. Participation at our CME conferences continues to increase with each meeting.

In August of 2018, after careful consideration and years of reviewing the lack of progress of our investment accounts held at Charles Schwab, the Board of Trustees made the decision to move these funds to a Merrill Lynch account. We wanted to decrease the fees being paid, increase efficiency of the investment vehicles and to increase the quality of the investment managers and advice provided.

Since inception (August 2018), through May 31st, the account is +3.36% vs the S&P 500 -0.55%. YTD the account is +8.46% through 5.31.19 vs. +10.74% for the S&P 500. We have earned another +3.91% thus far in June, bringing the cumulative performance to +7% since inception. We have a total of $401,457.00 invested with Merrill Lynch. A copy of the portfolio review can be obtained from our national office upon request. Rest assured the funds invested with Merrill Lynch are safe, and are being carefully monitored.

Overall, we ended 2018 with assets and liabilities of $1,138,417.00 and showed a yearly profit of $83,561.00.

On behalf of the AOCD Board of Trustees I want to thank everyone for their continued support of the AOCD.

Fraternally,

Steven K. Grekin, DO, FAOCD
AOCD Secretary/Treasurer
Hello Everyone,

It’s been a busy summer here in the AOCD office. We continue to look to improve resources and benefits for AOCD members.

First of all, I want to thank Dr. John Minni and Dr. Steve Grekin for always being accessible to discuss AOCD business. It is great to have leadership that you can bounce ideas back and forth with!

As Dr. Minni mentioned in his message, we’ve re-assigned duties within the office. John Grogan will continue to work with resident issues until the AOCD no longer has programs under its wing. Additionally, John will work on membership items, website maintenance and the development of the Learning Management System (LMS) contained within our website. Shelley Wood will work with members concerning CME issues as well as Faculty Development, Scholarly Activity, and will assist with developing CME content for Np’s/PA-C’s. John Wise has been brought on to take over the duties of acquiring commercial support. The ACCME requires that organizations maintain separation between commercial support and education. Shelley was previously doing both roles, thus prompting the decision to bring on additional help.

We’ve overhauled our online news to hopefully streamline content. The page is still undergoing updates so please be patient. Check out “In The News” on our website.

On August 1, 2019 look for the new and much improved learning platform which will host our online CME offerings to be launched. You will be able to choose from a catalog of courses. We will also be moving the JAOCDD Journal Quizzes over to the LMS. At each of our conferences, we will record lectures to place in the catalog, providing the speaker has given us consent to reproduce. We also will be developing practice exams to refresh your knowledge.

We will also be launching an enhanced career center later this summer, and will be developing a locum tenens registry.

Our fall conference will be great! We hope to see you all there. Registration is open now. Rooms at the OMNI are filling up fast. The hotel anticipates the hotel to be at full occupancy so don’t delay reserving a room. There is something to do for everyone in Nashville.

On behalf of the AOCD Board of Trustees and Staff, Thank You for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us in the office.

Sincerely,

Marsha A. Wise, BS
Executive Director
Invited Speakers:
Alison Tam, D.O.
Babar Rao, M.D.
Jill Fichtel, M.D.
Leslie Baumann, M.D.
Mathew Zirwas, M.D.
Dirk Elston, M.D.
Stephen Kessler, D.O.
Neal Bhatia, M.D.
James Del Rosso, D.O.
Robert Signore, D.O.
Ujwala Kaza, M.D.
Derrick Adams, D.O.
Michael Nowak, M.D.
Harold Rabinovitz, M.D.
Robert Piccinini, D.O.
Stacy Spizuoco, D.D.S.
Will Kirby, D.O.
Leslie Rojas, J.D.
Lisa Swanson, M.D.
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2019 Fall Current Concepts in Dermatology Seminar

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203
PHONE: (615) 782-5300

September 26-28, 2019

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Save the Date!

The AOCD Staff hopes to see you all at these upcoming dermatology meetings!

Spring 2020 - Hilton West Palm Beach
February 17-22, 2020
600 Old Presidential Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL

...and back again for Spring 2021!
February 22-27, 2021

Fall 2020 - Hyatt Centric Magnificent Mile
October 8-11, 2020
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