Hello, Everyone,

It seems as though winter has lasted forever, but spring is finally here!

We’ve had a busy start to the year. Drs. Suzanne Sirotta Rozenberg, Lloyd Cleaver, Rick Lin and I attended the AOA Osteopathic Medical Education Leadership Conference in January. In February, Dr. Lloyd Cleaver and I attended the ACGME’s Annual Educational Conference. Both of these meetings provided valuable updates on the Single Accreditation System, or SAS. The information regarding SAS can be found on the AOA and ACGME websites. We encourage everyone to log on and familiarize themselves with the single accreditation system:

http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/single-gme-accreditation-system/Pages/default.aspx
http://www.acgme-i.org/Requirements-and-Process-Overview/What-is-Accreditation

Programs may begin to apply for pre-accreditation status in April 2015.

In February, the ACGME announced that Dr. Stephen Purcell was appointed to the Dermatology Residency Review Committee. We’re excited to have Dr. Purcell represent the AOCD and the osteopathic profession. Dr. Purcell’s leadership in the AOCD has been invaluable, and he is a true advocate for osteopathic dermatologists.

During the General Membership Meeting recently held in Seattle, the membership voted to accept the changes to the bylaws that had been presented last summer. On March 2, we received word that the AOA approved our proposed changes. These changes are now in effect and can be found on our website at: https://aocd.site-ym.com/?page=ByLaws.

March and April have been busy with the AAD meeting and our Spring Conference in Charlotte, NC. A panel discussion on “Unified U.S. Dermatology Training Accreditation and the Unification of the Specialty of Dermatology” took place at the AAD Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 22. Be sure to look for highlights of these meetings in upcoming Dermline publications.

Exciting changes are in store for our Fall Conference. Our meeting is scheduled for October 16th through 19th, 2015, in Orlando at the Loews Royal Pacific Resort. An information packet with further details will be mailed to our members about the changes happening with this meeting.

Please call or email the AOCD office (660-665-2184, dermatology@aocd.org) if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

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