

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Marsha Wise
Executive Director, AOCD

Hello, Everyone,

In June, the AOCD Office welcomed a new member to the staff. Ms. Kristin Ayer was hired as our Administrative Assistant. She takes over for Jami Johnson, who left in May 2014. Look for Kristin's article of introduction in the next issue of *Dermline*.

The AOA House of Delegates recently met in Chicago. Meeting news can be found on the AOA website at <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/events/annual-business-meeting/house-resolutions/Pages/default.aspx>. An update on the Single Accreditation System was presented to the House, which you can read here: <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/single-gme-accreditation-system/Documents/single-gme-update.pdf>

We had a very successful and well-attended Spring Conference in Charlotte, NC. We were most appreciative of Dr. Nicole Owens, Immediate Past Chair of the ACGME Dermatology Review Committee. Dr. Owens gave a presentation on the Single Accreditation system as well as took the time to sit down with our program directors to discuss the system and listen to their concerns.

Exciting changes are in store for our Fall Conference. Our meeting is scheduled for October 16-19, 2015, in Orlando at the Loews Royal Pacific Resort. An information packet with further details was mailed to our members about the changes happening with this meeting. Hotel Reservations can be made online at <http://uo.loewshotels.com/en/Royal-Pacific-Resort/GroupPages/AOCD>.

If you will be attending the Sunday session at the Orange County Convention Center, you will need to register through the AOCD office for a Day Pass. Please register by September 30, 2015. Please also let us know if you will be taking advantage of our shuttle service from Loews to the convention center.

The new CME cycle will begin on January 1, 2016. The AOA is updating the CME Guide for Physicians. As soon as the AOA makes it available to us, we will forward it to you. Please monitor your CME report, as the AOA will no longer provide this information to the AOCD office due to the AOA's privacy policy.

Many AOCD members have been inquiring about OCC and OCAT. For those whose board certificates expire in 2020, you will need to complete two PPA Modules prior to sitting for the exam. One module must be completed in this CME cycle ending December 31, 2015, and one in the next CME cycle. If you have not already done so, you must register at <https://www.osteopathic-cat.com/register.php>. This is all mandatory for recertification. If you have any questions, please refer to the website at <http://aobd.org/aobd/occ/aobd-occ-faqs>. There are OCC updates at the annual AOCD meeting as well, where you can ask questions.

As always, should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the AOCD office (800-449-2623). If we cannot answer your question, we will direct you to the person(s) who can.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Executive Director. I hope to see you in Orlando.

Sincerely,
Marsha Wise
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