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Legislative Session Update – Physician Shortage Funding Under Consideration

The Legislature is on the 106th day the legislative session and it does not appear to be finishing soon. Most of the time spent right now is on gathering majority consensus on the passage of the FY 2019-2020 state budget. It has been many years since there was a budget surplus so the needs and ideas for spending it are plentiful.

There are several healthcare budget line items of significance in play. Most noteworthy is funding to address Arizona’s physician shortage through appropriations for expanded graduate medical education and loan repayment/loan forgiveness programs. Thanks to Senator Heather Carter, District 15, she introduced [SB 1354 graduate medical education; appropriation](#), which appropriates \$50 million to address the physicians physician shortage. This bill passed the Senate and the House Appropriations Committee with little opposition and it is now under consideration for inclusion in the FY 2019-2020 state budget.

AOMA sent an Action Alert last week asking physicians to voice their support for this critical funding to get it included in the budget. Please take a couple of minutes and click this [LINK](#) to send your elected officials your message of support.

Wow! Another Great AOMA Annual Convention

It was an outstanding Annual Convention with more than 700 osteopathic physicians, students, and other medical professionals in attendance. The jam-packed, five-day event featured 46 different lectures, the annual [clinical case competition](#), [poster forum](#), Stump the Doc medical knowledge competition, alumni receptions, House of Delegates meeting, exhibit hall, family party, and awards luncheon.

An enormous thank you to all the lecture speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers for their help in making this year's convention a HUGE success.



Congratulations to this year's AOMA Award Winners. Each and every honoree is a role model for the osteopathic profession. The complete list of [award winners](#), case and poster winners, and [photos](#) from the Convention and the AOMA 97th Annual Convention Family Party are posted on the AOMA website. [Check it out!](#) Thank you for attending!

Plan on joining us next year at the AOMA 98th Annual Convention April 1-5, 2020 at our **NEW LOCATION** the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort.

Online Attestation for CME Credits - Osteopathic physicians and other medical professionals seeking to receive continuing medical education credits for the AOMA 97th Annual Convention must complete an attestation and evaluation form for the hours attended. The deadline to submit is May 15, 2019. Click here to access the form or visit www.az-osteo.org/ConvCME.

Congratulations 2019-2020 AOMA Officers

AOMA is proud to announce the election of the AOMA Executive Officers for 2019-2020: President Christopher Labban, DO; Immediate Past President Angela DeRosa, DO, MBA, CPE ; President-Elect Richard Dobrusin, DO, MS (Ost), FACOFP; Vice President Danielle Barnett-Trapp, DO; Secretary/Treasurer Brandon Abbott, DO, MPH; Speaker of the House of Delegates Jeffrey Morgan, DO, MA, FACOI, CS; and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates Charles Finch, DO, FACOEP. The officers were sworn in at the April 12th House of Delegates meeting at the Annual Convention. The House of Delegates also recognized Dr. Angela DeRosa for her outstanding service as AOMA President in 2018-2019.



2019-2020 AOMA Officers (left to right): Vice Speaker of the House Charles Finch, DO, FACOEP; President-Elect Richard Dobrusin, DO, MS (Ost), FACOFP; President Christopher Labban, DO; Immediate Past President Angela DeRosa, DO, MBA, CPE; Vice President Danielle Barnett-Trapp, DO; and Secretary/Treasurer Brandon Abbott, DO, MPH.

See the Summer issue of the AOMA Digest for additional updates from the Annual Convention.

Welcome New Board Members

The AOMA Board of Trustees welcomed new board members at its April 10, 2019 meeting. Joining the Board are Alphonse Ambrosia, DO; William Jaffe, DO; and Donald Middleton, DO.

Thank you to Elise Barney, DO; William Devine, DO; David Leff, DO; and Laurel Mueller, DO; as

well as Student Doctors Jennifer Oster and Jamie Shawver for their tenure as Trustees. Your time and commitment to AOMA are genuinely appreciated.

Keep current on all the latest news from AOMA!

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AOA Leadership Positions

Nominations and applications for open leadership positions on the AOA's 2019–20 bureaus, councils, and committees (B/C/C) are now being accepted. AOA President-elect Ronald R. Burns, DO, strongly encourages members of the osteopathic professional community and AOA affiliated groups to submit an [online application](#). You may nominate a qualified colleague or yourself to serve in these important volunteer roles.

All applications and nominations must be submitted by close of business on Monday, May 20, 2019.

Questions or concerns? Email them to nominations@osteopathic.org and enter “Query” in the subject line.

Maricopa County Appoints Public Health Director

Maricopa County announces the appointment of Marcy Flanagan, DBA, MPH, MA as its new Public Health Director effective June 10, 2019. Flanagan currently serves as director of Pima County Department of Public Health. In her 18 year career in Pima County, Flanagan has held various public health positions and served on numerous boards and commissions including the Arizona Public Health Association, National Association of County and City Health Officials, International Leadership Association, and American Public Health Association. She is also a member of the Arizona Association of Local Health Officers, where she serves as the current president.



Welcome, Ms. Flanagan.

Buprenorphine Waiver Training

ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy, in cooperation with the Arizona Society of Addiction Medicine is presenting a free buprenorphine waiver training.

What Buprenorphine Waiver Training
When Saturday, May 18, 2019
8 am to 5 pm
Where ASU Downtown - Westward Ho Concho Room
618 N. Central Ave, Suite 100
Cost FREE
Register <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/bupwaiver511>

For more information, download the [brochure](#) or contact cabhp@asu.edu.

Online CME

Missed the AOMA Annual Convention? Still need CME hours? AOMA's online CME platform, developed in partnership with osteopathic associations across the country, offers all categories of AOA CME credit, **including 1-A!** [DO•CME](#) boasts a catalog of more than 160 different lectures in a wide variety of specialties. New content is added regularly and AOMA members receive a \$10 discount on each AOMA-produced CME program. Contact the office for the promo code. Go to www.docme.org to view the entire catalog of ondemand offerings.

T.I.P.S. Registration Open

The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI) announces the 2019 registration for our **FREE** Training on Immunization Practice Strategies (TIPS) is now available!

These are free training sessions that are offered to help improve immunization practices in both public and private provider offices. This is a great opportunity for all employees involved with vaccine delivery.

Register online at <https://www.whyimmunize.org/tapi-training/>



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Update Your Profile!

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Join AOMA

Not an AOMA Member?

Join today and be a part of the 97-year tradition of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association!

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive at \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit

Arizona Vaccine News



AzDHS Immunization Program Website

[AIPO Training](#)

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

[AOMA Calendar of Events-www.az-osteo.org](http://www.az-osteo.org)

- AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting** - June 29, 2019
- 4th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference** - August 17, 2019
- AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting** - November 1, 2019
- AOMA 39th Annual Fall Seminar** - November 2 & 3, 2019
- AOMA House of Delegates** - November 2, 2019

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