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Culling the Herd of Bad Bills – 2019 Legislative Session Update

It has been a wild month of activity at the Legislature with bills dying, new ones emerging, and marathon hearings lasting late into the evening. AOMA staff and lobbyist Steve Barclay, JD have spent considerable time on defense opposing scope of practice expansions and the nationally publicized vaccine legislation. Crossover week is wrapping up so the bills of origin (House Bills in the House, Senate Bills in the Senate) must be passed soon to continue. With 59 bills moved to the dead bill list on the [AOMA Bill Tracking Sheet](#) this week, AOMA advocacy efforts can focus on a smaller number of priority issues.

Physician Workforce

We are pleased to report Senator Heather Carter, District 15, has sponsored [SB 1354](#) to address Arizona's growing physician workforce shortage. Most noteworthy, is an appropriation of \$39 million towards graduate medical education (GME) and related expenses, primary care loan repayment, and the medical student loan program. It has been ten years since Arizona state funds supported GME. Support for these programs has been a top priority for AOMA and we applaud Senator Carter for her interest in solving this complex program. There is a long way to go for this appropriation to become reality and passage of this legislation will be major focus for the remainder of the 2019 legislative session.

Bad Bills & Threats Abound

It has been a challenging time for physicians working with the House Health Committee, which passed scope of practice expansion bills [HB 2548](#) and [HB 2068](#) to grant unprecedented prescribing privileges to pharmacists and clinical nurse specialists. At the time of this publication, thanks in large part to efforts by Steve Barclay, JD, AOMA lobbyist, we have stopped the pharmacists' bill from advancing further. The clinical nurse specialist prescribing legislation has strong bi-partisan support and will be difficult to defeat.

Despite a measles outbreak in ten states, the House Health Committee Republicans voted out a trio of vaccine-related bills, [HB 2470](#), [HB 2471](#), [HB 2472](#), that would expand exemptions from school requirements, impose onerous mandates for informed consent, and require physicians to offer anti-body titer testing to all patients requesting a vaccine. After a nearly seven hour one-sided hearing, the bills narrowly passed. Since word spread of their passage and reporting by national news outlets, it became evident the votes are not there to pass these bills any further out of the

House. We applaud Governor Ducey for publically condemning these misguided policies, and thank our friends at The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI), the Arizona Medical Association, Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and many others for the exceptional teamwork to successfully oppose these bills.

It is not the time celebrate these incremental victories. Many have predicted this will be a lengthy legislative session and dead bills may be resurrected later so we will stay vigilant. Stay tuned for AOMA Action Alerts on critical legislation and visit the [AOMA Advocacy Resource Center](#) for more information.

AOMA Annual Convention - Early Registration Ends March 10th!

The early registration deadline for the AOMA 97th Annual Convention is March 10, 2019. This is the largest annual medical conference in Arizona and will be held April 10-14, 2019 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas.

Save \$100 and register today at www.az-osteop.org/2019Conv.

The theme of the 2019 Convention is *Leading the Way*. The AOMA designates this five-day CME event for 38.25 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit and has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Application has been filed for AAFP Prescribed credits. Determination of credits is pending.



[Download the Agenda](#)

2019 DO Day at the Legislature

More than 80 osteopathic medical students and physicians joined forces and descended upon the Arizona state capitol on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 to get an up-close view of government in action. Attendees learned about the ins and outs of the legislative process from AOMA Executive Director Pete Wertheim, MS and contract lobbyist Steve Barclay, JD. Several legislators took time out a very busy day to speak on the "sausage making" at the capitol. Sen. Kate Brophy-McGee and Sen. Heather Carter, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, emphasized the importance of physicians as resources to legislators on bills that impact healthcare. Rep. Nancy Barto, Chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee, offered an insider perspective in policymaking and how to connect with your legislators. DO Day at the Legislature Host State Treasurer Kimberly Yee shared advocacy advice and explained the role of the treasurer's office.



In between speakers and a lively game of Arizona legislative trivia, DOs and students met one-on-one with their state legislators to discuss issues important to the medical profession. Former US Congressman Matt Salmon also stopped by to thank the students and physicians for their involvement in advocacy. Plan to join us for DO Day next year.

To view more photos from DO Day click [here](#).

Deadline to Nominate a Colleague is March 1, 2019!

Each year the AOMA recognizes individuals for their service and contributions to the osteopathic medical profession as physicians, community leaders, and humanitarians.

Who among your peers deserves to receive the award for physician of the year, outstanding mentor, or volunteer of the year?

The AOMA Awards will be presented at the AOMA Annual Convention during the Awards luncheon on Sunday, April 14, 2019. The online nomination form plus the complete list of AOMA Awards and past recipients is available at www.az-osteo.org/Awards.



[AOMA Awards](#)

AOMA House of Delegates Call for Resolutions

The AOMA is accepting resolutions for the upcoming AOMA House of Delegates meeting on Friday, April 12, 2019 during the [Annual Convention](#) in Scottsdale.

The deadline to submit resolutions is March 8, 2019. Resolutions will be posted for review on the AOMA website no later than on March 13. You must be an AOMA member in order to submit resolutions, review the resolutions, and to participate in the resolution process on the floor of the AOMA House of Delegates. Please review the [House of Delegates Primer and Resolution Process](#) document before submitting a resolution and attending the House of Delegates meeting.

This is your opportunity to have a direct say in the direction and policies of the AOMA.

Key Dates for Annual Convention House of Delegates

- March 8, 2019 – Deadline to submit resolutions
- March 13, 2019 – Resolutions posted on AOMA website
- April 10, 2019 – Board of Trustees meeting to review resolutions and make recommendations to the House of Delegates
- April 12, 2019 – House of Delegates meeting at Scottsdale Hilton on 6333 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information about the AOMA House of Delegates, or if you have questions or need assistance, please contact AOMA at 602-266-6699 or send an email to communications@az-osteo.org.

Nominate Your AOA Mentor of the Year

Who's your mentor? Let the world know how much that person has meant to you by nominating him/her for the 2019 AOA Mentor of the Year Award. The finalist will be honored at OMED October 25-29, 2019 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Nominations will be accepted until March 10, 2019. Students, interns, residents, DOs, AOA affiliates or any other member of the osteopathic professional family are welcome to submit nominations. Visit <https://osteopathic.org/students/resources/mentor-of-the-year/>

If you have any questions, please contact Priya Garg, Director of Student and Young Physician Affairs, at pgarg@osteopathic.org



Silent Auction Items Needed

The annual Arizona Osteopathic Charities Silent Auction will be held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Scottsdale Hilton Resort & Villas. Proceeds from the auction help the Charities achieve its mission in building a healthier community through the support of osteopathic medical education and community health improvement projects in Arizona. Can you help us with a donation? Your contribution can be something as simple as a gift certificate from a local business, a bottle of wine, or tickets to an athletic or theatrical event. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Contact Sharon Daggett at charities@az-osteo.org or click on and complete the [Donation Form](#) and return by email or mail to: Arizona Osteopathic Charities, 5150 N. 16th St., Ste. A-122, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Choices in Continuing Medical Education

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association is a premier provider of continuing medical education (CME). Accredited as a sponsor of AOA Category 1 credit, AOMA offers more than 50 hours of CME each year. Additionally, the AOMA Annual Convention and Fall Seminar are submitted for American Academy of Family Physicians prescribed credits.

Now you have a third choice for your CME hours: *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Through an agreement with Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine, an ACCME-accredited

provider of continuing medical education, you may earn either AOA or AMA credits when you attend an AOMA-sponsored CME event.

And don't forget DOCME offers on demand CME online at www.docme.org.

The choice is yours.

5th Annual ArMA Spring Conference

Healthcare Innovations and Solutions: How it Impacts the Physician Community

is the theme of the 5th Annual ArMA Spring Conference presented by the Arizona Medical Association. The topics have been selected to discuss the problems in medicine that might benefit from such learning approaches; use examples to introduce basic concepts in machine learning; identify what obstacles there may be to change the practice of medicine through statistical learning approaches; and discuss how these might be overcome moving forward.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) through the joint providership of MORE Foundation and ArMA. MORE Foundation is accredited by ArMA to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The MORE Foundation designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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| When: | Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:00 am to 1:30 pm |
| Where: | Mayo Clinic 5777 E Mayo Blvd Phoenix, AZ 85054 |
| Cost: | \$50 for AOMA members Use promo code: AOMAMember2019 |
| Register: | https://www.azmed.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1198647&group= |

AOCOPM Mid-Year Educational Conference

The American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine will hold its Mid-Year Educational Conference and OPAM Workshops on March 20-24, 2019 at the Hilton Phoenix Mesa, 1011 W Holmes Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210.

Arizona physicians may attend the Conference and workshops at the member rate. Just choose the member rate during registration. Go to www.aocopm.org/education.

Questions? Call 800-558-8686.

Third Annual Lung Force Expo

The American Lung Association hosts its 3rd Annual Lung Force Expo on March 30, 2019 at Black Canyon Conference Center. The LUNG FORCE Expo is a program designed for patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals to learn more about the latest trends, resources and

research surrounding lung cancer, COPD, pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension and other chronic lung diseases.

American Lung Association Lung Force Expo

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Black Canyon Conference Center

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Healthcare Professionals (\$75 until March 15th)

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Patients/Caregivers (\$10)

www.Lung.org/Expo

4th Annual Arizona Cord Blood Conference: On the Horizon

The Arizona Biomedical Research Commission in partnership with the University of Arizona College of Medicine, the Arizona Public Cord Blood Program, and Save the Cord Foundation, present the 3rd Annual Arizona Cord Blood Conference on Thursday, April 14, 2019. Cost is **free** to attend. The event is for students interested in STEM careers, health professionals wanting more information about cord blood collections, and hospital administrators and policy makers to understand the current status of the cord blood industry.

Location:

Double Tree by Hilton Tempe

2100 South Priest Drive

Tempe, AZ 85282

For more information visit www.savethecordfoundation.org

And the winner is...

Congratulations to Brendan Labban, DO, an anesthesiologist in Scottsdale Arizona. Dr. Labban updated his member profile on the AOMA website and was entered into the drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card.

Update your profile by May 31, 2019 for a chance to win! You could be our next winner.



**Patients are Looking
for YOU!**



Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the Find a Physician public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by

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.

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Vaccine News**



**AzDHS
Immunization Program
Website**

logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

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

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

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

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - April 10, 2019

AOMA 97th Annual Convention - April 10-14, 2019

AOMA House of Delegates - April 12, 2019

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - June 29, 2019

4th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference - August 17, 2019



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