

AOA House of Delegates 2022 - Update

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Under the strong leadership of our 125th President, Joseph Giaimo, DO and CEO, Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD the 2021/2022 year concluded with undertaking the Presidential initiatives of: Enhanced pride in the Osteopathic profession, Promotion of Osteopathic distinctive practice and Embracing and building the future of our profession.

The AOA Board of Trustees Annual Business meeting was held on July 12th through 14th at the Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile with the following reports presented (available on the AOA website): Leadership reports, AOA operational updates and Affiliate organizational reports.

The House of Delegates took place on July 15th through 17th with 1,040 Delegates, Alternates, Affiliate Leaders and Guests participating. During the initial days of HOD, AOA Finance report, Departmental Chairs' reports, AOA Bylaws updates Adopted, AOA Strategic Plan, Single Accreditation System Update, the Journal of Osteopathic Medicine – Editor in Chief report and the 2022 Presidential Citations were presented to Josh Prober, JD, David L. Broder, DO, Thomas A. Cavalieri, DO, J. Michael Wieting, DO, M.Ed., Michelle Winn Larson, and ACOI.

The AOA House of Delegates heard Reference Committee reports on resolutions submitted by osteopathic specialty societies, state associations, and other osteopathic affiliate and student organizations. The HOD successfully reviewed 134 Resolutions with 125 Resolutions being adopted and enacted as policies for the AOA. There were 25 action items deliberated in depth with the final outcome: COMLEX USA re-affirmed as THE licensing exam for the Osteopathic Profession, Establishment of osteopathic distinctive CME, Certification of Residents for Board eligibility and 2022 – 2023 Federal and State legislative priorities solidified.

The Installation of the 126th President, Ernest Gelb, DO from Pennsylvania, took place on Saturday July 17th with his Presidential address focusing on leading with the three “H’s”; **H**onor, **H**umanity and **H**umor. Nominations and elections to the AOA BOT and officers of the HOD took place on Sunday July 17th concluding the HOD.

I would like to recognize your **Illinois Delegation** for their time and service representing **YOU** at the AOA House of Delegates:

Teresa, Hubka, DO - Delegation Chair
Harald Lausen, DO - Delegation Co-Chair
Kim Huntington-Alfano, DO - IOMS President
Naresh Chandan, DO
Samuel Garloff, DO
Curtis Johnston, DO
Paula Mackrides, DO
Angelique Mizera, DO
Steven Morton, DO
Ralph Naftaly, DO

Rupesh Patel, DO
Bryan Sweeney, DO
Rebecca Williamson, DO – Resident
Shruti Shah, OMS-2

Alternates

Nikhil Bhargava, D
Amanda Krus-Johnston, DO
Melissa Lott-Curtis, DO
Varun Shankavaram, OMS