

October 2022 President's Message



Greetings from the President's desk/home office!

On behalf of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society (IOMS) and its leadership, **thank you for your selfless work on the frontlines fighting COVID-19**. The IOMS appreciates your diligent care for your patients during this national emergency, and we recognize the sacrifices you and your families have made. Often our heroic efforts go unnoticed during challenging times, the IOMS "has your back" and is here to assist you in every way we can. As pandemic restrictions start being lifted, I look forward to being able to come back together in person.

I want to personally invite you to join us in person, December 8 – 11, 2022, at the Westin in Lombard, Illinois for our **Winter Scientific Seminar**. Our education committee has worked hard developing a conference full of "Information You Can Use" in your practices focusing on up-to-date, evidence-based medicine and quality care with an emphasis on individual patients' needs and values. It will provide up to **30 hours of CME** and IOMS members receive a discount on registration fees.

IOMS leadership, along with osteopathic physicians, residents and students represented you at the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) House of Delegates July 15 – 17, 2022 in Chicago. Together we voted on bylaw changes and hundreds of resolutions aimed at supporting osteopathic distinctiveness and improving our abilities to provide high quality care for our patients.

The IOMS represents all DOs in Illinois regardless of residency training. Our membership committee is working on ways the IOMS can connect with you and provide IOMS sponsored services to ensure you are getting value from your membership. We want to be your voice, provide continuing medical education, and offer mentorship programs. Now more than ever, DOs need to be a part of an organization that represents you.

I invite you to learn more about the IOMS and consider renewing, rejoining, or joining the IOMS today [here](http://www.ioms.org). To join or renew, simply visit www.ioms.org and click on "Members" and "Join or Renew".

To that end, I ask you to reach out to your Illinois Osteopathic colleagues urging them to join the IOMS. Membership in IOMS provides several benefits:

- Discounted CME, not only in Illinois, but at other state conferences as there is often reciprocity
- Maintenance of an Osteopathic voice in the state of Illinois
- Advocacy: While we currently no longer have a full-time lobbyist in Springfield, we have been networking with other medical groups in the state to keep tabs on legislation of particular interest to Illinois physicians. Further, membership strengthens your voice when communicating with your legislators
- Membership helps provide you a voice at the annual AOA House of Delegates where the future direction(s) of osteopathic medicine are established.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to "seeing" you all at the Indiana seminar and again in December!

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President