The AOA Board of Trustees (Board) convened for the 2017 Midyear Business Meeting on Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 2, in the Maile Ballroom at the Kahala Hotel & Resort in Honolulu, HI. The following Board members and individuals were present at the meeting:

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**Officers of the AOA House of Delegates**

Ray L. Morrison, DO, Speaker
David L. Broder, DO, Vice speaker
On Wednesday, March 1, the AOA President called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm (HAST). An invocation was given followed by roll call (attendance noted above) to establish a quorum was present.
The Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment was recited and the AOA’s Mission and Vision statements were noted. The President asked the Board and meeting guests to keep the pledge, mission, and vision statements in mind throughout the meeting. The Board adopted the meeting agenda.

The 2017 Midyear Business Meeting went into recess at 1:58 pm (HAST) on Wednesday, March 1 and reconvened Thursday, March 2 at 8 am (HAST). The following items were approved by the Board upon motion, duly seconded, and followed by an opportunity for discussion:

1. **Approval of resolutions on the consent agenda:** B-1; B-2; B-3; B-4; B-5; B-6; and B-7 (complete resolutions with action are available on the osteopathic.org website; an electronic copy is maintained on file).

2. **Approval of the following resolutions:** B-8; B-9; B-10; B-11; and B-12 (complete resolutions with action are available on the osteopathic.org website; an electronic copy is maintained on file).

3. **Disapproval of resolution B-1 - July 24, 2016** (complete resolution with action is available on the osteopathic.org website; an electronic copy is maintained on file).

4. **Approval of resolutions** NB-1 (complete resolution with action is available on the osteopathic.org website; an electronic copy is maintained on file).

5. **Approval of the reference committee report and resolutions** of the Committee on Basic Documents of Affiliate Organizations.

The Board, Past Presidents, and meeting guests received the following information, reports, and updates.

1. **AOA Leadership Reports** from the AOA President; AOA President-elect; and CEO. The CEO announced the recent hiring of a new Chief Operations Officer, Sally Szumlas, who will begin working for the AOA in April.

2. **Affiliate Reports** from the Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association (AAOA); the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF); the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED); the Society of Osteopathic Specialty Executives (SOSE); the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME); the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA); the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM); and the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP), including the following details:
   - The AOF noted its plans to add a New Physician in Practice to its Board of Directors as part of its new strategic plan.
   - The SOSE requested continued communications with the AOA and its Board of Trustees as well as additional representation on AOA bureaus, councils, and committees to ensure that the voices of its membership are heard and have an opportunity to communicate new and innovative ideas.
The NBOME announced that it has released proposed changes on the eligibility requirements to take the COMLEX-USA exam series for public and stakeholder comments. These proposed changes include the attestation of the dean of a COCA accredited college that the candidate is in good academic and professional standing in order to sit for levels one and two. For level three examination candidates, the program director of an AOA approved or ACGME accredited program must attest that the resident is in good academic and professional standing in order to sit for the COMLEX-USA level three exam.

The SOMA reported adding over 3,500 new members. In April, SOMA will add one regional chapter (increasing from four to five) due to the addition of new colleges of osteopathic medicine and branch campuses.

The AACOM reported that four additional campuses will open in 2017.

3. **Public Policy Update** was provided by the BOT’s Chair of Governmental Affairs and the Staff Public Policy Senior Vice President (SVP).

4. **Key Strategic Initiatives.** The information presented included an update on the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA); a Wellness Task Force Report; an update on AOA Board Certification; Research; the Single Accreditation System; and the AOA Brand and Media Strategy, including the following points:

   - The COCA’s proposed new standards that will be organized under twelve standards and supporting elements for each standard. The proposed new standards and elements were posted for public comment in January and will be followed by a mid-March COCA Forum in Chicago. The COCA also will create separate standards and procedures for new and developing COMs which will be posted for a 30-day public comment period before the COCA’s review.
   
   - The Wellness Task Force submitted a Discussion Paper entitled, “Addressing Burnout, Depression, and Suicidal Ideation in the Osteopathic Profession: An Approach that Spans the Physician Life-Cycle”. The paper is currently in the final phase of review and is expected to be posted to the National Academy of Medicine webpage in late March or early April.
   
   - The Certifying Board Services Task Force (Phase I) completed its charge; a second Certifying Board Services Task Force was appointed (Phase II Initiatives) to review issues related to management and operations of the certifying boards.
   
   - Almost half of the 1,244 AOA-accredited GME programs (49%) have achieved accreditation or are in pre-accreditation status under the Single Accreditation System.

5. **Adjournment**

   - Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned by acclimation at 10:02 a.m. (HAST).