SUBJECT:  PROCESS TO PREVENT AND RESOLVE OUT OF MATCH CONTRACTING BY INELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

SUBMITTED BY:  Bureau of Osteopathic Education / Council on Postdoctoral Training

REFERRED TO:  BOT Executive Committee

WHEREAS, the Council on Postdoctoral Training (COPT) formed a special task force to describe the process and consequences for programs that did not apply by their Section X date but want to accept residents into their program; and

WHEREAS, AOA Basic Documents for Postdoctoral Training, Section X, 10.5 Charts A & B dictates specific deadline dates by which AOA programs must have applied for ACGME accreditation in order to accept trainees; and

WHEREAS, the AOA Match will prevent any matches into programs that have not applied for ACGME accreditation by the program’s Section X deadline; and

WHEREAS, the lack of compliance with well published rules for the orderly transition to the Single Accreditation System (SAS) is a major, blatant, and intentional violation and leads to significant consequences for trainees and both the AOA and ACGME in future trainee placement; and

WHEREAS, this process places major incentives on OPTIs for monitoring of their member programs and also training institutions for compliance with AOA policy; and

WHEREAS, the COPT approves the resolution drafted by the special task force; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in order to prevent ineligible programs from contracting with trainees, the following process will be put in place:

1. Any Out-of-Match or Post-Match issuance of a contract after the Section X deadline date must be reported to and approved by the program’s OPTI Chief Academic Officer (CAO).

   a. The OPTI CAO will monitor every one of the OPTI programs’ ACGME application status.

   b. No contract approval shall be granted by an OPTI CAO without documenting prior ACGME accreditation application submission and pre-accreditation status.

   c. In the event that a program submits an ACGME application and is granted pre-accreditation status after the January 1st deadline, the OPTI CAO may approve a contract to be issued only after the AOA Match, NRMP Match and NRMP Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) have concluded for that year; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the consequences for contracting with a trainee in violation of the Section X policies are as follows:

1. Any program without a waiver from PTRC or BOT Executive Committee that contracts with a trainee in violation of the Section X policies shall be subject to immediate review of its AOA accreditation by PTRC with possible sanctions up to and including loss of accreditation.
   a. At the time of discovery, Opportunities will be updated that the program accreditation is under review.
   b. All trainees in the program will be notified of the program’s AOA accreditation status by the program director, with documentation of notification provided to the PTRC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this process and these consequences will be published and disseminated to all COMs, OPTIs, training institutions, programs, residents, specialty colleges and osteopathic medical students.