

American Osteopathic Association

House of Delegates

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

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Mr. Speaker and members of the AOA House of Delegates:

Your Reference Committee on Resolutions presents the following summation of our meeting of the 99th AOA House of Delegates, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED.

WHEREAS, the July 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates in Chicago, Illinois, at the Marriott Magnificent Mile is concluding its session of policy actions setting the future direction of the osteopathic medical profession; and

WHEREAS, this body now represents more than **145,000** osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students in this United States and abroad; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we acknowledge the leadership offered by William S. Mayo, DO, the American Osteopathic Association's 2018-19 President for urging us to go forward with confidence as a family, to embrace change while taking responsibility for our actions while maintaining transparency and communication, and to dedicate our energies to expanding and supporting our osteopathic cohesiveness. And for the record, we're glad that we didn't hold back the Mayo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AOA House of Delegates extends the full support of this assembly to Ronald R. Burns, DO, FACOFP as he begins his year as the 123rd AOA President, advocate for the osteopathic medical profession throughout the spectrum of the profession. Our witty and bright new leader, who stands for a physician directed and physician led osteopathic profession, we look

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forward to having the trains run on time and going straight at 'em. A leader who believes in modern medicine with a personal touch; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes the ongoing involvement, effort, and service provided by the AOA Past Presidents and AOA Board of Trustees over these days; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes the “DOctors of Harmony” and their leading of the singing of God Bless of America in honor of the Military Personnel and Veterans in attendance; and be it

RESOLVED, that the following individuals and organizations be given the gratitude of the profession for their efforts in supporting this AOA House of Delegates to discharge its duty in the policy process:

- Ralph Naftaly, DO, president of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society for his enthusiastic and warm welcome, inviting us to visit the many restaurants and shops along Michigan Avenue, or attend the Margarita festival or Fiesta del Sol events, no discount tickets available;
- Ray L. Morrison, DO, for his efficient execution of duties as speaker of the AOA House of Delegates, juggling 500 delegates and his glasses on the top of his head, also for the grammar lesson as “Monroe” is a three syllable word and reminding us that we have the *situation* of email available as a line of communication; and
- David L. Broder, DO, vice speaker, for his generosity in providing us with contact information, by providing the cell phone number of CEO, Kevin Klauer, DO EJD, FACEP, and Dr. Klauer will give him the message, and Richard R. Thacker, DO continues to wait for something important to be said by Speaker Broder in order to see his tie light up;
- Robert Orenstein, DO, who is stepping down as Editor In Chief of the Journal of the American Osteopathic Association (JAOA) after more than five years in that role increasing the growth and recognition of this premier scholarly, peer-reviewed publication of the osteopathic medical profession; and

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- Thomas Nasca, MD for his continued advocacy of the osteopathic profession and recognition of the value and quality of AOA Board Certification,
- Admiral Brett P. Giroir, MD, Health and Human Services (HHS), Assistant Secretary for Health who encouraged AOA continued advocacy and focus on the osteopathic philosophy of patient-centered, preventive care to assist HHS to move away from “stupid”; and
- Our osteopathic fellows, residents, interns and medical students who value involvement with their state, specialty and national organization, and especially to those serving as delegates and alternates during this House of Delegates; and
- Our House of Delegates’ Pages for the energetic way they encouraged us to participate in OMED 2019, leading the chant of Engage, Empower and Excel; and be it further

RESOLVED; that this AOA House of Delegates further acknowledges those individuals and organizations receiving recognition including:

- The American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, who received Strategic Team Award and Recognition Awards;
- “Lymphatic Pump Treatment Mobilizes Bioactive Lymph That Suppresses Macrophage Activity In Vitro”, that received the George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award;
- Floyd Meachum, DO, FACOFP, Grady “Ed” Williams, Ph.D., Stephen Scheinthal, DO, DFACN, DFAPA, and Frank Bedford, CPA who received Presidential Citations;
- Josh Prober, JD, AOA Senior Vice President and General Counsel for AOA advocacy that resulted in the American Board of Neurological Surgery apologizing for harassment of DOs use of the term board certified, recognizing AOA board certified parity; and no one needed a lobotomy.
- Karen J. Nichols, DO, who inspired us as the presenter of the A.T. Still Memorial Lecture to always look through the osteopathic lens, embrace and adapt to unintended consequences and refuse to give up, shut up, or let up; thus doing the right thing at the right time; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes Kevin Klauer, DO, EJD, FACEP, CEO, of the AOA for his enthusiasm, energy, love of the profession, and your cell phone number 312-XXX-XXXX. I'll call you; and be it further

RESOLVED that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes and congratulates Thomas L. Ely, DO, President-elect of the AOA, and offers him the full support of this body, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates recognizes the dedication and support of the AOA staff, whose unsung contributions continue to support the backbone of the osteopathic profession during difficult times of transition and who make this House of Delegates possible are recognized by those present. With change is opportunity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this AOA House of Delegates demonstrated a rousing display of what family can accomplish for the betterment of the profession, our physicians and patients. Despite our differences, we found common ground where food and nutrition brought us together. This team will have a great year so buy your season tickets.

Mr. Speaker, And I so move. **APPROVED**

Mr. Speaker, this concludes the Committee's report. I would like to thank the following members of the Reference Committee for their collaboration and hard work.

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