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<b>Department</b>	<b>B/C/C</b>	<b>B/C/C Description</b>
<b><i>Non-Departmental Governance</i></b>	Committee on AOA Governance and Organizational Structure	<p>The AOA Committee on Governance and Organizational Structure is responsible for review of the internal structure of the AOA, which includes review of bureau, council, and committee structures, and the development of new Task Forces, Ad Hoc Committees, and/or Committees. The Committee also reviews documents that impact the governance policies of the AOA, such as conflict of interest policies. The Committee shall have within its membership structure a Constitution and Bylaws subcommittee and a Basic Documents of Affiliated Organizations subcommittee.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: calls and meetings as needed</p>
<b><i>Department of Affiliate Relations</i></b>	Bureau of Affiliate Relations	<p>The Bureau of Affiliate Relations provides the AOA state and specialty affiliates with a direct link and structured opportunities to participate in the AOA's policy development process. It also provides the affiliates with a forum to exchange information. The Bureau is designed for the affiliates to advise the AOA on pertinent issues; to gather and disseminate relevant information; to review and provide input into the AOA House of Delegates' resolutions; and to educate and mentor each other.</p> <p>Meeting frequency TBD</p>

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<p><b><i>Department of Educational Affairs</i></b></p>	<p>Bureau of Osteopathic Education</p>	<p>The Bureau studies the full continuum of osteopathic medical education (predoctoral, postdoctoral, and continuing medical education) and makes recommendations to the AOA Board of Trustees as to how to improve the educational system and the process through which the AOA oversees and approves or accredits educational programs.</p> <p>The Bureau is a representative body of the osteopathic profession. It receives reports from educational councils and committees of the AOA. The Bureau acts to assure the AOA Board of Trustees, the osteopathic medical community and the public that the actions of the PTRC are within the framework of the AOA policies. The Bureau also makes recommendations for advocating best standards in undergraduate medical education, graduate medical education, and continuing medical education.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: 4 one-hour calls</p>
	<p>Council on Osteopathic GME Development</p>	<p>The Council on Osteopathic GME Development (COGMED) provides advice and counsel to the AOA on the osteopathic graduate medical education. The COGME accomplishes this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generating interest and support for ACGME Osteopathic Recognition</li> <li>• Identifying champions to assist with development of new GME and increasing the number of ACGME programs with Osteopathic Recognition</li> <li>• Providing comments to ACGME on proposed requirement changes</li> <li>• Engaging osteopathic community and hospital leadership on benefits of Osteopathic Recognition</li> </ul> <p>Meeting frequency: 4 one-hour calls at least</p>

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	Program and Trainee Review Council	<p>Starting July 1, 2020, the Program and Trainee Review Council (PTRC) will continue to function as the accreditation authority for all AOA-approved programs that do not achieve ACGME accreditation by June 30, 2020. The primary responsibilities of the PTRC are to serve as the final decision making body for AOA-approved internship, residency, fellowship training programs, based upon recommendations from the educational evaluating committees of osteopathic specialty colleges. These actions may be appealed to the BOE Appeal Committee, decisions of which may be appealed to the AOA Board. The council also makes OGME policy recommendations to BOE, including changes to specialty basic standards.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: 3 one-hour calls; 1 face-to-face meeting</p>
	Council of OMED	<p>The AOA Council of OMED is responsible for the programming and planning of the annual Osteopathic Medical Education Conference &amp; Exposition (OMED) of the AOA. OMED is the premier source for quality osteopathic continuing medical education.</p> <p>Meeting frequency TBD</p>

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<p><b><i>Department of Governmental Affairs</i></b></p>	<p>Bureau on Federal Health Programs</p>	<p>The Bureau on Federal Health Programs (BFHP) provides direction on the Federal legislative and regulatory activities of the AOA Department of Governmental Affairs. The Bureau:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies and evaluates Federal health and education issues of interest to osteopathic physicians and those they serve;</li> <li>• Ensures that the policies of the AOA and the directives of the Board of Trustees are followed and promoted;</li> <li>• Provides timely information on Federal legislative and regulatory issues to the osteopathic medical community;</li> <li>• Promotes the active involvement of members of the osteopathic medical community in grassroots activities that promote the interests of the community, and</li> <li>• Provides a forum for the recognition of the Osteopathic Heritage Health Policy Fellowship program and the Training in Policies Studies program.</li> </ul> <p>The Bureau shall have within its membership structure a Council on State Health Affairs (formerly the Bureau of State Government Affairs) and a Council on Economic and Regulatory Affairs (formerly the Bureau of Socioeconomic Affairs). Council appointees may participate in BFHP meetings at the discretion of the BFHP Chair.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: 2-3 calls; 3 face-to-face meetings</p>

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<p><b><i>Department of Professional Affairs / Membership Services</i></b></p>	<p>Bureau of Emerging Leaders</p>	<p>The Bureau of Emerging Leaders is the representative body and advocate for all osteopathic medical students, osteopathic physicians in postdoctoral training, and osteopathic physicians who are in practice but graduated from osteopathic medical school within the last 10 years.</p> <p>The primary goals of the BEL are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on issues important to their colleagues, and</li> <li>• Develop opportunities and resources that will further the AOA's strategic plan and engage students, trainees and new physicians in the osteopathic medical profession and the AOA.</li> </ul> <p>These opportunities and resources may include events, online content, leadership roles, networking, mentorship and community outreach. The BEL may create task forces and work groups to assist in the work of the BEL; the BEL will select students, trainees and new physicians to serve on these task forces and work groups. The BEL will focus on policy development to best represent their constituents, and has three delegates and three alternates attend the annual AOA House of Delegates.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: 10-12 one-hour monthly calls; face-to-face meeting if convenient</p>
	<p>Bureau of International Osteopathic Medicine</p>	<p>The Bureau of International Osteopathic Medicine (BIOM) promotes the highest standards of osteopathic medical education and practice throughout the world. The Bureau's vision is acceptance of osteopathic medicine as a complete system of medical care throughout the world.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: 1 call; 1 face-to-face meeting at OMED</p>
	<p>Bureau of Membership</p>	<p>The Bureau of Membership (BOM) makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees (BOT) on policies affecting AOA membership development including recruitment and retention. Members of the Bureau evaluate trends, research to make policy recommendations, review exceptions to policy, review proposals for programs that provide tangible member benefits, and encourage the membership focus of the organization.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: possibly 10-12 monthly calls; 1 face-to-face meeting</p>

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<b><i>Department of Research and Public Health</i></b>	Bureau of Osteopathic Research and Public Health	<p>The Bureau of Osteopathic Research and Public Health directs all AOA research and public health activities. These activities include managing all research grant and fellowship programs, developing public health educational programs and initiatives, and advising AOA on public health and research policy.</p> <p>Members also participate in the development of activities for OMED, such as educational programs on important public health issues and presentations on current clinical research and the research call for abstracts and poster competition. Additionally the Bureau also reviews existing AOA policy and develops new policy for submission to the annual House of Delegates meeting.</p> <p>Meeting frequency: 5 calls</p>