CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE COCA

The Nominating Committee of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) is seeking nomination of qualified candidates who are interested in appointment to serve on the COCA.

The COCA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accreditation authority for colleges of osteopathic medicine in the United States. The COCA is comprised of 21 commissioners who are charged with responsibility to set and enforce accreditation standards and consider and adjudicate applications for the establishment of new colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs), branch campuses and additional locations. The COCA membership includes the following positions:

- 4 COM Deans
- 1 Biomedical Science Faculty Member at a COM (Not a Dean)
- 2 GME Leaders
- 1 Clinical Science Faculty Member of a COM (Not a Dean)
- 3 Public Members
- 1 Hospital or Medical Clinic Administrator
- 4 AOA Members-at-Large (Not Deans)
- 1 Clinical Science Faculty Member of a COM
- 3 Public Members
- 1 Student Services Representative from a COM
- 1 Physician Member of a State Medical Licensing Board
- 1 DO Resident/Fellow or Physician in Practice less than Five Years
- 2 COM Students (newly established)

Each of these positions is defined in the COCA Handbook.

The COCA meets in multi-day sessions (three to four days) in April, August, and December. Additionally, COCA commissioners are expected to serve on standing and/or ad hoc committees to address specific areas of accreditation activity. For further information regarding the COCA, please visit: https://aoacoca.org

The President of the American Osteopathic Association, with approval of the Board of Trustees, makes appointments to the COCA at the conclusion of the House of Delegates in July.
The following seats on the COCA will be open for appointment for a two-year term (July 2020-2022):

Two COM students (SOMA and COSGP candidates)

The following seats are currently held by commissioners whose terms will expire in July, 2020, but may be renewed for another three-year term through re-appointment:

One (1) educator
One (1) state licensing board member
Three (3) members-at-large

**The nomination process is as follows:** The Interim Secretary of the COCA will receive nominations from interested individuals and deliver them to the COCA Nominations Committee. The COCA Nominations Committee will review all nominations and refer candidates for further consideration by the AOA Education Nominations Committee (ENC). The ENC will then determine the candidates for consideration by the AOA President. Please note that the ENC may select its recommended candidates for appointment from the list of candidates referred by the Nominating Committee or identify other individuals it believes to be eligible and qualified to serve on the COCA.

All persons interested in seeking an appointment to the COCA should submit their nomination (either through a third party or self-nominated), including a current curriculum vitae and a letter of interest that includes eligibility requirements according to the definitions listed above to:

Joshua Prober, JD
Interim Secretary
Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
American Osteopathic Association
142 E. Ontario Street
Chicago, IL 60611

**Electronic submissions are highly encouraged.** Please submit electronic submissions to: predoc@osteopathic.org.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2020.
All appointments will be announced in late July or early August. Upon appointment, the appointed individuals are expected to attend the next COCA meeting, which will include an orientation session, on August 20 – 23, 2020, in Chicago, IL.