



Welcome to Chicago! To prepare for the 2026 House of Delegates meeting, take a moment to review the highlights below.

Location

Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile, 540 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL

Attire

Business attire is standard for all meetings. On Saturday evening, July 18, the Presidential Reception is cocktail attire. Note: The hotel is air-conditioned and could be cool in some areas.

Weather

Current weather for the week will be in the upper 80s. [View the latest](#) daily forecast.

Social media

Share your pictures and favorite memories on social media with #AOAHOD.

Electronics

A reminder to bring your laptop/tablet to view the resolutions and the reference committee reports. Reports **will not** be printed.

Delegate Credentialing Pickup/Guest Registration

- Delegate Credentialing and Guest Registration are located on the 7th Floor, Grand Ballroom Foyer.
- Early verification/badge pick-up will assist in the quorum counts so that the business of HOD can begin promptly.
- NEW: Delegates and Alternate Delegates will receive ribbons to affix to credentials. [Access the credentialing and registration portal.](#)
- Delegate/Alternate Delegate Credentialing and Guest Registration Hours:

- Thursday, July 16 – 2 – 6 p.m.
- Friday, July 17 – 6:30 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, July 18 – 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Sunday, July 19 – 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Delegate Credentialing is relocated at 8 a.m. Friday through Sunday to the back of the Grand Ballroom

HOD materials and meeting logistics

- The HOD Agenda, HOD Resolutions, Reference Committee Appointments and the AOA Board of Trustees Resolution Positions are available for viewing on the [HOD 2026 Resolution website](#).
- Password: **House26**.

Meeting Room Internet

The Internet in the meeting rooms is complimentary.

- Select the network SSID: AOA
- Enter password: aoahod26 (case sensitive)

Networking sessions

- Plan to attend these premier sessions by adding these events to your existing registration.
- [Access your registration](#) and add these events:
 - Thursday, July 16 – 9:30 a.m.: AOA CERA Meeting
 - Thursday, July 16 – 3 p.m.: AOA–AOiA Public Policy Townhall: AI & the Future of Osteopathic Medicine
 - Thursday, July 16 - 4:30 p.m.: Bureau of Emerging Leaders/VOICES Joint Networking Hour
 - Friday, July 17 – 12:15 p.m.: AOiA Emerging DO Panel Lunch
 - Saturday, July 18 – 4:30 p.m.: AOA Incoming President, Richard R. Thacker, DO, Inauguration Ceremony

Event descriptions:

AOA CERA Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. CT The AOA's Council on Economic and Regulatory Affairs will be meeting to discuss current policy issues impacting the business of medicine. The agenda will focus on

Medicare payment reform and prior authorization, as well as updates on legislation that may impact physician practices.

AOA–AOiA Public Policy Townhall: AI & the Future of Osteopathic Medicine

Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 3–4:15 p.m. CT

AOA and AOiA are co-convening this special session at the House of Delegates to tackle one of the most pressing issues facing the profession: AI's rapid integration into clinical practice, medical education and health policy.

The session will feature a deep dive into the [OsteopathicAI Definition](#) and its path to HOD adoption, an expert overview of the federal and state AI regulatory landscape, and open Q&A. Attendees will leave equipped to engage — not just react — as policy is being written. Join us on July 16 and connect with the [AOiA Digital Health Innovation Community of Practice](#) — and be sure to explore our resources and upcoming events there too.

BEL/VOICES Joint Networking Hour

Thursday, July 16, 2026 | 4:30–5:30 p.m. CT

The Bureau of Emerging Leaders (BEL) and VOICES Workgroup are hosting a networking hour on Thursday, July 16 from 4:30-5:30pm at the AOA building. Please register to attend if you are interested in networking, meeting new people and mentoring.

AOiA Emerging DO Panel Lunch

Friday, July 17, 2026 | 12:15–1:30 p.m. CT

Join AOiA for a dynamic panel luncheon showcasing the real-world impact of the Emerging DO Platform—designed by DOs, for DOs. Hear directly from osteopathic medical students, residents and physicians in practice as they share how the Platform is supporting their professional growth, strengthening connections and helping them navigate key career decisions. This session goes beyond to highlight authentic user experiences and practical ways to engage—whether you're a student seeking guidance, a program director looking to connect with future residents or an osteopathic stakeholder organization aiming to contribute trusted resources to the profession.

We're also introducing DORA (Doctor of Osteopathic Resource Assistant),

our newly launched AI-powered knowledge assistant—built to elevate credible osteopathic content and make it easier to access, share and apply across the community. Enjoy a complimentary lunch while exploring how you can stay connected, give back through mentorship and insights and help shape a stronger, more informed future for the osteopathic profession.

Tour AOA headquarters

If you would like to visit the AOA Headquarters Office while you are in Chicago for the Annual Business Meeting in July, tours are offered on:

- Wednesday, July 15: 3–5 p.m. (every 30 minutes)
- Thursday, July 16: 10 a.m.–noon and 1–3 p.m. (every 30 minutes)
- Friday, July 17: 1–3 p.m. (every 30 minutes)
- The tour takes approximately 20 minutes

The AOA headquarters office is located at 142 E. Ontario, just off the east side of Michigan Avenue, approximately 2 blocks north of the Chicago Marriott. Look for our ‘Welcome’ street banners along the way. Upon arrival, check in at the front desk, and a member of the AOA staff will escort the group at the stated times above.

American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO): Osteopathic Education Service (OES)

Visit the Osteopathic Education Service located in Denver/Houston/Kansas City Room on the 5th Floor on Friday between the hours of 8 a.m.–6 p.m. and Saturday between the hours of 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

The AAO’s Osteopathic Education Service provides personalized hands-on demonstrations of osteopathic manipulative treatment. DOs from all specialties are invited to volunteer and demonstrate their diagnostic and treatment techniques. Volunteers receive 0.5 credit of AOA Category 1-B CME for each demonstration. All attendees are invited to take advantage of OES to learn more about osteopathic manipulative medicine.

Thank you to the American Academy of Osteopathy for providing this area. To volunteer or ask questions, please contact Llarise Clemons at membership@academyofosteopathy.org.

AOA Services/Affiliate Informational Tables

Visit with the informational table representatives located on the 7th Floor Foyer outside of the Grand Ballroom on Friday and Saturday. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and learn about these services.

- Friday, July 17: 7 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Saturday, July 18: 7 a.m.–12:15 p.m. and 1–3 p.m.

Transportation Information

Taxi Service: Taxi rates are approximately \$50 - \$60 each way from the airport to the hotel. A \$4 airport department tax is applied by the state of Illinois per trip. [Access more information.](#)

Accessible transportation: Accessible Transportation is available by calling 1-855-928-1010

CTA: Public transportation is available to/from both airports, starting at \$5.00 each way. [Access more information.](#)

Parking: Marriott parking is \$70 per day. There are other parking garages within walking distance to the Marriott.

Ride-share services: [Lyft](#) and [Uber](#) are available at both O'Hare and Midway Airports. Please refer to the individual websites or apps for specific pick-up location information for each airport.

Transportation updates for O'Hare International Airport

Terminal 5 (International, Delta and Southwest) arrivals – Rideshare service is no longer available from Terminal 5, unless it's an Uber Black. Taxi stands and Black Car pick up areas remain. If you wish to take a rideshare from O'Hare, you will need to transfer to Terminal 2 using the free airport transit system (approximately a 5-minute ride).

Rail transportation – The 'L' train Blue Line is accessible from within O'Hare at a one-way fare of \$5. This is approximately a 30-minute commute to downtown to the [Clark/Lake stop](#) from where you can hail a taxi or order a rideshare for a 5-minute ride to the Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile.

The Blue Line is accessible from all domestic terminals. Follow the "Trains to City" on the overhead wayfinding signs. From Terminal 5, a free shuttle from the baggage claim door (5E) is available. The shuttle will be marked with "Terminal 1." Follow the "Trains to City" on the overhead wayfinding signs. Payment is made via vending machines (cash or credit) located outside of the station entrance.

Around Chicago There are many places to dine and attractions in downtown Chicago. Outlined below are a few links to local area information:

- [The Magnificent Mile](#)
- [Things to do around Marriott](#)
- [Chicago trip planner](#)
- [Local dining options](#)
- [Grubhub](#)

Questions?

Meet the [HOD Assistant](#) powered by DORA: Have questions about the meeting? The House of Delegates Assistant powered by DORA (Doctor of Osteopathic Resources Assistant) gives you instant, personalized answers to help you prepare and participate with confidence. Ask about schedules, delegates, travel logistics, and other event resources to get the information quickly. Available 24/7, the assistant makes it easy to access important meeting information whenever needed.

Sincerely,





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