

SUBJECT: OPTI DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE AOA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

SUBMITTED BY: Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California

REFERRED TO: Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

1 WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) House of Delegates (AOA
2 HOD) is the policy making body for the AOA composed of physician
3 representatives from individual states of the United States, physician representatives
4 from the AOA Specialty Colleges, and representatives of osteopathic resident and
5 osteopathic medical students; and

6 WHEREAS, the education of students and residents in the osteopathic profession is the
7 foundation of the future of the profession and entrusted to the consortia of
8 Osteopathic Post-doctoral Training Institutions (OPTI); and

9 WHEREAS, the education of students and residents in the osteopathic profession is
10 affected by the AOA HOD policies; and

11 WHEREAS, the OPTI structure has been developed by the AOA through Council on
12 Osteopathic Post-doctoral Training Institutions (COPTI) to coordinate the
13 educational process of students and representatives; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association amend its by-laws to allow the
15 Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions (OPTI) structure, through the
16 Council on Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institutions (COPTI), to send one
17 delegate and one alternate delegate to fully participate in the AOA's House of
18 Delegates.

ACTION TAKEN DISAPPROVED

DATE 7/17/09

**THE PROPOSAL TO ALLOW FOR REPRESENTATION OF OPTIS IS
INCONSISTENT WITH THE AOA STRUCTURE.**