

OSTEOPATHIC INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

Clive Standen, DO (UK), Chair

This report reflects the activities of the OIA Board of Directors from October 2008 to February 2009.

Annual Conference & General Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 7-10, 2008

The OIA's Annual Conference and General Meeting was held November 7-10, 2008, in Chicago, IL, USA. The Conference took place at the Westin Lombard Hotel and Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, November 10, at the American Osteopathic Association's headquarters. There were over 80 attendees from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Russia, the UK and the US. Presentations ranged from osteopathic history and philosophies and principles to outreach and education topics; registration and accreditation topics; and research and examination topics. The program included an OMM lab workshop and concluded with discussions of the future of the global profession, for osteopathic physicians and osteopaths alike. Speakers included George Caleel, DO (US); Christian Fossum, DO (NO); Stephen Tyreman, DO (UK), British School of Osteopathy; Robert Kappler, DO (US), Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine; and Felix Rogers, DO (US). The keynote address was given by Ray Klingensmith, 2010-2011 Presidential Nominee, Rotary International. Karen J. Nichols, DO (US), CCOM Dean, gave a presentation on outreach and Kurt Heinking, DO (US), Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, oversaw the OMM workshop.

At the AGM the Board of Directors held their second elections, where John Crosby, JD, AOA Executive Director and Dr. Peter Adler-Michaelson were re-elected to the Board. Dr. Peter Ajluni, AOA Past President was elected to replace Dr. Larry Wickless, AOA President-elect, who chose not to run for reelection. Mr. Clive Standen of New Zealand was elected Board Chair, Dr. Adler-Michaelson Vice-chair, and Dr. Boyd Buser, AOA Trustee, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

OIA Clearinghouse

The OIA continues to work as a clearinghouse for information about osteopathic medicine and osteopathy around the world. To that end, the OIA's Web site continues to be updated and the Clearinghouse has been revised to be more user-friendly and easier to read. The OIA is working with the General Osteopathic Council of the UK and the Forum for Osteopathic Regulation in Europe (FORE) to ensure the Clearinghouse information is up to date and working with the AOA to develop an online BoD discussion board.

OIA Committees

The OIA has been working with ten committees to oversee the work of the Alliance. However, the Board recently undertook action to revise and reconstitute the committee structure. The Board will meet in March to finalize the new committee structure, but the Governance Task Force will make the following structure recommendation to the Board of Directors.

1. Governance-Finance Committee

Personnel: 3 officers and 1 At-Large Board Member

Mission: Oversee administrative and financial decisions of the Alliance and ensure their implementation.

Incorporates: Governance and Finance Committees

2. Internal Affairs Committee

Mission: To identify and secure resources for the OIA's programmes and operations, oversee research and maintenance of the OIA Clearinghouse Web site, and coordinate the process of electing new members to the Board of Directors.

Incorporates: Clearinghouse, Development and Nomination Committees

3. External Affairs Committee

Mission: To serve as a neutral environment in which osteopathic educators can meet, identify potential partners and collaborative projects, identify and communicate research-related news and information, and assist in creating opportunities for international collaboration in osteopathic research.

Incorporates: Education, Research and Outreach Committees

4. Membership Committee

Mission: Identify potential members and oversee application and approval process. Make membership category revision(s) and new member nomination recommendations to Board, and revise membership categories as needed.

5. Yearly Program Task Force

Personnel: Yearly liaison director, appointed by Board

Mission: Work with local program directors to create the annual meeting program that is educational and membership driven.

Incorporates: Programme Committee

OIA Membership

As of January 2009, the OIA has forty-nine organizational members representing institutions in fifteen countries; seven Full, four Associate and thirty-eight Partner members.

Full Members

- American Osteopathic Association (AOA-US)
- Australian Osteopathic Association (AOA-AU)
- Canadian Osteopathic Association (COA)
- General Osteopathic Council (GOSc – United Kingdom)
- German-American Academy of Osteopathy (DAAO)
- German Association for Osteopathic Medicine (DGOM)
- Osteopathic Council of New Zealand (OSNZ)

Associate Members

German Osteopathic Association (VOD); Japan Osteopathic Federation (JOF); Norwegian Association of Osteopathy (NAO); Register of Osteopaths of Russia

Partner Members

American Academy of Osteopathy; American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine; American Osteopathic Information Association; Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors; AVT Osteopathic College (Germany); British Osteopathic Association; British School of Osteopathy; Centre Européen d'Enseignement Supérieur de l'Ostéopathie; Centre Osteopathique Atman; The Cranial Academy; DOCARE International; Ecole Supérieure d'Ostéopathie – Paris; Edward Via

Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine; European Register for Osteopathic Physicians; The European School of Osteopathy; Institut Supérieur d'Osteopathie, Aix-en-Provence; Institut Supérieur d'Osteopathie – Lyon; Instituto Argentino de Osteopatia; International Academy of Osteopathy; Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; Lincoln Memorial University – DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine; Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine; National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners; Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine; Registro de Osteopatas de Argentina; Saint Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education, Institute of Osteopathic Medicine; Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO); Student Osteopathic Medical Association; Unitec New Zealand; University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine; University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine; University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine; Victoria University, Osteopathic Medicine Unit, School of Health Sciences; West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine; Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific; World Osteopathic Health Organization.

RESOLUTIONS

This report is informational in nature, and no resolutions are presented.