



Meeting Report

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS Annual Meeting – April 29, 2016 – San Diego, CA

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The American Association of Osteopathic Examiners (AAOE) Annual Meeting was held on April 29, 2016 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Annual Meeting.

Humayan Chaudhry DO, MACP, CEO of FSMB gave welcoming remarks, and discussed new and ongoing initiatives and services undertaken by the FSMB as it works with and for its members to improve the quality, safety and integrity of health care. Dr. Chaudhry provided updates on the uniform application, Federation Credential Verification Service, member portal, and the ability of the public to view information about their doctor on the physician data center. There were two newer workgroups established to educate students, residents and physicians on medical regulation and about the licensure process. The Physician Burnout Workgroup is the newest one developed by Current Chair of the FSMB, Art Herenger, MD, as the statistics reveal that the physician death rate as a result of suicide are the highest in all professions.

Gary Slick, DO, Chair of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) and John Gimpel DO, MEd, President & CEO, provided an update on their organization and the COMLEX-USA. Dr. Gimpel reported that of the 6,200 first time test takers -92% passed. The COMLEX-USA tests the humanistic, biomedical and biomechanical domains. The NBOME announced their ribbon cutting ceremony for a second clinical skills testing site. Students will now have an opportunity to complete their clinical exams either in Conshohocken, PA or in Chicago, IL. The Chicago testing site is scheduled to open on August 26, 2016.

Boyd Buser, DO, President-elect of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), gave an update on the Single Graduate Medical Education Accreditation System. The ACGME will administer the infrastructure to assist osteopathic graduate medical education programs, and July 1, 2015 began the five year transition of AOA accredited programs into this new system. The osteopathic standards were added to ACGME, and "Osteopathic recognition" within the ACGME structure will be a very important framework for osteopathic graduates. Both MD and DO graduates will be eligible for all residences in the single accreditation system. AACOM data reveals 5,400 graduates are seeking graduate medical education positions and 99.6% are placed into slots.

It was a well-attended meeting with 36 fellows present. Our next AAOE meeting is scheduled during the AOA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago this July. Information will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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