



## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 27, 2018  
Hilton Austin – Grand Ballroom – Salon H – Austin, TX  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### **Fellows Present:**

Anna Hayden, DO, Immediate Past President, AAOE; Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Mary Jo Capodice, DO, Vice President, AAOE; Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
Allan Escher, DO, Past Chair, Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Katherine Fisher, DO, Oregon Medical Board  
Randel Gibson, DO, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
James Griffin, DO, Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
Ronald Hedger, DO, Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
Ronald Januchowski, DO, South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners  
Lynn Mark, DO, New York State Board for Medicine  
Geraldine O'Shea, DO, Past President, AAOE; Board Vice-Chair, NBOME; Osteopathic Medical Board of California  
Donald Polk, DO, Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners  
Otto Sabando, DO, New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners  
Scott Steingard, DO, Arizona Osteopathic Board of Examiners  
Barbara E. Walker, DO, President, AAOE; North Carolina Medical Board  
Michael Wieting, DO, Secretary-Treasurer, AAOE; Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners  
LeRoy Young, DO, Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

### **Non-Members/Observers Present:**

Humayun J. Chaudhry, DO, President & CEO, Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)  
Robert Piccinini, DO, Board of Trustee, AOA  
Sandra Waters, MEM, National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)

### **AOA Leaders/Staff:**

Mark Baker, DO, President, AOA  
Kim Kuman, Executive Assistant, State Government Affairs  
Raine Richards, JD, Director, State Government Affairs

- I. AAOE President Barbara Walker, DO called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- II. Dr. Walker presented the proposed agenda. Anna Hayden, DO made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by James Griffin, DO. The motion unanimously adopted.

- III. Dr. Walker presented the draft minutes from the July 20, 2017 AAOE meeting for approval. She asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes. Joseph Zammuto, DO made a motion to approve the draft minutes; seconded by Dr. Griffin and approved unanimously.
- IV. Dr. Walker introduced AOA President Mark Baker, DO. Dr. Baker provided the AAOE fellows with an update on Phase II of the AOA Strategic Plan, which focuses on the following areas:
- a. Membership model and relevance;
  - b. Affiliata alignment with the formation of a task force to facilitate better communication;
  - c. Enhancement of certifying board services;
  - d. US-trained osteopathic physicians practicing globally;
  - e. Governance alignment within the AOA; and
  - f. Osteopathic research.

Anita Steinbergh, DO acknowledged and thanked Dr. Baker for the AOA's continued administrative and financial support of the AAOE.

- V. Dr. Walker introduced Geraldine O'Shea, DO, NBOME Board Vice-Chair, to provide an update on the activities of the organization and the status of a second testing facility in Chicago. Scott Steingard, DO asked her if there were any plans for a third testing facility on the West Coast. Dr. O'Shea acknowledged that NBOME has been considering the feasibility of establishing a West Coast testing facility.

Dr. O'Shea introduced Sandra Waters, MEM, NBOME Vice President for Collaborative Assessment and Initiatives, to continue the presentation. Ms. Waters covered the ongoing developments and enhancements of the resources and testing products provided by NBOME. She also answered questions from the fellows on the issue of testing "blackout time"; statistics on the percentage of allowed/approved testing accommodations; and the process for formulating questions for the CATALYST program.

- VI. Dr. Walker introduced Hank Chaudhry, DO, FSMB President and CEO, to provide an update on the organization's services and ongoing initiatives related to state medical licensure, including:
- a. The Stem Cell Workgroup
  - b. The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Workgroup and issues that states that are considering mandating PDMP use should consider
  - c. FSMB Foundation – provides grants to state boards including one to provide state medical boards with educational resources related to safe opioid prescribing
  - d. Single Accreditation – FSMB continues to observe but does not have policy
  - e. Bylaws Committee – created a new membership category for Executive Directors of state medical boards
  - f. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact – 22 states have joined and another 9 states have legislation pending
  - g. FSMB is working on providing an electronic voting system for delegates from states that decline to send them to the 2018 FSMB Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC – April 26-28, 2018

- VII. Dr. Walker welcomed Robert Piccinini, DO, AOA Board of Trustee to inform the AAOE fellows on the work of the AOA Task Force for Physician Wellness and Burnout. The task force discussed the concept of burnout and contemplated simple and complex causes that may lead a physician to cross the line to suicidal ideation. The task force is designing a website to provide students, residents and practicing physicians with access to secure and confidential help. The Task Force is also working on a “Train the Trainer” initiative to assist educators/mentors with identifying warning signs of physician burnout and providing necessary support.

Dr. Piccinini answered questions on disciplinary actions related to students with a history of and prior hospitalization for depression; how to handle disruptive physicians; and pressure from hospital administrators and insurance providers related to patient charting turnaround times.

- VIII. Dr. Walker asked Raine Richards, JD, AOA Director of State Government Affairs (SGA), to report on relevant legislation and regulations. Ms. Richards provided an update on recent SGA issues and emerging trends; this included letters sent to state legislators regarding scope of practice expansion bills for chiropractors, naturopaths and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) via the APRN Compact. The AOA continues to oppose new licensure types, i.e. Assistant Physician, Doctor of Medical Science for physician assistants. Opioid prescribing rights for non-physician clinicians continues to be an issue, as well as states neglecting to provide osteopathic equivalency in legislation.

Otto Sabando, DO asked if members could access these letters and Ms. Richards responded that they are available online in the [AOA Document Repository](#).

- IX. Dr. Walker reminded the fellows that the next meeting will be the AAOE Annual Meeting (during FSMB's Annual Meeting) on April 27, 2018 in Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Walker also informed them of the AAOE business meeting that will take place during the AOA's House of Delegates in July 2018 in Chicago, IL.

- X. Dr. Walker acknowledged that the meeting was running longer than planned and understood/dismissed the fellows that needed to depart for the airport. She led a roundtable open discussion, with the remaining fellows present, regarding the issues impacting osteopathic medical regulation and licensure. Current issues and concerns were shared from four states: Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon and Rhode Island.

- XI. There being no further business, she asked for a motion to adjourn. Katherine Fisher, DO made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ronald Hedger, DO. Dr. Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.