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E NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill McCord, DO of Tennessee took over the reins as the Chair of FSMB at the annual meeting in Boston April 20 – 23, 2006. Dr. McCord becomes the second Osteopathic physician in history to become Chair of the organization.

John Crosby, Executive Director of the AOA, and Mike Mallie, Director, Department of State, Specialty, and Socioeconomic Affairs, were in attendance at the Installation Ceremony and Banquet. Also sworn in for three year terms on the FSMB Board of Directors were Tim Kowalski, DO of the South Carolina Medical Board and Cheryl Vaught, JD, public member



Jim Thompson, President of the FSMB, & John Crosby, JD, Executive Director of the AOA with FSMB Board Members at the Installation Ceremony & Banquet. Front Row: Bill McCord, DO, Susan Rose, DO, & Thompson. Back Row: Gary Clark, Crosby, R. Russell Thomas, DO, & Tim Kowalski, DO

from the Oklahoma Board of Osteopathic Examiners.



Lee Smith, DO, turning over the reigns as Chair of FSMB to Bill McCord, DO

Remaining on the Board are Russell Thomas, DO of Texas, Treasurer Susan Rose, DO from Michigan and Gary Clark, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Board.

REPORT ON FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARD MEETING IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS ON APRIL 21, 2006

AAOE Meeting

A meeting of the AAOE was held on Friday, April 21, 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The breakfast meeting was being held in conjunction with the Federation of State Medical Boards' (FSMB) Annual Meeting.

In addition to the DOs from various states, several Executive Directors and public members were also present.

After introductions, updates on various topics were given.

Dr. Frederick Meoli, President NBOME, gave a very informative and detailed report on the COMLEX-USA Sequence. Dr. Meoli encouraged everyone to stop by their booth at the FSMB meeting and to view the CD- ROM for an explanation of all the services available. He also noted that in May 2006, the Level 1 exam would change to include issues on HIPAA, ethics, and professionalism. Also, COMLEX Levels 2 & 3 have been converted to computer based testing and Level 1 will be introduced in May 2006.

Dr. Meoli also mentioned that exam fees would increase in July 2006. Fee increases would be from the current rate of \$965 to \$995 for the Performance Evaluation examination, Levels 1 and 2 are \$445; and Level 3 will be \$595.

Members and attendees were encouraged to visit the Conshohocken facility where the PE is administered.

Dr. Kowalski provided an update on the Bureau of State Government Affairs February meeting. There was also discussion of a pharmacy bill in West Virginia regarding limited practice ability.

The **A. Archie Feinstein, DO Award**, the AAOE's highest award, was presented to Susan Rose, DO, from Michigan. The award was in recognition of her hard work and dedication of service and leadership to the AAOE.



Tim Kowalski, DO, AAOE President, presenting the A. Archie Feinstein, DO Award to Susan Rose, DO, AAOE past President

FSMB HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The annual meeting was one of the best attended in recent years and provided an excellent program. Several policies were adopted at the House of Delegates meeting and you can review them at www.fsmb.org.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the AAOE is during the AOA Convention in Las Vegas. No definite time has been scheduled but a Call to Meeting will be sent out in late August. We highly encourage all AAOE members to attend, especially those who have not yet attended an AAOE meeting. As always, please let the AAOE know of any email changes or other important information. For more information regarding this upcoming meeting or any other issues, please contact AOA Staff Liaison to the AAOE, Linda Mascheri, at lmascheri@osteopathic.org.

Respectfully submitted,
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