

- 1 LGBTQ Health Issues) shall be disbanded with their functions to be managed by
2 BSAPH and task forces;
- 3 • The Council of AOA Policy shall be disbanded;
 - 4 • The Council of AOA Building shall be disbanded, with its responsibilities to be
5 handled by the Investment Committee or other task force that might be designated
6 to consider issues related to the AOA’s real estate property, with the AOA President
7 encouraged to utilize the expertise of the current Council of AOA Building’s Chair
8 regarding questions concerning real estate management and investments;
 - 9 • The Dale Dodson Education Fund Committee shall be disbanded, with its
10 investment decisions to be handled by the Investment Committee and funding
11 decisions to be carefully monitored by staff to ensure compliance with the donors’
12 intentions;
 - 13 • The Information Technology Advisory Bureau shall be disbanded, with its functions
14 to be handled by task forces;
 - 15 • The Joint Committee on Quality and Payment shall be disbanded with its functions
16 to be handled by existing bureaus, councils and committees (e.g., Bureau of
17 Socioeconomic Affairs) and task forces;
 - 18 • The Osteopathic Family Relief Fund Board shall be disbanded with its current
19 function to be handled by the American Osteopathic Foundation; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, that the following Committees shall be restored to their prior composition and
21 function:

- 22 • Committee on Awards¹; and
- 23 • Strategic Planning Committee (see **Attachment E**), with the Committee’s
24 membership to include the “New Physician in Practice” serving on the Board of
25 Trustees; and allowing the President to select among Board of Trustees members
26 rather than positions specifically slotted for Executive Committee and non-Exec
27 Committee members to provide the AOA President with flexibility in making
28 appointments.

¹ The AOA Committee on Awards is responsible for the determination of the annual AT Still Memorial Lecturer and Distinguished Service Award recipient. The Committee meets once a year to review the nominations submitted. The Committee on Awards consists of five (5) members appointed for staggered three (3) year terms from the AOA Board of Trustees. A Chair and Vice Chair shall be a member of the Committee appointed by the AOA President and approved by the AOA Board of Trustees. The Chair of the Committee on Awards also serves as the ex officio member of the Mentor of the Year Selection Committee.

Explanatory Statement:

The Committee recommends reinstatement of the Awards Committee because a separate Committee on Awards adds a measure of transparency to the award selection process and can provide diverse input concerning nominees. Additionally, reinstatement of the Committee on Awards does not require any added cost since its meetings are short and occur in conjunction with meetings of the AOA Board of Trustees.

The Committee believes that the prior composition of the Strategic Planning Committee allows for broader involvement of various constituencies in the osteopathic profession, including currently enrolled students, in the development of the strategic plan and through staggered terms of service allows for greater continuity of knowledge regarding the strategic planning process.

ACTION TAKEN APPROVED

DATE February 25, 2016

ATTACHMENT A
Bureau of Emerging Leaders (New Bureau)

Description

Bureau of Emerging Leaders (BEL) is the representative body and advocate for all osteopathic medical students, osteopathic physicians in postdoctoral training, and osteopathic physicians who are in practice but graduated from osteopathic medical school within the last 10 years. The Student Representative, Resident Representative and New Physician Representative to the AOA Board of Trustees serve as the co-chairs of the BEL.

The primary goals of the BEL are to focus on issues important to their colleagues, and to develop opportunities and resources that will further the AOA's strategic plan and engage students, trainees and new physicians in the osteopathic medical profession and the AOA. These opportunities and resources may include events, online content, leadership roles, networking, mentorship and community outreach. The BEL may create task forces and work groups to assist in the work of the BEL; the BEL will select students, trainees and new physicians to serve on these task forces and work groups.

The BEL will focus on policy development to best represent their constituents, and has two delegates and two alternates attend the annual AOA House of Delegates. The BEL reports to the AOA Board of Trustees and shall consist of 15 members: the current student, resident and new physician representatives to the Board of Trustees, serving as co-chairs; the immediate past student, resident and new physician representatives to the Board of Trustees, serving as advisors; three osteopathic medical students; three postdoctoral trainees; and three new physicians (defined as having graduated from osteopathic medical school within the last 10 years). The AOA President shall appoint each member annually.

POSITIONS:

- 3 Board Co-Chairs: Student Representative, Resident Representative and New Physician Representative on the AOA Board of Trustees
- 3 Osteopathic Medical Students
- 3 Postdoctoral Trainees
- 3 New Physicians (graduated from osteopathic medical school within the last 10 years)
- 3 Advisors: Immediate Past AOA Board (Immediate Past Student, Resident and New Physician Representatives on the AOA Board of Trustees)

Explanatory Statement

This is a new Bureau that will replace the Council of Interns and Residents, Council of New Physicians in Practice, and Council of Student Affairs - all of which have been disbanded.

ATTACHMENT B
Bureau of OMED (f/k/a Bureau of Conventions)

Description:

The AOA Bureau of OMED is responsible for the programming and planning of the annual Osteopathic Medical Education Conference & Exposition (OMED) of the AOA. OMED is the premier source for quality osteopathic continuing medical education. The convention includes didactic programs, commercial and scientific exhibits, and special seminars such as AIDS seminar, young physicians prep for practice seminar and pharmaceutical breakfast seminars.

The Bureau is composed of eight voting members. The members of the Bureau, the Chair and Vice Chair are appointed annually from the membership of the Bureau by the AOA President, and approved by the AOA Board of Trustees

5-Members-at-Large (each serving staggered three (3) year terms)

1-BOT, New Physician in Practice – one (1) year term

1-BOT, Intern / Resident – one (1) year term

1-BOT, Student – one (1) year term

1-Program chair as representative from each participating specialty. As an example, the 2015 Program Chair's term would end at the conclusion of the 2015 OMED, etc.

ATTACHMENT C
Bureau of Osteopathic Clinical Education and Research

Description:

The Bureau of Osteopathic Clinical Education and Research (BOCER) oversees all AOA research and quality improvement activities. Research activities consist of managing the clinical and bio-medical research grants and fellowship programs, assisting with the annual research conference and poster competition, serving as the advisory body to the AOF on nominations for the annual research awards, making research policy recommendations, and acting as an advocate for research for the profession.

Quality improvement activities include the Clinical Assessment Program (CAP) which promotes quality improvement and representation of the osteopathic physicians' perspectives on national standards for measurement and public reporting of healthcare performance data about the safety, timeliness, benefit, patient-centered, equity and efficiency of care.

BOCER consists of a maximum of fourteen (14) members and an advisor appointed by the AOA President and approved by the AOA Board of Trustees.

- 1-AOA Board of Trustee Member
- 5-Members serving as Chairs of Research Taskforces
- 4-Members-at-Large
- 1-Intern/Resident
- 1-Representative from SOSE
- 1-Consultant
- 1-NAOF Observer (self-funded)
- 1-Advisor

Explanatory Statement

This change merges the Council on Research function into BOCER. The make-up of this Bureau has changed.

ATTACHEMENT D
Bureau on Scientific Affairs and Public Health

Description:

The Bureau on Scientific Affairs and Public Health (BSAPH) reviews existing and advises on new AOA public health policy including the adoption of guidelines; advises on osteopathic educational programs that support public health policy; helps identify key public health initiatives in which the AOA should participate, and lends expertise in development and implementation of such initiatives; and provides comments on national public health issues emphasizing the osteopathic perspective. Public health topics that warrant public attention including health disparity (health equity) issues including access to health care by and/or the differences of disease states affecting medically underserved and rural populations, cultural competence of osteopathic physicians, women’s health, and health issues affecting lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) populations.

BSAPH will consist of 12-15 members appointed by the AOA President and approved by the AOA Board of Trustees.

- 10-13-Members-at-Large with staggered three (3) year terms, including (as specified RES H449 – A/2015) one position designated as the “William G. Anderson, DO seat”
- 1-Intern/Resident – one (1) year term
- 1-Student – one (1) year term

Explanatory Statement

The function of the Council on Minority Health Issues, Council on Palliative Care Issues, and Council on Women, Men and LGBTQ Health Issues have been assigned to BSAPH and the three Councils have been disbanded.

ATTACHMENT E
Strategic Planning Committee

Description (from July 2014-2015 appointment book):

The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for the development of a three-year strategic plan to be approved by the AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates. The Strategic Planning Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members, which includes a student position, intern/resident position the Finance Committee Chair and the Bureau of Membership Chair, appointed annually. The Chair shall be a member of the Board of Trustees. The Vice Chair shall be a member of the Committee appointed by the AOA President and approved by the AOA Board of Trustees.

- 7 – Board of Trustees (3-year staggered terms)
- 1 – Chair, Bureau of Membership (1-year term)
- 1 – Chair, Finance Committee (1-year term)
- 1 – New Physician in Practice (from BOT, 1-year term)
- 1 – Intern/Resident (1-year term)
- 1 – Student (1-year term)