

SUBJECT: STUDENT, INTERN/RESIDENT AND NEW PHYSICIAN IN  
PRACTICE ADVISORS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SUBMITTED BY: AOA President

REFERRED TO: AOA Board of Trustees

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1 WHEREAS, with recent expansions of the number of colleges of osteopathic medicine and  
2 increases in class sizes, the number of osteopathic medical students has grown  
3 dramatically and a substantial proportion of the osteopathic physicians in the United  
4 States is now age 40 and younger; and

5 WHEREAS, attracting and retaining young physicians as members is vital for the continued  
6 success of the AOA as a professional membership association; and

7 WHEREAS, the AOA Board of Trustees would benefit from additional perspectives from  
8 current osteopathic medical students, physicians in postdoctoral training and new  
9 physicians in practice; and

10 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees may seek advice from designated advisors who have voice  
11 but not vote without requirement to amend the AOA's governing documents; now,  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, that the AOA Board of Trustees shall invite three advisors to attend its meetings  
14 (including executive sessions), to be comprised of one student from a COCA accredited  
15 College of Osteopathic Medicine, one osteopathic physician matriculated in an  
16 accredited postdoctoral training (internship, residency or fellowship) and one new  
17 physician in practice; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, that the advisors shall be selected by the AOA President; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, that the advisors shall serve one year terms beginning at the annual meeting, but  
20 such service as an advisor shall not preclude subsequent service as a student,  
21 intern/resident or young physician in practice serving on the AOA Board of Trustees;  
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, that the advisors shall not be permitted to vote on Board resolutions; and be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, that the creation of the advisor positions shall remain in place for a three-year  
26 pilot period for the July 2016-17, July 2017-18 and July 2018-19 presidential years, but  
27 shall be subject to review and termination throughout this period.

Explanatory Statement:

FISCAL IMPACT: \$0 (no additional cost, but to be included in budgets for the fiscal years).

ACTION TAKEN **APPROVED**

DATE **February 25, 2016**