

**DRAFT - FOR APPROVAL AT MARCH 2009 CONGRESS**

**MINUTES**

**2009 ACOFP CONGRESS OF DELEGATES**

**March 3 & 4, 2009**

**Washington, DC**

**I. Call to Order**

The 2009 meeting of the ACOFP Congress of Delegates was called to order by Speaker Mark E. Sikorski, DO, FACOFP at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Washington, DC.

**II. Invocation & Pledges**

The Congress observed a moment of silence for ACOFP members who have passed away during the past year. Royce K. Keilers, DO, FACOFP *dist.* (Texas) offered the invocation. Algirdas A. Juocys, DO (Michigan) led the Congress in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States. Mark E. Sikorski, DO, FACOFP (Michigan) led Congress in reciting the Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment.

**III. Approval of Rules & Regulations**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to ADOPT the Rules & Regulations distributed in Congress of Delegates manuals.

The motion PASSED.

**IV. Approval of Credentials Committee Report**

Co-Chair, Harvey M. Spector, DO, FACOFP (Pennsylvania) presented the report of the Credentials Committee.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to ADOPT the Report of the Credentials Committee.

The motion PASSED.

**V. Approval of Reference Committee Appointments**

The Speaker read the names of Delegates appointed to three Reference Committees.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to ADOPT appointments to the Reference Committees.

The motion PASSED.

**VI. Officer and Administrative Reports**

- A. ACOFP President Ronnie B. Martin, DO, FACOFP dist. – Dr. Martin reported on significant changes anticipated in the U.S. health care system, including the emerging Patient Centered Medical Home concept of primary care practice and health information technology requirements on physicians. He described ACOFP advocacy efforts, and commented on ACOFP's fiscal status and expanding member benefits.

- B. AACOFP President Ms. Pat Molnar – Ms. Molnar summarized the fundraising initiatives of the Auxiliary to the ACOFP and distribution of funds for student scholarships.
- C. ACOFP Secretary/Treasurer George T. Sawabini, DO, FACOFP – Dr. Sawabini summarized 2008 ACOFP operating and investment performance, with 2008 being the first year in the past seven years in which ACOFP will experience excess expense over revenue, primarily due to reduce investment returns. ACOFP continues to maintain 15 months of operating expense in reserve.
- D. ACOFP Executive Director Peter L. Schmelzer, CAE – Mr. Schmelzer reported on expanding member benefits that include an updated website, a new publication anticipated in July 2009, more online educational resources and the ACOFP leadership’s efforts to improve the value of ACOFP membership.
- E. ACOFP Director of Government Relations Keith Studdard – Mr. Studdard summarized the ACOFP’s advocacy initiatives related to physician payment reform, funding for graduate medical education, opportunities for opening new primary care residency programs, and physician-related aspects of the economic stimulus legislation.
- F. AOA President Carlo DiMarco, DO – Dr. DiMarco presented ACOFP with an American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol, in recognition of ACOFP’s significant financial support for AOA advocacy initiatives over the past 10 years. He thanked ACOFP for its partnership in the upcoming DO Day on the Hill, and reported on common advocacy activities.
- G. AAFP President-elect Lori Heim, MD – Dr. Heim discussed shared issues with the osteopathic community that include the Patient Centered Medical Home and scope-of-practice in relation to nurse practitioners.

## VII. Reports of Standing Committees

### A. Department of Governance & Operations

Reports from the following committees were received and placed on file.

1. Archival & Historical
2. Audit Review
3. Awards
4. Constitution & Bylaws / Policy Organization Review
5. Congress Credentialing
6. Ethics
7. Executive Council Conclave of Fellows
8. National Student Executive Board
9. Nominating

Nominating Committee Chair Thomas N. Told, DO, FACOFP *dist.* described the nominating process that includes requests for nominations to state societies and personal or telephone interviews with candidates, then presented the Nominating Committee slate.

One-Year Term as President-elect

Kenneth A. Heiles, DO, FACOFP *dist.*  
Arkansas

One-Year Term as Vice President

George T. Sawabini, DO, FACOFP  
Michigan

One-Year Term as Secretary/Treasurer	Paul A. Martin, DO, FACOFP <i>dist.</i> Ohio
Full Three-Year Term as Governor	Larry W. Anderson, DO, FACOFP <i>dist.</i> Georgia
Full Three-Year Term as Governor	Jeffrey S. Grove, DO, FACOFP Florida
Fulfill Two Years as Governor (Remainder of Dr. Paul Martin's term)	Gregory D. Smith, DO, FACOFP Colorado
One-Year Term as Resident Member	Ronna D. Compton, DO Kentucky
One-Year Term as Student Member	Lynn M. Wilson, PCOM'10 Pennsylvania
One-Year Term as Speaker	Mark E. Sikorski, DO, FACOFP Michigan
One-Year Term as Vice Speaker	Paul J. Morris DO, FACOFP New Jersey

**President-elect** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Kenneth A. Heiles, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, for a one-year term as President-elect.

**Vice President** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for George T. Sawabini, DO, FACOFP., for a one-year term as Vice President.

**Secretary/Treasurer** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Paul A. Martin, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, for a one-year term as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Governor** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Larry W. Anderson, DO, FACOFP *dist.*, for a three-year term as Governor.

**Governor** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Jeffrey S. Grove, DO, FACOFP, for a three-year term as Governor.

**Governor** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Gregory D. Smith, DO, FACOFP, for a two-year term as Governor, completing the unexpired term of Paul A. Martin, DO, FACOFP *dist.*

**Resident Academic Member** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Ronna D. Compton, DO, for a one-year term as Resident Academic Member.

**Student Academic Member** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Student Dr. Lynn M. Wilson for a one-year term as Student Academic Member.

**Speaker** – The Vice-Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Mark E. Sikorski, DO, FACOFP, for a one-year term as Speaker.

**Vice Speaker** – The Speaker called for further nominations. None were received, and the Speaker directed the Congress Secretary to cast an elective ballot for Paul J. Morris, DO, FACOFP, for a one-year term as Vice Speaker.

10. Past President Council
11. Resolutions Review
12. Search

B. Department of Education

Reports from the following committees were received and placed on file.

1. CEE (Education & Evaluation)
2. CEE Subcommittee: In-Service Exam
3. CEE Subcommittee: Program Directors Resp. for PD Workshop & Faculty Dev.
4. CEE Subcommittee: Standards & Inspections
5. Continuous Competency (Intensive Update Board Review)
6. New Physicians & Residents
7. Osteopathic Clinical Research
8. Osteopathic Principles & Practice
9. OPP Subcommittee for OMM/OPP Publications and Education Materials
10. Osteopathic Family Medicine Educators
11. Preceptorship
12. Procedural Medicine

C. Department of Business Affairs

The following reports were received and placed on file.

1. Convention & Site
2. Program Committee
3. Grants
4. Membership Marketing
5. Industry Relations
6. Industry Relations Subcommittee: Corporate Council
7. Membership Marketing
8. Membership Marketing Subcommittee: Student and Resident Recruitment
9. Physician Expert Network
10. Practice Management
11. Practice Management Subcommittee: Electronic Medical Records
12. Practice Management Subcommittee: Quality Practice, Pay for Performance, and Patient Safety

D. Department of Public Affairs

Reports from the following committees were received and placed on file.

1. Affiliate Relations
2. Editorial
3. Federal Legislative
4. Public Relations
5. Public Health & Wellness
6. Scholarship & Student Loan
7. State Regulatory & Legislative Affairs

E. Department of Professional Affairs

Reports from the following committees were received and placed on file.

1. Auxiliary
2. Auxiliary Past President Council
3. Education & Research Foundation
4. (HPNEC) Liaison to the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition
5. (ADA) American Diabetes Association Liaison
6. Medical Outreach Task Force
7. (NHC) Liaison to the National Health Council
8. (NRHA) Liaison to the National Rural Health Association
9. (PCOC) Liaison to the Primary Care Organizations Consortium
10. (PCPCC) Liaison to the Patient Centered Primary Care Coalition
11. (PFCD) Liaison to the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
12. Women's Initiative Task Force

F. Supplemental Reports

ACOFP President Dr. Ronnie Martin presented a summary of the 2009-2012 ACOFP Strategic Plan that will be considered by the Congress of Delegates.

**VIII. Presentation of State Society Awards**

ACOFP President Dr. Martin and President-elect Dr. Zieren presented the 2009 ACOFP State Society Awards.

- State Society Member Service Award: Iowa & Michigan
- State Society Public Service Award: Ohio
- Excellence in State Society Leadership: Florida & New York
- State Society of the Year: Large State – Iowa

**IX. Reference Committee Reports**

The Speaker called on Katherine Galluzzi, DO, FACOFP *dist.* Chair of Reference Committee # 1.

Resolution 4- ACOFP Support for Returning Warriors

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) SHALL ENCOURAGE ITS ~~membership~~-MEMBERS TO play an active role in providing medical care for these returning ~~Warriors~~ MILITARY PERSONNEL and their families; and, be it further,

~~RESOLVED, that the ACOFP actively support endeavors such as Operation Homefront and the Returning Heroes Program throughout the United States of America; and, be it further,~~

~~RESOLVED, that osteopathic family physicians take the lead in assisting our Returning Warriors to transition into the civilian sector as healthy and productive citizens through a U. S. Department of Defense program entitled Community Based Warrior Transition Unit, and that the ACOFP serve as a liaison between the U. S. Department of Defense and member osteopathic family physicians.~~

RESOLVED, THAT THE OSTEOPATHIC FAMILY PHYSICIANS ASSIST OUR RETURNING WARRIORS TO TRANSITION INTO THE CIVILIAN SECTOR AS HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

ACTION: Amended and Approved.

Resolution 8 - Required Family Practice Program Director Membership in ACOFP State Divisional Chapters

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) will seek amendments to the *Basic Standards for Residency Training in Osteopathic Family Practice and Manipulative Treatment* that require program directors of osteopathic family practice residency programs to be members of their state divisional society of the ACOFP in states that have both osteopathic family practice residency programs and state societies of the ACOFP. By doing so, program directors will promote membership to their residents by direct involvement AND to demonstrate commitment and advocacy for future leaders of our profession.

ACTION: Amended and Approved.

Resolution 10 - National Institutes of Health Grants

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) encourages osteopathic medical schools and all osteopathic family physicians to pursue NIH funding for osteopathic research and the other 215 Research Condition and Disease Categories available; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, THAT the ACOFP request the NIH to include in the Research Condition and Disease Categories a category specific for osteopathic research and that the NIH encourage all osteopathic medical schools to apply for grants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ACOFP forward this resolution for consideration to the American Osteopathic Association HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

ACTION: Amended and Approved.

Resolution 12 - ACOFP Student Chapters

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) shall remain at all times separate and distinct organizations within the colleges of osteopathic medicine; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that all chapters shall maintain a clear identity as to their mission and sponsorship by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that ACOFP student chapters shall exercise every opportunity to educate the public and other professional organizations as to the uniqueness of osteopathic family practice; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that student chapters shall at all times be in full compliance with article II of the ACOFP bylaws; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that any alteration of the ACOFP bylaws, governance structure, mission, and osteopathic family practice identity of the student chapter which is inconsistent with the corresponding ACOFP documents or ~~principals~~ PRINCIPLES will result in the disaffiliation of that student chapter and the immediate withdrawal of any and all support by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians; AND, BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, THAT NOTHING IN THIS RESOLUTION SHALL PROHIBIT AN ACOFP STUDENT CHAPTER FROM WORKING JOINTLY OR COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER ~~OSTEOPATHIC OR ALLOPATHIC~~ ORGANIZATIONS SO LONG AS IT IS MADE CLEAR IN ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER MATERIALS THAT THE ACOFP STUDENT CHAPTER IS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ORGANIZATION ACTING AS A JOINT SPONSOR WITH THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED.

ACTION: Amended and Approved.

The Vice-Speaker called on Mary G. Goldman, DO, Chair of Reference Committee # 2.

Resolution 6 - Proposed Name Change from Family Practice to Family Medicine

RESOLVED, the name of osteopathic family practice be changed to osteopathic family medicine to more accurately reflect the scope of training and practice of the physician certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP) or trained in a three-year post-graduate training program is sponsored by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP); and, be it further,

RESOLVED, the title of an AOBFP board-certified or board-eligible physician be changed from osteopathic family practitioner to osteopathic family physician to more clearly and accurately differentiate between the title of a family physician and non-physician providers, such as family nurse practitioners, in addition to other non-physician providers, such as physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners/ advanced practice registered nurses, and midwives; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that individual state boards and licensing bodies be encouraged to change all references from osteopathic family practice to osteopathic family medicine to more clearly and officially emphasized the difference between osteopathic general practice and osteopathic family medicine; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that osteopathic family practice residency programs be encouraged to officially change their titles to reflect the change from osteopathic family practice to osteopathic family medicine so that their respective program objectives can be appropriately represented; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution adopted by the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians be forwarded to the ACOFP Congress of Delegates for consideration; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Missouri Society of ACOFP encourage ACOFP to form a committee to facilitate the completion of the recommended name change from osteopathic family practice to osteopathic family medicine within the various residency programs and organizations.

Explanatory Statement: The resolution is too ambiguous and unwieldy and there is no purview to direct the AOBFP on their certificate verbiage.

ACTION: Referred to the Constitution & Bylaws/Policy Organization Review Committee.

Resolution 7 – Loan Repayment Program for AOA Approved Family Practice Residency Graduates

ACTION: Withdrawn.

Resolution 9 - Reimbursement of the Family Physician via Patient-Centered Medical Home

ACTION: Withdrawn.

Resolution 11 – Maintaining the Integrity of the UNTHSC/TCOM for Granting DO Degree

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) Congress of Delegates goes on record for maintaining the integrity of the University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine by preserving it as an ~~entirely~~ EXCLUSIVELY Osteopathic institution so that all graduates are Osteopathic physicians which will benefit of the State of Texas and the health of our nation, and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that letters from the President and Board of Governors of ACOFP are to be sent to THE CURRENT UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS (UNT) Chancellor ~~Lee Jackson~~ and the UNT Board of Regents, and THE CURRENT President ~~Scott Ransom, D.O.~~ at UNTHSC/TCOM reflective of this resolution; and, be it further,

~~RESOLVED, that the ACOFP Congress of Delegates goes on record for maintaining the integrity of all Universities and Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine by preserving them as entirely osteopathic institutions (University or College of Osteopathic Medicine), and, be it further,~~

RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates for consideration and action.

Explanatory Statement: The Reference Committee feels that the third resolved would be more appropriately acted upon as a separate resolution.

ACTION: Amended and Approved.

The Speaker called on Patrick J. Hanford, DO, FACOF) Chair of Reference Committee # 3.

Resolution 1- Approval of March 11-12, 2008 Congress of Delegates Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the March 11-12, 2008 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOF) Congress of Delegates be ADOPTED and APPROVED as distributed.

ACTION: Approved.

Resolution 2 – Adoption of 2009 ACOFP Budget

RESOLVED, that the 2008 budget for the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) be ADOPTED and APPROVED as printed.

ACTION: Approved.

Resolution 3 – Proposed 2009-2012 ACOFP Strategic Plan

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates approves for implementation the proposed 2009-2012 ACOFP Strategic Plan.

ACTION: Approved. The following word changes were approved in the Strategic Plan prior to adoption of the resolution:

Goal 1 – To develop and support programs that foster excellence in practice and delivery of osteopathic family medicine, thereby improving the MEDICAL health status of ~~citizens of~~ IN the United States and its health care system.

Goal 2 – To achieve public and professional recognition of osteopathic family medicine, osteopathic family physicians, and their contributions to the ~~health of citizens of~~ MEDICAL HEALTH IN the United States and its health care system.

Resolution 5 - Educational Support from ACOFP

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) consider remittance to state and divisional societies of a portion of the dues and convention fees paid by the members of that society.

ACTION: Withdrawn.

Resolution 13 was introduced at the second session of the Congress of Delegates and could not be considered by a Reference Committee.

Resolution 13 - Maintaining the Integrity of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) and University Health Science Centers (UHSC) Granting the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree (DO)

RESOLVED, that the ACOFP Congress of Delegates uphold and support that all Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and University Health Science Centers granting the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree (D.O.) , preserve that integrity; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates for consideration and action.

ACTION: Approved.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the 2009 ACOFP Congress of Delegates adjourned at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Schmelzer, CAE  
Secretary to the ACOFP Congress of Delegates

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