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Fantastic Turnout for an Outstanding Annual Convention

More than 630 osteopathic physicians, students, and other medical professional attended the AOMA 95th Annual Convention. The jam-packed, five-day event featured 43 different lectures, the annual clinical case competition, poster forum, Stump the Doc medical knowledge competition, exhibit hall, family party, and awards luncheon. An enormous thank you to all the lecture speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers for their help in making this year's convention a huge success.



**AOMA 95th
Annual Convention**

Thank you for attending!

Congratulations to this year's AOMA Award Winners. Each and every honoree is a role model for the osteopathic profession. The complete list of winners is posted on the AOMA [website](#).

[Photos](#) from the Convention and the Family Party are posted on the AOMA website. Check it out!

Plan on joining us next year at the AOMA 96th Annual Convention April 11-15, 2018 at the Hilton Scottsdale.

Online Attestation for CME Credits - Osteopathic physicians and other medical professionals seeking to receive continuing medical education credits for the AOMA 95th Annual Convention must complete an attestation and evaluation form for the hours attended. The deadline to submit it May 24, 2017. Click here to access the [form](#) or visit www.az-oste.org/ConvCME.

2017 "Best of Boards" Winner - Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has been selected 2017 "Best of Boards" winner by the Administrators in Medicine (AIM), a national organization for state medical and osteopathic board executives. The award was presented to Executive Director Jenna Jones at the AIM Annual Meeting on April 19, 2017.

Osteopathic physicians in Arizona are fortunate to be overseen by a high-functioning licensing board and staff. Last year the state Auditor General conducted a performance audit and confirmed what is already well known throughout the state - the Board provides excellent service to the public and licensees.

Legislative Session Winding Down - Key Legislative Issues

The 2017 legislative session is winding down and barring an extended impasse on the budget it should be completed next week. An updated AOMA [bill tracking list](#) is available and the AOMA 2017 Legislative Report detailing all of the advocacy activities and healthcare bills that passed will be available to members in a few weeks.

There were a handful of scope of practice expansion bills that passed this year for the pharmacists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, podiatrists, etc. While some of these efforts began contentious, physician lobbying forced amendments ultimately alleviating concerns about patient safety and quality.

There were also a few regulatory bills impacting physicians: SB 1028 continues the Board of Osteopathic Examiners and SB 1435 requires fingerprinting of newly licensed DOs, and all

physicians obtaining the new multi-state compact license (coming soon).

The predominate issue this year for healthcare was surprise billing reform. [SB 1441](#) passed and was signed by the Governor last week. It was a grueling and complicated issue, and there was enormous political and public pressure to find a solution to help patients who at no fault of their own are subjected to surprise billing. There are still a number of unresolved issues and potential unintended consequences and more work will be needed to ensure SB 1441 is fairly and properly implemented. We have prepared [slide show](#) for you in the [AOMA Advocacy Resource Center](#) to help you understand the major components of the bill.

Cheers with Peers - New Physicians in Practice Networking Event

In practice ten years or less? Join your AOMA peers for happy hour and networking.

Friday, May 19, 2017
5:30 pm
Culinary Dropout
5632 N. 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85014



RSVP at www.az-oste.org/Cheers. Look for future **Cheers with Peers** events.

Congratulations 2017-2018 AOMA Officers

AOMA is proud to announce the election of the AOMA Executive Offices for 2017-2018: President Laurel Mueller, DO, MBA; Immediate Past President Shannon Scott, DO, FACOFP; President Elect Angela DeRosa, DO, MBA, CPE; Vice President Christopher Labban, DO; Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Barnett-Trapp, DO; Speaker of the House of Delegates Jeffrey Morgan, DO, MA, FACOI, CS; and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates Charles Finch, DO, FACOEP. The officers were sworn in at the April 21st House of Delegates meeting at the Annual Convention. The House of Delegates also recognized Dr. Shannon Scott for her outstanding service as AOMA President in 2016-2017.

See the Summer issue of the AOMA Digest for additional updates from the Annual Convention.



AOMA Officers (left to right): Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates Charles Finch, DO, FACOEP; Immediate Past President Shannon Scott, DO, FACOFP; Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Barnett-Trapp, DO; Present Laurel Mueller, DO, MBA; Vice President Christopher Labban, DO; Speaker of the House of Delegates Jeffrey Morgan, DO, MA, FACOI, CS.

AOA Seeks Volunteers

The American Osteopathic Association is seeking volunteer leaders to serve on its most important governance bodies. The AOA's bureaus, councils, and committees (B/C/Cs) play a vital role in policy development. The composition of our B/C/Cs regularly changes to ensure all voices from within this diverse profession are given the chance to contribute to AOA policy. The [Appointment Book](#) lists the open positions on each of the AOA B/C/Cs. The online [B/C/C Nomination form](#) lets you specify the desired B/C/C and position as well as attach a CV or recommendation letter. You can apply for multiple positions, but must submit a completed form for each position.

The deadline for the all nominations is Sunday, May 14, 2017. Please direct any questions regarding

this process to nominations@osteopathic.org.

AOMA Receives 2017 Long Shot Award from TAPI

In recognition for leading the effort to protect herd immunity and prevent the expansion of medical exemptions for childhood immunizations, AOMA received the 2017 Long Shot Award from The Arizona Partnership for Immunization (TAPI). The Long Shot Award is presented to those responsible for legislation, regulations, and/or public policy that have helped to reduce barriers to immunization. The award was presented during the TAPI 20th Annual Big Shorts for Arizona Awards Ceremony on April 19, 2017.

Attend the 104th Annual NW Osteopathic Convention ONLINE!

Earn up to 22 AOA Category 1-A continuing medical education (CME) credit virtually anywhere online through your laptop, tablet, or smartphone. You're invited to attend the 104th Annual NW Osteopathic Convention 2017 Primary Care Update via live online stream, May 4-7, 2017.

[Click here to purchase the full program](#) at a reduced rate, or view the individual session below.

Online Streaming Options (Please note that the times published online are in CENTRAL Time)

[May 4th PM Sessions](#) (6:15pm-8:15pm Central) | 2 AOA 1-A CME Credits

[May 5th AM Sessions](#) (9:30am-2:30pm Central) | 4 AOA 1-A CME Credits

[May 5th PM Sessions](#) (4:00pm-8:15pm Central) | 4 AOA 1-A CME Credits

[May 6th AM Sessions](#) (9:30am-2:30pm Central) | 4 AOA 1-A CME Credits

[May 6th PM Sessions](#) (3:30pm-5:30pm Central) | 2 AOA 1-A CME Credits

[May 7th AM Sessions](#) (10:00am-2:30pm Central) | 4 AOA 1-A CME Credits

This program is sponsored by the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association. Please contact Kathie Itter at kitter@woma.org for more information.

40th Annual Pediatrics in the Red Rocks Conference

The Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AZAAP) hosts its 40th Annual Pediatrics in the Red Rocks Conference, June 23- 25, 2017 at the Hilton Resort in Sedona. Topics include infectious disease, gastroenterology, pediatric psychiatry, sports medicine, and child abuse. Visit http://www.azaap.org/Pediatrics_in_the_Red_Rocks for more information.

Help prospective patients find you!



AOMA Members - Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the **Find a Physician** public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

Need help updating your profile? Call the AOMA office at (602) 266-6699.

Do you know someone who is not an AOMA member... and should be?

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive a \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit Not an AOMA Member? Join today!

Join AOMA

Arizona Vaccine News



VFC Enrollment

[AOMA Calendar of Events - www.az-osteo.org](http://www.az-osteo.org)

Cheers with Peers Phoenix - May 19, 2017

Cheers with Peers Scottsdale- June 15, 2017

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - June 24, 2017

Cheers with Peers Tucson - August 18, 2017

3rd Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference - August 19, 2017

AOMA 37th Annual Fall Seminar - November 11 & 12, 2017

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - November 10, 2017
AOMA House of Delegates - November 11, 2017



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