



HISTORY of the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

The AOCA (American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists) was created under a charter granted by the State of Missouri in 1952. AOCA had its origins in the:

AMERICAN SOCIETY of OSTEOPATHIC ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

In 1949 a group of 36 D.O.s practicing Anesthesiology met in Detroit, Michigan to join together and form the ASOA (American Society of Anesthesiologists) proposed by J. Maurice Howlett D.O.

The motion was made by K. George Tomajan D.O., seconded by J. Calvin Geddes D.O. to accept the first Constitution and By-Laws of ASOA.

The first officers of the Society were:

- J. Maurice Howlett, D.O., President,
- Claire E. Pike, D.O., Vice President
- Crawford M. Esterline, D.O. Secretary-Treasurer.

The BOARD of GOVERNORS elected to serve the organization (from among the D.O.s certified in the specialty of Anesthesiology by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery) were:

Stephen Walker, D.O.
William A. Gantz, D.O.
J. Calvin Geddes, D.O.

J. Craig Walsh, D.O.
Amanda C. Marshall, D.O.
K. George Tomajan, D.O.

On the motion of George C. Wolf, D.O. all the members present at the "meetings in Los Angeles and Atlantic City" were considered Charter Members of ASOA.

A petition requesting affiliation was presented to the AOA House of Delegates.

By letter to the members (1950) Dr. Crawford M. Esterline advised that the Board of Trustees of AOA had granted affiliate status to the Society. All D.O.s who were practicing anesthesiology were invited to join ASOA. to "better further its "aims and Objects... ". The Society declared itself to be the "foundation for a separate college and certifying board in the future".

OBJECTS of the AMERICAN SOCIETY of OSTEOPATHIC ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

1. To advance the standards of practice and quality of service in the field of anesthesiology.
2. To aid in improving the educational opportunities for training in anesthesiology.
3. To promote the osteopathic concept of disease as related to anesthesiology.
4. To establish standards for membership.
5. To maintain and promote the highest moral and ethical standards in the practice of anesthesiology.
6. To aid in the formation and oversee the function of component regional osteopathic societies of anesthesiology.

The first meeting of the American Society of Osteopathic Anesthesiologists (ASOA) was conducted in 1950 as part of the ANNUAL CLINICAL ASSEMBLY (with the ACOS and other participating specialty organizations).

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of the ASOA

This document provided the basic operational guidelines of ASOA, including the OBJECTS, DEFINITION, MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS, REGIONAL SOCIETIES, the BOARD of GOVERNORS, SESSIONS (CLINICAL and BUSINESS), .AMENDMENTS, FEES and DUES, ELECTIONS (NOMINATIONS, TERM: of SERVICE etc.), DUTIES (OFFICERS and BOARD of GOVERNORS), etc.

A major objective of the ASOA was to form of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists. This was initiated by motion of J. Craig Walsh, D.O., at the Board of Governors' second session meeting (Washington, 1951). Plans were set forth to become incorporated, to have the authority to grant Fellowships, etc. The American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists was incorporated in 1952.

FORMATION of the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

During 1952 (a banner year in AOCA'S history!) actions were taken by AOCA to request and receive AOA recognition as a separate college; to transfer records and assets of the ASOA to AOCA. These actions were completed by 1953, in time for the first official meetings of AOCA in Los Angeles CA.

The OBJECTIVES of ASOA were accepted as OBJECTIVES of the AOCA. In addition, the following were added:

"(To) Recognize outstanding accomplishment in the field of Anesthesiology or outstanding service to this organization on the part of any member by conferring the degree "FELLOW" in the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.

Dedicated to the presentation of continuing medical education programs for the purpose of update and review of all areas in the specialty of Anesthesiology."

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS: AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

These documents were first adopted in 1952. They were revised in 1980 and were amended in 1984/1985.

They are approved by the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association

AOCA'S first OFFICERS and BOARD of GOVERNORS were duly elected at that meeting and included:

- President: J. Craig Walsh, D.O.
- President-elect: J. Calvin Geddes, D.O.
- Vice Pres.: William A. Gants, D.O.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Crawford M. Esterline D.O.

BOARD of GOVERNORS:

- J. Maurice Howlett, D.O.
- Claire E. Pike, D.O.
- Mahlon Ponitz, D.O.
- Amanda Marshall, D.O.
- K. George Tomajan, D.O.

Claire E. Pike, D.O. presented the first petition for affiliate status to AOCA from the Southern California Osteopathic Anesthesiologists Association. It was presented to the Board of Governors for action.

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP in the AOCA were distributed to the members present at the second meeting (Dallas, TX, 1954) and mailed to members who were not able to attend.

The COAT OF ARMS of AOCA selected by the Board of Governors was presented to the membership, and was approved. Rendition in appropriate colors was directed.

CERTIFICATION in ANESTHESIOLOGY

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS continued to be conducted by the ACOS until 1955.

During the 1955 meeting of AOCA (Washington DC) on motion by B.H.Traven, D.O., and unanimous vote by the members present, full support was given to the Board of Governors to "request a separate Board of Certification in Anesthesiology".

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC BOARD of ANESTHESIOLOGY

The AOBA (American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology) was activated in 1956, following approval of AOCA's petition by AOA's Board of Trustees.

AOCA pledged financial support ("to underwrite the American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology until such time as the Board is self supporting").

RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS in ANESTHESIOLOGY

The AOBA (American Osteopathic BOARD of Anesthesiology) conducts examinations of qualified candidates and recommends certification (by ADA) for D.O.s who have successfully completed all parts of the examinations.

The AOCA has established the STANDARDS and the MODEL PROGRAM for Residency Training in Anesthesiology. They have been reviewed and modified continuously consistent with progress and developments in the specialty of anesthesiology.

In 1986 the THREE YEAR Residency program in Anesthesiology was approved.

AOCA is encharged with review and approval of the reports and the documentation of the residency training programs.

The AOA conducts inspections of the training hospitals and evaluates the programs based on the criteria of AOCA STANDARDS and the MODEL PROGRAM formats.

BASIC SCIENCES in ANESTHESIOLOGY

In 1957 the AOCA appointed a COMMITTEE on POST GRADUATE STUDY for the BASIC SCIENCES in Anesthesiology (Drs J. Craig Walsh, Chairman; J. Maurice Howlett, Glenn F. Gordon and Crawford M. Esterline).

A formal course in Basic Sciences was scheduled in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1958, and courses were being offered in the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and in the Kirksville College of Osteopathy.

FELLOWSHIP in the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

Upon activation of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists in 1953 (under charter granted by the State of Missouri in 1952), with approval by the Board of Trustees of ADA; and operating under the Constitution and the By-Laws approved by the Board of Governors of AOCA conferred FOUNDER DEGREES of FELLOWSHIP in the AOCA upon the following D.O.s:

1. Crawford M. Esterline, D.O., Kirksville, MJ
2. William A. Gants, D.O., Providence, RI
3. J. Calvin Geddes, D.O., Mount Clemens, MI
4. J. Maurice Howlett, D.O., Detroit, MI
5. Amanda Marshall, D.O., Los Angeles, CA
6. Mahlon Ponitz, D.O., Huntington Woods, MI
7. Claire E. Pike, D.O., Long Beach, CA
8. J. Craig Walsh, D.O., Philadelphia, PA
9. K. George Tomajan, D.O, Boston, MA

In 1954 Fellowships were granted to:
Francis J. Smith, D.O., Philadelphia, PA

Orel F. Martin, D.O., Coral Gables, FL

The protocol for receiving nominations, for the evaluation of candidates and for the granting of FELLOWSHIPS has been refined and cataloged into a precise and effective procedure.

AOCA NEWSLETTER

The establishment of an "AOCA official journal or NewsLetter" was presented as an issue of significant need in 1959 (Los Angeles CA). Approval was granted by the membership of AOCA to initiate such a NEWS LETTER.

Vivian Ackland D.O. was appointed the first Editor, and an Editorial Committee consisting of Drs John S. Stratton, Willirun A. Gantz, Mahlon L. Ponitz was also appointed; with later addition to the Editorial Board of Drs. A.A. Golden and Harry J. Petri. The first NEWSLETTER was published in 1960.

Mary Lou Butterworth D.O. was appointed Editor of the NEWSLETTER in 1965, and W.E. Barnett D.O. became the publisher that year.

The NEWSLETTER continues to be published three times yearly. It provides the members of AOCA with information of interest and importance to the profession; including information about meetings, seminars, employment opportunities, as well as AOCA, AOBA, regulatory and governmental news.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

"This award, created by the Board of Governors, is presented to a member in recognition of outstanding accomplishments and leadership in the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists and sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Mannarelli.

Nominations for this honor are considered annually by the Awards and Honors Committee and submitted to the Board of Governors for final election."

Members of the College have been so honored since 1973.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1973 Crawford M. Esterline. D.O.
1978 J. Craig Walsh D.O.
1980 J. Calvin Geddes. D.O.
1981 K. George Tomajan. D.O.
1982 Harry J. Petri, D.O.
1983 J. Maurice Howlett. D.O.
1984 A.A. Mannarelli. D.O.
1985 Paul A. Stern. D.O.
1986 Henry W. Witte. D.O.
1987 John E.P. Burns. D.O.
1988 Robert L. Thomas. D.O.

CRAWFORD M. ESTERLINE LECTURE SERIES

"This lecture series was established in 1979 by the Board of Governors in tribute to Crawford M. Esterline, D.O., past President and Secretary of the American osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists during the organization founding and growth of the College.

The lecture is presented annually by an outstanding member at the Annual Meeting of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists. Each year the Parke-Davis company awards an educational grant in recognition of the chosen lecturer along with the presentation of a plaque".

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(Listing of names and dates follows)

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1980 A.A. Mannarelli, D.O.
1981 Hyman Kahn, D.O.
1982 K. George Tomajan, D.O.
1983 Paul A. Stern, D.O.
1984 John E.P. Burns, D.O.
1985 Boris H. Traven, D.O.
1986 Mary L. Butterworth, D.O.
1987 Mahlon L. Ponitz, D.O.
1988 Henry L. Witte, D.O.

COMPONENT SOCIETIES of the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

In 1952 Claire E. Pike, D.O. presented the first petition for affiliate status to AOCA from the Southern California Osteopathic Anesthesiologists Association.

At this time the following Societies are components of the AOCA:

Florida Osteopathic Society of Anesthesiologists

Michigan Society Of Osteopathic Anesthesiologists

Midwest Osteopathic Society of Anesthesiologists

Ohio Osteopathic Society of Anesthesiologists

AUXILLIARY to the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

The Auxiliary was organized and founded in 1973 with a support grant from the Board of Governors, upon action of the members of AOCA.

The OBJECTIVES of the AUXILLIARY are:

"(To) promote and support the public health and educational activities of the American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists..... .

Establishment of a fund to finance a research project in Anesthesiology.

Support all programs of the Auxiliary to the American osteopathic Association."

MEETINGS, SEMINARS, CLINICAL ASSEMBLIES

As early as 1983 (Toronto) AOCA indicated its intent to meet independently of ACAOS. Separation from ACAOS was scheduled for the 1986 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists continued to meet with the ANNUAL CLINICAL ASSEMBLY of OSTEOPATHIC SPECIALISTS (ACAOS) through 1985, in San Diego, CA.

In 1986 and 1987 AOCA met in ANNUAL CONVENTION with the American Osteopathic College of Radiologists (in Orlando, FL and Tucson, AZ respectively).

The ANNUAL CONVENTION of the AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE of ANESTHESIOLOGISTS is conducted independently as of 1986 (Boston, MA).

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Following the 1976 ANNUAL CLINICAL ASSEMBLY of AOCA at the concept of a PERMANENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE was developed to provide continuity in program development to maintain a list of speakers (D.O.s and M.D.s) who could be called upon to be program participants etc. and to provide experience and guidance for the future program chairmen. An effective cadre of Program Chairmen and members of the Program Committee have developed. Organized procedures to prepare programs and to obtain support for speakers, displays, publications etc. have improved quality content, interest and attendance at AOCA ANNUAL CONVENTION and all other AOCA sponsored programs.

In addition to the ANNUAL CONVENTION the AOCA conducts the ANNUAL MID-YEAR SEMINAR. This was initiated in 1973 and the first MID-YEAR SEMINAR was held in Chicago, in March of 1974. They have been held annually since then.

The Component Societies conduct Clinical Seminars and Programs in Continuing Medical Education, available in their geographical areas to all registrants desiring to obtain additional CME credentials. '

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