President’s Letter

As summer comes to an end, it is a time to reflect as we move toward the changes of fall. This summer I enjoyed a baseball bus tour which began in Minneapolis continued to Milwaukie, Chicago, and St. Louis and ended in Kansas City. My tour of the Midwest continued as I visited the AOCR office in Milan, Mo. If you have the opportunity to visit Milan, it is a great experience to view the inner workings of the AOCR. Carol Houston is doing a great job as the new executive director and it is always a pleasure to see the smiling faces of the AOCR staff.

This summer I also attended the AOA Annual Business Meeting and House of Delegates Meeting as the representative for the AOCR. The AOA has had many leadership changes this year including Norman Vinn, DO, being elected as president and Robert Juhasz, DO, becoming the new president-elect. John Crosby, JD, retired as the executive director and Adrienne E. White-Faines, MPA, has taken his place. Other activities at the meeting included Pamela Smith received the Bob E. Jones, CAE, Award for her excellence as the executive director of the AOCR. This was a great honor for Pam and great tribute to her years of service to the AOCR. I am very pleased to have shared this moment with her.

The AOA and AACOM announced during the AOA’s Annual Business Meeting that to date they have been unsuccessful in reaching an agreement with ACGME on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a unified graduate medical education accreditation system. All three organizations remain committed to work toward improving graduate medical education for the benefit of the public, patients, and resident physicians in training programs. The AOCR continues to closely monitor the situation and react as necessary. More information including frequently asked questions for student, interns, and residents are located on the AOA website. In the meantime, we should investigate the opportunities for devolvement of osteopathic radiology residencies and fellowship with the assistance of the AOCR.

On Oct. 10-13, the AOCR will be hosting the CME activity “Bones and Brain Imaging” in Grapevine, Texas. Program Chair Rocky Saenz, DO, has put together a great program with first-class speakers. This program will also include a four hour MRI workshop. I hope to see you there.

As we proceed through the end of 2013 we have many challenges in medicine, and certainly in the profession. Congress is working on a possible SGR fix which will require quick letter communication to our individual representatives and senators by radiologists to ensure a permanent solution. It is also important that radiologists contact CMS to oppose the proposed cuts to imaging reimbursement. As always, it is a time of greatest demand that the profession always stands tall and takes the high road to accomplish those things that are beneficial to our patients and to our college. Please join us to fight to keep our profession in our nation as the model and leadership of the world.

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Upcoming Events

- Brains and Bones
  October 10-13, 2013
  Grapevine, TX
  Program Chair:
  Rocky Saenz, DO
  Offering 29 1-A credits

- Multidisciplinary Approach to Oncology
  April 28-May 2, 2014
  San Diego, CA
  Program Chair:
  Ronald Alexander, DO
  Offering 41.5 1-A credits

- Diagnostic and Interventional Spine (Adult & Pediatric)
  October 9-12, 2014
  Rosemont, IL
  Program Chairs:
  Sheri Albers, DO
  Wade Wong, DO
  Offering a minimum of 25 1-A credits

Webinars

The AOCR will be offering nine webinars throughout the 2013-2015 CME cycle. Two will be offered during each Annual Convention in the spring and one will be offered during the Mid Year Conference in the fall.
First Visiting Professor

Wade Wong, DO, AOCR president-elect, was the first AOCR member to participate in the Visiting Professor Program. He visited Botsford Hospital during the summer and was well received by the residents.

Bo Yon Choi, DO, a 4th year resident at Botsford Hospital, said, “Dr. Wong’s lectures were very concise and informative. He is a very articulate and interactive lecturer who is able to gather full attention from the audiences. It was a great privilege to attend his lectures.”

Sharon Kreuer, DO, a 3rd year resident, stated that it was a great chance for the residents to get extra exposure to head and neck anatomy and pathology. “He was extremely knowledgeable, affable, and open to any and all questions,” Dr. Kreuer said. “We appreciate his time and effort to bring his expertise to our residency program, and look forward to the next time we can have a visiting lecturer at Botsford.”

If you are interested in participating in the Visiting Professor Program, please contact Mary Lentz at mary@aocr.org or 800-258-2627.

New AOCR Members

**RETIRED MEMBERS**
Jack Thome, DO

**RESIDENT MEMBERS**
Dana Lowenthal, DO
Nathan Mortensen, DO

**STUDENT/INTERN MEMBERS**
Rafel Alvarez
Aubrey Ashie
Cherry Cass
Neil Christopher
John Faircloth
Aswin Kumar
Anahid Pahlawanian
Heidi Ramos, DO
Anthony Salvador, DO
Cale Sebald
Joseph Simon, DO
Kyle Summers, DO
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BOSS Meeting

Michael Cawthon, DO, represented the AOCR at the AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Specialty Societies (BOSS) which convened in Chicago on June 22-23. Led by Ken Heiles, DO, Chair, and Scott Cyrus, DO, Vice Chair, the BOSS addressed major issues including implementation of Osteopathic Continuous Certification on Jan. 1 as well as ongoing negotiations with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to form a single, unified GME accreditation system. The BOSS also reviewed resolutions going before the AOA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates; a report on the Bureau’s positions was provided to the respective reference committees. The BOSS reviewed their current mission, vision and scope of work relative to the 2014-16 AOA Strategic Plan and will continue to develop a strategic work plan once the 2013-14 appointments are completed. AOA Trustee Boyd R. Buser, DO, participated in the meeting.

Meet the New Executive

Carol Houston
AOCR Executive Director
AOCR Experience: 22 Years
Previous Position: Director of Postdoctoral Training and Membership
Education: Central Christian College of the Bible, Moberly, Mo.
Degree: Bachelor’s of Science in Counseling and Christian Education

Words from Carol:
“I started working for the AOCR as the training coordinator in 1991 and later became the director of postdoctoral training and membership. As residency training and membership are two very intricate aspects of the AOCR, I have been staff for several committees throughout the years including the Committee on Evaluation and Educational Standards, Membership Committee, Committee on Credentials, and the Scientific Exhibits Committee as well as others.

I look forward to continuing my career with the AOCR as executive director. As we are entering into some challenging times in medicine and in radiology, I think of the quote by Eckhart Tolle,

“Some changes look negative on the surface but you will soon realize that space is being created in your life for something new to emerge.”

I look forward to working together as we face the new.”

GME Update

As most are aware, after lengthy discussions, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) could not reach an agreement on a unified graduate medical education accreditation system. The AOA published a response to why an agreement could not be reached and a joint statement was issued by the AOA, AACOM, and ACGME as well as current updates on the Unified Accreditation discussions soon after the decision was announced.

We understand your frustrations and welcome any suggestions as to what action you feel the AOCR should be taking at this time. The Board has requested that all suggestions be submitted in writing to carol@aocr.org. This will ensure that your suggestions are communicated exactly as intended.

Anticipating that the unified accreditation system might not be approved, the AOA has been working diligently on a Performance Based Accreditation System (PBAS) for the evaluation of all osteopathic residency training programs. The AOA PBAS is built upon an outcome derived, checkpoint driven curriculum. By special invitation, the AOCR has reviewed the PBAS and has provided comments relevant to radiology. However, the most urgent need at this time is the development of fellowship training opportunities for our trainees.

The ACGME has proposed revisions to their Common Program Requirements that would significantly impede the opportunity for fellowship training for AOA trained radiologists. Along with the AOA, the AOCR provided comments to the ACGME opposing the restrictive language. However, the AOCR has received information that some institutions which have ACGME accredited programs are already implementing an institutional policy to not accept osteopathic training for any prerequisite training requirements. As such, the AOCR is seeking to expand fellowship training opportunities for its trainees immediately in the following areas:

- Neuroradiology
- Pediatric Radiology
- Vascular and Interventional Radiology
- Musculoskeletal Radiology
- Abdominal Radiology
- Nuclear Radiology
- Women’s Imaging
- Breast Imaging
- MRI
- Body Imaging
- Cross Sectional Imaging

If you believe you have the resources available to provide fellowship training to our trainees, please contact Mary Lentz, AOCR Training Coordinator at mary@aocr.org or by phone at 800-258-2627. Together we can rise to the occasion and provide quality residency and fellowship opportunities for all DO radiologists.
Pamela A. Smith Scholarship

The AOCR and the AOCR Education Foundation proudly announce the Pamela A. Smith Scholarship Fund to honor Pam for her 35 years of dedicated service and loyalty to the college.

The scholarship was announced at the Annual Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., during an awards assembly celebrating her years of service, leadership, commitment, and support of the AOCR and its members.

The scholarship will be an everlasting tribute to Pam joining the general fund and COBE Project funds of the AOCR Education Foundation. Pam will serve as an advisor to the Education Foundation Board and aid in directing targeted use of the funds. In addition to the usual financial support of numerous education programs for physicians the scholarship will help our administrative staff at the AOCR in their education and professional development. This is a new addition to the support structure of the Education Foundation.

To date over $30,000.00 has been pledged in proud support and celebration of Pam's 35 years of service.

Please show your thanks and best wishes for Pam's retirement and legacy by contributing to her scholarship today!

AOA Annual Business Meeting

Board of Trustees Meeting

The AOA board of trustees held its 2013 Annual Business Meeting in Chicago July 15-18 under the leadership of AOA President Ray E. Stowers, DO. There were many AOCR members in attendance including AOCR President Fred White, DO. The AOA board of trustees acted on all resolutions and recommended actions to the House of Delegates.

House of Delegates Meeting

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the AOA House of Delegates was held on July 19-21. Frederick White, DO, and Gilbert Bucholz, DO, served as the delegate for the AOCR. Many resolutions were passed during the three days of delegation. AOCR member Mark Baker, DO, was relected as a member of the AOA board of trustees. More details on the resolutions can be found on the AOA website.

Pamela Smith Honored by AOA

Pamela A. Smith received the 2013 Bob E. Jones, CAE, Award on Saturday, July 20, from the AOA. The Bob E. Jones, CAE, Award recognizes outstanding osteopathic state and specialty society executive directors. Seven radiologists were in attendance for Pam's award presentation.

New AOA Leadership

New AOA Leadership was appointed during the 2013 Annual Business Meeting. Full bios can be found on the AOA website.

John Crosby, JD, Honored by AOCR

The AOCR presented the Tutwiler Clinic with a $500 contribution in honor of the retirement of John B. Crosby, JD, former executive director of the American Osteopathic Association. John has been a great friend of the AOCR over the past 15 years and the Tutwiler Clinic is very near and dear to his heart. The Tutwiler Clinic provides whole health care in Tallahatchie County, located in the middle of the Mississippi Delta.
Involvement Opportunities

The AOBR is currently looking to increase member involvement to better support the development of AOBR examinations. Information on involvement levels can be found here. If you are interested in increasing your involvement with the AOBR, please contact Erin Maulsby, AOBR Certification Manager.

2013-2014 Exam Schedule

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**Exam Fees can be paid by sending a check to the AOBR office or by phone at 660-265-4014 with a credit card.
***In order to enroll for the OCC exams, diplomates must be enrolled in OCC.
The 2013 Mid Year Conference, sponsored by the American Osteopathic College of Radiology, is intended for general radiologists and sub-specialty radiologists in musculoskeletal and neuroradiology. The topic areas will cover up-to-date information; however, will be broad enough that general radiologists will benefit and sub-specialty radiologists will be able to review important pathology, radiographic findings and differentials. Presenters will include audience response system (ARS) questions for a more interactive experience. This will also allow participants to test their knowledge and gauge their performance with peers and established benchmarks.

Topics will include MRI ankle, knee, shoulder, wrist, hip, and bone marrow. The neuroradiology topics will include brain trauma, temporal bone, spine imaging, sinus disease, and CNS infection. Our goal is to provide information that you can take back and immediately incorporate into your practices.

**Course Objectives:**
- Understand current indication and techniques of MRI arthrogram
- Review and understand the diagnosis and common musculoskeletal pathology of the shoulder, ankle, wrist, elbow, hip, knee, and digits with MRI
- Understand new imaging techniques including CTA, MRA and CT brain perfusion imaging
- Review and understand the diagnosis and pathology of the spine including infection, neoplasms and degenerative disease
- Review and understand the diagnosis and pathology of CNS trauma and intracranial infection
- Review and understand the differential diagnosis of head, neck and temporal bone pathology
- Review and understand the MRI appearance of normal and abnormal bone marrow
- MRI workshop will cover pulse sequence basics, anatomy, and a check-list approach to CNS and MSK MRI interpretation

**Course Syllabus**
AOCR has gone green! Syllabus will be provided online prior to the conference for download and a jump drive will be provided onsite at no charge. Complimentary internet connectivity will be provided in the meeting room. Please bring your laptop!

**Disclosure**
It is the policy of the AOCR to comply with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards for commercial support of CME Activities. All faculty participants in the AOCR programs are required to disclose to the program audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to this meeting or its content. Faculty disclosure information is included in the course syllabus and will be disclosed by faculty as they present.

**Accreditation**
The AOCR is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The AOCR designates this live activity for a maximum of 29 AMA PRA Category 1 credits™.

The AOCR is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). The AOA has approved this CME Activity for 29 Category 1-A credits.

Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**CME Certificate/Attendance Forms**
Attendees will be required to sign in upon arrival at the conference. CME certificates will be issued after the attendee:
1. Submits valid payments
2. Attests to the number of hours attended
3. Completes the evaluation form

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