

**United Federation of Osteopathic Societies  
Meeting Minutes**

**House of Delegates Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
July 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm CDT**

<b><u>Society Members:</u></b>		Alabama	Connecticut	Iowa	Nebraska	South Carolina	Wisconsin
		Alaska	Delaware	Kansas	Nevada	Tennessee	
		AMOPS	Georgia	Louisiana	New Hampshire	Utah	
		Arkansas	Hawaii	Maryland	New Mexico	Vermont	
		Arizona	Idaho	Minnesota	North Carolina	Virginia	
		California	Illinois	Mississippi	Oregon	Washington	
		Colorado	Indiana	Montana	Rhode Island	West Virginia	
<b><u>Inactive Society Members</u></b>		North Dakota	South Dakota	Washington, DC	Wyoming		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic/Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion</b>			<b>Recommended Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person(s)</b>	<b>Actions/Follow Up</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>						
		Meeting called to order and rules for the meeting were announced.			N/A	Norm Vinn, DO	N/A
<b>II.</b>	<b>Presentation of the Agenda</b>						
		The agenda for the meeting was presented and no additions were offered.				Norm Vinn, DO	N/A
<b>III.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>						
		Minutes from September 2022 meeting were posted on the website and a motion and second to approve was accepted.			Approved	Norm Vinn, DO	N/A

<b>IV.</b>	<b>AOA/UFO Leadership Introductions</b>				
		Introduction of the AOA leadership from the UFOS consisting of the AOA board members and Past presidents: Members presented included: Tom Ely, DO (TN), Past President; Kevin De Regnier, DO, (IA) AOA Trustee; Timothy Kowalski, DO (SC) AOA Trustee, Jennifer Thomas, DO (MN) AOA Trustee; Julieanne Sees, DO, (DE) AOA Trustee; Teresa Hubka, DO (IL) AOA Trustee; James Lally, DO (CA) AOA Trustee; Geraldine O'Shea, DO, (CA) AOA Trustee; Shannon Scott, DO, (AZ) AOA Trustee; Tim Kowalski, DO AOA Trustee; W. Ashley Hood, DO, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Selena Raines, DO New Physician in Practice;	N/A	Norm Vinn, DO	N/A

		Maria Jones, DO, AOA Postdoctoral Trainee Advisor; Anjali James, OMS IV, AOA Student Adviser; Mentioned but absent Tim Beals, DO New Physician in Practice Advisor. Ray Morrison, DO (LA) Speaker of the House; Scott Cyrus, DO (NM) UFOS Secretary/Treasurer. Also introduced were the UFOS Past Presidents including Ray Stowers, DO (AR), Boyd Buser, DO (ME), Norm Vinn, DO, (CA) UFOS Vice-Chair. Mentioned but absent Karen Nichols, DO UFOS Chair (AZ), James Zini, DO (AR) and William Mayo, DO (MS)			
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<b>V.</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>				
		Alabama            Hawaii            Montana            Utah (A) Alaska (A)        Idaho            Nebraska (A)        Vermont (A) AMOPS            Illinois            Nevada            Virginia Arkansas            Indiana            New Hampshire (A)    Washington(A) Arizona            Iowa            New Mexico            West Virginia California            Kansas            North Carolina        Wisconsin Colorado            Louisiana        Oregon Connecticut (A)    Maryland        Rhode Island Delaware            Mississippi      South Carolina Georgia            Minnesota        Tennessee	N/A	Scott Cyrus, DO	Completed

VI.	AOA Past President/Nominee for President-elect Remarks				
		<p>Past President Ely, the 124<sup>th</sup> AOA President addressed the membership thanking them for supporting him through his tenure on the AOA Board of Trustee as he is exiting the board. He briefly reviewed his years on the board culminating with his presidency. He is proud of the profession and in its accomplishments. He feels the profession is in good hands and challenges members of the UFOS to remain active and to advocate for the profession. Dr. Ely is excited to know that the nominee for President-elect, will be Teresa Hubka, DO and knows she will lead the AOA with integrity. He welcomed Dr. Hubka to the podium.</p> <p>Teresa Hubka, DO addressed the membership. She is truly honored and excited for the nomination to be this year's AOA President-elect. She is looking forward to serving the AOA bringing the vision and mission of the AOA to the profession.</p> <p>They both received an ovation for their remarks.</p>	N/A	Past President Thomas Ely, DO and Nominee for President-elect Teresa Hubka, DO	N/A
VII.	UFOS acting Chair /Vice Chair's Report				
		<p>Dr. Vinn welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the advisors and board for their service and the AOA staff for their efforts. He asked for moment of silence so the UFOS may honor our colleagues that we have lost over the last year. Afterwards, he asked for a moment of silence for our UFOS Chair, Dr. Nichols, for her and her family as she was unable to attend the meeting. He reviewed the UFOS committee structure and noted the members. He asked to have volunteers to sign up for the committees. Emails can be sent to any of the UFOS board members. Drs. Vinn and Buser represented the UFOS at the caucus the night before the UFOS' meeting. AOA board members from the UFOS will be assigned to UFOS society members and each society member will be getting notification of who their board member representative via email.</p> <p>Dr. Vinn also moved for the approval of the UFOS Rules of the caucus, there was a second to approve and the motion passed without any objections.</p>	Approved	Norm Vinn, DO	N/A

VIII.	<b>Vice-Chair's Report</b>	Serving as acting Chair			N/A
XI.	<b>Rules Committee Report</b>				
		<p>The rules committee met on May 2, 2023, at 3:00 pm PS</p> <p>Attendees  Norm Vinn, DO  Greg Cohen, DO  Stephanie Albert, DO  Danielle Barnett- Zimmerman, DO  Sarah Austen, DO</p> <p>Introductions were made, and the charge / duties of the Rules Committee was discussed with the members</p> <p>A review was done of the rules for the Caucus. No revisions recommended. However, Dr. Cohen did raise a question about process / actions for caucus members who perennially do not pay their dues. Recommended an offline discussion with the caucus chair at the upcoming July meeting, with referral back to the Rules committee if further discussion is indicated</p> <p>The committee took under consideration the request for transfer of state support for Sonbol Shahid-Salles, DO from Minnesota to Georgia. Motion was made and approved to support the request with the caveat that the total term for the initial nomination not exceed the intended five-year term.</p> <p>No Further business came before the committee.  The committee was adjourned at 3:40pm</p>	Approved	Norm Vinn, DO	

<b>X.</b>	<b>Secretary/ Treasurer Report</b>	<p>This year the UFOS membership were sent dues invoices and dues were received.</p> <p>The income to the UFOS will be reflected in the treasure's report.</p> <p>The UFOS has a new website through Officite. The website (<a href="http://www.ufosocieties.org">www.ufosocieties.org</a>) is current with the information that was submitted. If any additional changes need to be made, feel free to submit them to Dr. Cyrus at any time. The website will be updated to enhance member usership and information distribution. The URL did not change.</p> <p>The 2022 treasurer's report is posted on the website. The treasurer reports are posted within the first quarter of the new year.</p> <p>The 990 e-postcard for 2023 has been filed so we maintain our 501(c)(6) nonprofit status.</p> <p>Dr. Cyrus expressed his gratitude to the UFOS for allowing him to serve as the UFOS Secretary/Treasurer</p>		Scott Cyrus, DO	N/A
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Committee Report</b>	<p>The Ad hoc met February 22, 2023, at 7:00 CST via zoom</p> <p>Invited Attendees  Scott Cyrus, DO  Greg Allen, DO  Larry Suess, DO  Seger, Morris, DO  Karen Turner, DO  Dewey McAfee, DO  David Scaccia, DO</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the question of raising the UFOS membership dues. Motion was made to retain the yearly membership dues at \$75.00 per society and \$60.00 per society delegate attending the AOA House of Delegates. The motion was seconded and after the discussion that motion passed</p>	Approved	Scott Cyrus, DO	

<b>XII.</b>	<b>Elections</b>				
		<p>Dr. Vinn presented. Karen Nichols, DO as the nominee for Chair.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the nominee by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>	Approved	Norm Vinn, DO	Dr. Nichols was elected to serve as Chair for a 2-year term.
<b>XIII.</b>	<b>AOA Caucus Meeting</b>				
		<p>Drs. Vinn and Buser met with the AOA caucus members to discuss the AOA board nomination slate. From the UFOS, Dr. Ely is cycling off the board and the person that will be nominated for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President is Dr. Joel Kase (MA), to complete Dr. Ely term. Congratulations to Dr. Joel Kase. Dr. Teresa Hubka is the nominee for President-elect. W. Ashley Hood will be nominated for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Nominated for Board of Trustees from UFOS for 3 years is Kevin deRegnier (IA), Timothy Kowalski, DO (SC), Geraldine O'Shea, DO (CA). Nominee for New Physician in Practice, Sarah Wolff, DO (OR). Caelin Smith, OSM III LUCOM was nominated for student member to the AOA Board of Trustees.</p> <p>They will be nominated at the Caucus, July 21, 2023. Each society is asked to have two representatives attend the Caucus to vote for all UFOS nominees to the AOA Board.</p> <p>A motion was made to bind the caucus to support UFOS candidates and to empower the Chair/Vice-Chair to negotiate with other caucuses on our behalf. The motion was seconded and approved.</p>	Approved	Norm Vinn, DO	N/A

<b>XIV.</b>	<b>UFOS BoT Candidates</b>				
		<p>The top 4 UFOS BoT candidates were announced in alphabetical order for 2022.</p> <p>Gregory Allen, DO (RI) Scott Cyrus, DO (NM) Brian Loveless, DO (CA) Seger Morris, DO (MS)</p>		Norm Vinn, DO	N/A

XV.	Resolutions Report				
		<p>Drs. Hood and Kowalski, Ely and Kendall, Lally and Sees and deRegnier and Jones were asked to report on the reference committee resolutions and bring forth any controversial resolutions.</p> <p><b>Drs. Hood and Kowalski</b> presented the report on the HR 200 and 500's (Committee on Accreditation / Certification/CME/Predocctoral Education/Postdoctoral Education and Constitution and Bylaws) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p> <p><b>Drs. Ely and Kendall</b> reported on HR 600's (Ad Hoc) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p> <p><b>Drs. Lally and Sees</b> reported on HR 300's (Committee on Advocacy / Membership) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p> <p><b>Dr. deRegnier and Jones</b> reported on HR 400's (Committee on Public Affairs/Research) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p> <p>Dr. Vinn reminded the UFOS members of the importance of attending the reference committees to have discussion about any resolution.</p> <p>The presenters were thanked for their reports and for all their hard work.</p>		Norm Vinn, DO	N/A

<b>XVI.</b>	<b>AOA BoT Candidates Presentations</b>				
		<p>The candidates for the AOA BoT were asked to speak to the membership for 2 minutes each.</p> <p>The candidates are reaffirmed by their state societies every five (5) years. The Candidate's Committee is one of the UFOS committees that vets new candidates for consideration for the AOA BoT. The candidates' CV are posted on the UFOS website.</p> <p>Ranking ballots were distributed at registration/check-in.</p> <p>The following candidates (in alphabetical order) presented their thoughts to the membership:  Gregory Allen, Jr., DO (RI)  Scott Cyrus, DO (NM)  Harald Lausen, DO (IL)  Brian Loveless, DO (CA)  Seger Morris, DO (MS)  Jennifer Ravenscroft, DO (AMOPS)  Sonbol Shahid-Salles, DO (MN)  Larry Suess, DO (CA)  Sarah Wolff, DO (OR)</p> <p>Dr. Vinn asked the ballots to be completed and returned to the acting Chair or advisors prior to departing.</p>		Norm Vinn, DO	The society members will rank the candidates, and the rankings will be calculated by the Chair, Vice-Chair and 2 appointees and the top 5 candidates will be presented to the membership.
<b>XVII.</b>	<b>Announcements</b>				
		<p>Dr. Vinn reminded the membership that ballots will be collected at the conclusion of the meeting and only one vote per society and that the ballot MUST be complete by ranking all candidates, to be valid.</p> <p>The ballots will be independently calculated by the Chair, Vice Chair and 2 advisors. The rankings will be presented next year.</p> <p>Dr Vinn reminded the membership about attending the Big Caucus on Friday, July 21, 2023, at 10:00 pm CDT to nominate the new individuals for the AOA Board.</p>		Norm Vinn, DO	
<b>XVIII.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>				



		Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm CDT		Norm Vinn, DO	
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Respectfully submitted,



Scott S. Cyrus, DO  
UFOS Secretary/Treasurer  
July 22, 2023