

**MINUTES**  
**of the Meetings of the**  
**Unified Federation of Osteopathic Societies (UFOS)**

**July 19-22, 2012**  
**Fairmont Hotel - Chicago**

Chair: Donald Krpan, DO

Vice Chair: James Zini, DO

Secretary/Treasurer: Wayne McBride, DO, MPH

**Thursday July 19:** Location— Moulin Rouge Room. Meeting called to order 7:36 pm.

**Welcome & Opening Remarks:**

The meeting was called to order by the UFOS Chair, Dr Krpan, who provided a general overview of UFOS meetings and schedule, the agenda for this meeting, and the Rules of the Caucus.

**Invocation:** Ethan Allen, DO

**Approval of Minutes of July 2010:** Dr Krpan asked for a motion to approve; seconded; approved.

**Adoption of the Rules of the Caucus:** Dr. Zini asked for a motion to adopt; seconded; approved.

**Introductions by Dr. Krpan:**

UFOS officers (as above)

Advisors to UFOS: Drs Joe Molnar, Paul Grayson Smith, and David Hitsman

AOA Board of Trustees Members present: Drs Karen Nichols, Bill Mayo, Barbara Walker, Boyd Buser, Mike Murphy, Tom Ely, and James Dearing.

Past AOA presidents recognized: Drs. Mitch Kasovic, Darryl Beehler, and Karen Nichols.

Larry Bouchard, DO, was also recognized.

AOA Affiliate Consultants were recognized for all their hard work on our behalf.

UFOS Delegates, Alternates, State Executive Directors, Students, Interns/Residents, all introduced themselves.

**Nominations:**

An affirmation for continuance on the AOA Board of Trustees motion was made, seconded and approved for Michael Murphy, DO.

**Vice Chair's Report:**

Dr. Zini reflected on his personal experiences regarding small states challenges over the years, and how leaders such as Drs. Bouchard, McDonald, and Cefala had helped the Small States gain strength and increased representation in AOA leadership. He spoke of events and efforts over the years that helped form UFOS and promoted its strength and success in representing the interests of the Small States, and ensuring equal representation of all dues paying members.

He further described how he and Dr. Krpan had met with the Caucus to discuss candidates for president and board positions. However, their efforts to ensure another seat on the Board, recognizing UFOS comprises 47% of AOA membership, were not successful. He pledged that he and Dr. Krpan would continue their tireless efforts for equitable representation.

**Past-Presidents Report:**

Karen Nichols, DO, shared highlights of the accomplishments and activities during her term as the first female AOA president. These included the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation engaging osteopathic primary care physicians on the national stage, in a manner not seen in previous years; 20% of all medical students are from colleges of osteopathic medicine; and Martin Levine, DO, asked to speak at the Coalition for Physician Accountability. She expressed that we are being listened to more widely, gaining greater recognition, and are increasingly given a seat at the table in national forums and meetings. .

**AOA President's Report:**

Ray Stowers, DO, expressed appreciation of support from the Board and UFOS, and as well as the mentorship from Dr. Nichols and others. He committed to make visits to all the states during his term. He indicated we face a time of unprecedented change in this profession, and that the Small States are making this happen. He expressed that the growing number of students participating in State Societies as well as on the AOA Board is very positive.

**President-Elect's Report:**

Norman Vinn, DO, remarked that it is an unbelievable honor to have this opportunity to serve. He expressed appreciation for the continuing support received from UFOS. He indicated that his main job is to ensure that Dr. Stowers can realize his dream as the new president. He acknowledged the mentorship of Ethan Allen, DO, and the growth and refinement he has experience over the years leading to this opportunity. He committed to be a guardian of the profession.

#### **Special Presentation:**

The Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California presented Dr. Krpan with an award of special recognition for his remarkable service to the osteopathic profession, including serving as AOA president; 8 years as the UFOS Chair; two terms as president of OPSC; being among the first to gain a DO license in California following lifting of the a ban in the early 1960s on issuing physician licenses to Dos; 17 years as dean of Western University; 5 years as executive director of the Osteopathic Board of California; and the proud father of three children, two of whom are osteopathic physicians. Dr. Krpan's humble response was: "In all ways I have received more than I have given."

#### **Chair's Report:**

Dr. Krpan announced that Alabama returned as a member of UFOS.

He reported on efforts to seek another seat on the Board of Trustees from UFOS were not successful, but he and Dr. Zini will continue to pursue this.

He announced that Colorado has resigned from the UFOS. Colorado cited only financial concerns relating to the new dues structure, but that they would likely return. Questions were raised regarding whether Colorado could remain in UFOS . Following much discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved that Colorado remain in UFO with their requirement for dues waived this year.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:**

Announcements: Copies of the UFOS Rules, meeting minutes from July 2011, and the current Treasurer's report were placed on each of the tables for review and reference.

#### **Call for approval of the July 2011 minutes, as presented.**

**Action:** Minutes were accepted and placed on file by unanimous consent without additions, deletions or corrections.

#### **Call for approval of the Treasurer's report, as submitted.**

**Action:** Report was accepted without questions and placed on file.

**Note:** Waived and inactive societies were six.

**Website:** Recent enhancements to the usfosinc.org website were highlighted, where CVs of Board members and nominees, minutes and reports of previous meetings, and other helpful information can be found.

**UFOS Candidates for AOA Board of Trustees:** Dr. Krpan introduced the following nominees for the Board of Trustee positions (2012-2013), followed by each providing brief comments on their AOA experience and qualifications.

- Mark Cantieri, DO (IN) 02
- Tyler Cymet, DO (MD) 08
- Scott Cyrus, DO (OK) 09
- James Jempsa, DO (NV) 04
- Bruce Cunningham, DO (MN) 00
- Joel Kase, DO (ME) 11
- Teresa Hubka, DO (IL) 01
- \*Tim Kowalski, DO (SC) 04
- James Lally, DO (CA) 04
- \*William McCord, DO (TN) 09
- Ernest Miller, DO (WV) 03
- Donald Polk, DO (TN) 04
- Geraldine O'Shea, DO (CA) 04
- George Pasquarello, DO, (RI) 10
- \*\*Donald Smith, DO (MS) 08
- Susan Riesbeck, DO (IN) 08
- Layne Subera, DO (OK) 09
- Richard Terry, DO (NY) 09
- \*\*Dana Shafer, DO (IA) 98
- David Broder, DO (NY) 00 (Vice-Speaker)

\*Not present

\*\*Withdrawn

**Call to Bind the Caucus in Vote of Support:** For all our candidates in order that Dr Krpan can nominate these candidates at the large caucus. Motion made and seconded.

**Action:** unanimous binding support for President of the AOA, election and re-election of all other candidates from UFOS for 2011-2012.

**OPAC/AOF:** Dr. Krpan made an appeal for support of OPAC, urging each delegate to contribute \$150, and spoke of the efforts and success of OPAC, and the need for continued support. He also urged support of the AOF, describing how this philanthropic arm of the AOA supports the research efforts of both osteopathic medical students and physicians.

### **Review of Pertinent House Resolutions:**

Reports of action recommended to the House of Delegates were delivered, for information only, by UFOS Board of Trustees assigned to their respective committee, without debate

- Board Reference Committee I – James Dearing, DO
- Board Reference Committee II – Joel Cooperman, DO
- Board Reference Committee III – Boyd Buser, DO
- Board Reference Committee IV – Barbara Walker, DO

### **Announcements:**

Friday, July 20 UFOS meeting - 4:30 p.m. Regents Room

Sunday, July 22 UFOS meeting - 6:00 a.m. Moulin Rouge Room

**Recessed:** 8:32 pm

**Friday, July 18:** Location — Regents Room. 4:30 pm

Review of candidates to be nominated from floor of house Saturday. UFOS maintains its Board members.

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| • President                 | Ray Stowers, DO (TN)          |
| • President-Elect.          | Norman Vinn, DO (CA)          |
| • 1st Vice President        | Richard R. Thacker, DO (FL)   |
| • 2nd Vice President        | Ernest R. Gelb, DO (PA)       |
| • 3rd Vice President        | Craig L. Magnatta, DO (MI)    |
| • 3 yr. Trustee             | John W. Becher, DO (NJ)       |
| • 3 yr. Trustee             | John E. Bodell, DO (MI)       |
| • 3 yr. Trustee             | Carol L. Monson, DO (MI)      |
| • 3 yr. Trustee             | Michael K. Murphy, DO (AMOPS) |
| • 3 yr. Trustee             | Susan C. Sevensma, DO (MI)    |
| • 3 yr. Trustee             | Joseph M. Yasso, Jr., DO (MO) |
| • Speaker of the House      | Carl M. Pesta, DO (MI)        |
| • Vice Speaker of the House | Ray L. Morrison, DO (TX)      |

### **Reminder to Societies:**

UFOS traditionally has presided over and facilitated the AOA Caucus, held at 10:00 pm in the Gold Room on Friday night.

Each member society should send only 2 representatives to attend the Caucus and be prepared to nominate their candidate at the Caucus.

Member societies must be prepared to nominate their candidate at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 19 on the floor of the House of Delegates.

UFOS breakfast meeting - Sunday, July 20, at 6:00 AM in the Moulin Rouge Room

**Recessed:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday, July 18** - Location— Moulin Rouge Room at 6:27 a.m.

**Opening Remarks and Welcome:** Chair, Dr Krpan.

Ray Stowers, DO, AOA President, was recognized

Reminder that the AOA elections occur at 7:30 a.m. in House of Delegates after this meeting. For the President-Elect, one member of each society will escort the candidate and spouse with their executive director to the podium.

The Chair emphasized the importance of ensuring UFOS has current contact information for the executive director of each society.

**New Business:**

Reference Committees. The process for assignment of delegates to Reference Committees was discussed. The Speaker of the House endeavors to ensure an equitable assignment of delegates. Dr. Krpan will work with the Speaker in making these assignments and urged societies to provide him recommendations for assignments by May 15, 2013.

**UFOS Finances:** Though it was recognized that the dues increase which went in effect in 2012 was overdue and necessary, it has had an impact on some of the societies. There was discussion on ways to mitigate this, which include consideration of moving the UFOS meetings to a less expensive hotel, approving a mechanism to waive dues for smaller societies or providing support for their dues obligation, and adjusting the dues for member societies and/or delegates.. No motions were made, but there will be continued dialogue.

**UFOS Website:** Discussion of the UFOS website included recommendations from the floor to start a blog on the website, provide a completed Board of Trustee candidate prioritization sheet on the website, posting issues on the website to be addressed in the forthcoming year, and using the website to communicate issues to the societies. No motions were made or approved, but there was acknowledgement of further discussion to occur.

**Discontinuation of Sunday Meeting:** Dr. Grayson-Smith moved that the Sunday UFOS meeting be discontinued. This was seconded and approved. There was discussion of having the Thursday meeting longer in duration with the Sunday meeting discontinued, although no motion was made.

Call for a motion to bind the caucus was made, seconded, and approved in support of UFOS BOT candidates, and to authorize Drs Krpan & Zini to negotiate with other caucuses.

**Election of UFOS Officers:**

A motion to nominate Dr. Zini to serve another term as Vice-Chair of UFOS position was made, seconded, and approved.

A motion to nominate Dr. McBride to serve another term as Secretary/Treasurer was made, seconded, and approved.

**Re-affirmations:** A motion was made, seconded, and approved to empower the UFOS Chair to represent the caucus during 2011 - 2012.

**Prioritization of UFOS Board of Trustee Candidates:** A sheet with the names of all UFOS BOT candidates was distributed to each society to rank every candidate. All societies present complied. Ballots were collected and provided to the Chair for tabulation.

American Osteopathic Foundation: The work of AOF and the opportunities for donation were discussed. Donations may be made on the AOA payment website.

**Reminders:**

The Chair emphasized that each UFOS BOT candidate must be reaffirmed by their respective society every 5 years. The reaffirmation letter from the member's society must be sent to the UFOS chair, on official letterhead, indicating continued support from the society and its board of trustees.

**Action:** None required.

The Chair also reminded each society to seek appointment of their members onto AOA Bureaus, Councils, or Committees by talking with the AOA President-Elect. In seeking delegates to serve on House Reference Committees, societies should communicate with the Speaker of the House no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the AOA House of Delegates.

**Announcement:** Next year's House of Delegates will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, from July 18-21, 2013.

**Adjournment:** There being no further old or new business to be conducted, the Chair requested a motion for adjournment. Action: Hearing no opposition the Chair declared the 2012` UFOS meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Z. McBride, DO, MPH

Secretary/Treasurer