

# MINUTES

of the Meeting of the  
Unified Federation of Osteopathic Societies (UFOS)

July 20, 2017

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile – Chicago  
Chicago Ballroom E

**Chair:** Donald Krpan, DO

**Vice Chair:** Karen Nichols, DO

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Wayne McBride, DO, MPH

## **Welcome & Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by the UFOS Chair, Dr Krpan, at 7:37 pm.

## **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the 2016 UFOS meeting:**

Copies of the 2016 UFOS Meeting were distributed and Dr. Krpan called for a motion to approve. A motion was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved.

## **Introductions of the Head Table:**

Dr. Krpan recognized the following AOA Board of Trustees members seated at the head table: James Lally, DO; Teresa Hubka, DO; Geraldine O'Shea, DO; Karen Nichols, DO; Mark Cantieri, DO; William Mayo, DO; Norman Vinn, DO; Boyd Buser, DO; Michael Murphy, DO; Barbara Walker, DO.; and Tom Ely, DO. He also acknowledged the Advisors to the Chair: Joseph Molinar, DO, and Paul Grayson-Smith, DO

## **Motion to Adopt the Rules of the Federation:**

Dr. Krpan called for a motion to approve. A motion was made, seconded, and the Rules were approved.

## **Report of the Secretary/Treasurer:**

A change in the UFOS website address to **ufos-inc.org** was reported. A reminder was given that state societies of 300 members or less can receive financial assistance from the AOA toward the cost of a delegate from the respective society to attend the House of Delegates.

A report of the Ad Hoc Committee convened last year to consider options regarding our current, favorable UFOS account balance was provided. The Committee held two conference calls. Considerations included a dues reduction or one-year moratorium, providing financial assistance to student delegates to attend the House, and providing support to the smallest state societies. It was found that the majority of student members attending the House receive support from SOMA, COSGP, schools of osteopathic medicine, their state societies, or other sources. It was determined that assisting our smallest state societies to renew and maintain their UFOS membership and participation was preferred. Appreciation was expressed to the following who participated in the Ad Hoc Committee: Samantha Olzeski, DO (KY); Robert Gear III, DO (AK); Alesia Wagner, DO (CA); Bruce Fong, DO (NV); Ernest Miller, DO (WV); and Jim Jempsa, DO (NV).

A motion was made for approval of the Treasurer's Report for 2017. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Report of the Vice-Chair:**

Dr. Nichols reported on the growth of five of our UFOS member state societies over the past year. The increase in membership of the following state societies was reported: Hawaii: 12.4%; Montana: 16.8%, Utah: 17.3%; South Carolina: 17.6%; and Arkansas:19.4%. It was further reported that with the respective increases in these five states, the overall UFOS membership now accounts for 41% of the House of Delegates.

### **Comments from the AOA President, Boyd Buser, DO:**

Dr. Buser expressed his honor for being able to serve AOA President, while also expressing appreciation for the trust and support he received from UFOS members. He commented on the nine Board Members from UFOS comprising one-third of the AOA Board, highlighting their individual participation as independent thinkers, moving the process of the Board forward. He expressed that he is looking forward to turning the reins over to Dr. Mark Baker, DO, and that he will do a fantastic job, as our new AOA President, and William Mayo, DO, becoming the AOA President-elect.

### **Comments from AOA Past-Presidents in attendance:**

Dr. Vinn spoke briefly and remarked that he has been able to remain engaged with the AOA Board, serving on the President's Advisory Council. He will be providing a report to the House later in the weekend. He reported briefly on his work with the American Osteopathic Information Association, and looks forward to remaining active. Dr. Beehler passed on giving remarks as did Dr. Nichols, who had previously given her report.

### **Introduction of Delegates in attendance:**

Dr. Krpan called for delegates, executive directors, and others to introduce themselves.

### **Election of UFOS Chair for a 2-Year Term:**

Dr. Krpan called for nominations for the UFOS Chair. Dr. Krpan was nominated for another term. Dr. Nichols was also nominated but respectfully declined. With no other nominations, a motion was made to closed the nominations and a unanimous vote be cast for Dr. Krpan. The motion was seconded and approved. Dr. Nichols was re-elected for another 2-year term.

### **Affirmation to Nominate Those to Remain on the AOA Board:**

Dr. Krpan called for a motion to nominate the following Board members for another three-year term on the AOA Board of Trustees: Tom Ely, DO; William Mayo, DO; and Barbara Walker, DO. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

### **Reports of Members of the Board Reference Committees:**

Reports of actions on selected resolutions were delivered with recommendations by the Board of Trustees, including Drs. Mayo, Ely, Murphy, Hubka, and O'Shea.

### **Introduction of Delegates and Alternate Delegates:**

All delegates and alternate delegates present, as well as Executive Directors, briefly introduced themselves and indicated their state.

### **Election of UFOS Vice-Chair for a 2-Year Term:**

Dr. Krpan called for nominations for the UFOS Vice-chair. Karen Nichols, DO, was nominated. With no other nominations, Dr. Nichols was appointed for another 2-year term. .

### **Call for affirmation for two current Board members to continue on the Board:**

Dr. Krpan called for a motion to move that Teresa Hubka, DO, and Geraldine O'Shea, DO continue on the AOA Board. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

### **Call to Bind the Caucus for Chair and Vice-Chair to Represent UFOS:**

Dr. Krpan called for a motion for binding support for Chair and Vice-Chair to represent UFOS as they meet with the other Caucuses. Motion made; seconded, and approved.

**UFOS Candidates for AOA Board of Trustees:**

Dr. Krpan introduced the following current nominees for the Board of Trustee positions from UFOS, followed by each candidate providing brief comments on their AOA experience and qualifications.

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| Mark Bailey, DO (AL) '15                 | Timothy Kowalski, DO (SC) '04               |
| Joel Kase, DO (ME) '11                   | Ernest Miller, DO (WV) '03                  |
| Bruce Cunningham, DO (MN) '00            | Shannon Scott, DO (AZ) '16                  |
| Kevin de Regnier, DO, (IA) '17           | Julieanna Sees, DO (DE) '17                 |
| Gina DiFranco, DO (TN) '15 (not present) | Derrick Sorweide, DO (OR) '15 (not present) |
| Charles (Chip) Finch, DO AZ '13          | Angela Wagner, DO (IN) '16                  |
| W. Ashley Hood, DO (MS) '15              | Scott Cyrus, DO (NM), '17                   |
| James Jempsa, DO (NV) '04                |   |

Dr. Krpan read the list of the top five UFOS candidates for the AOA Board of Trustee positions, as voted at the 2015 UFOS meeting: 1. George Pasquarello, DO, (RI); 2. Joel Kase, DO (ME); 3. (tie) Timothy Kowalski, DO (SC) and Bruce Cunningham, DO (MN); and 5. Don Polk, DO (TN). Dr. Krpan further explained that although Dr. Pasquarello was the top selection for a Board position, UFOS did not prevail in proffering him as candidate for the Board this year.

Dr. Krpan moved that a re-affirmation vote for UFOS candidates to the Board of Trustees be made. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

As with previous years, Dr. Krpan indicated that the updated prioritization sheets for Board of Trustee nominations will be distributed at the end of the meeting this evening. Each divisional society is to complete one sheet.

**Review of Board Recommendations Regarding Pertinent House Resolutions:**

Reports of action recommended to the House of Delegates by the Board were reviewed by Drs. Cantieri, Lally, Murphy, and O'Shea.

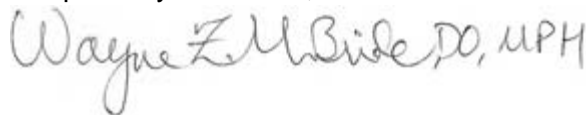
**Special Discussion**

Dr, Krpan brought up the issues relating to the class action lawsuit brought forward by a group of osteopathic doctors against the AOA, seeking to recover millions of dollars in annual membership fees they allege they have been forced to pay for years. Lively discussion by UFOS members followed, including the possibility of decoupling the requirement of paying annual membership dues in order to maintain board certifications, as well as the possible impact on AOA membership and other concerns. Responses from the AOA Board were shared and options were voiced, along with a discussion of House Resolution 631 was held. There did not appear to be a consensus reached on this matter and further discussion will certainly follow.

**Adjournment:** 9:35 pm

**Attendance:** 231

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Z. McBride, DO, MPH,  
UFOS Secretary/Treasurer  
April 16, 2018