## **MINUTES**

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

July 19, 2018

Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile – Chicago Chicago Ballroom E

Chair: Karen Nichols, DO Vice Chair: Norman Vinn, DO

Secretary/Treasurer: Scott Cyrus, DO

## Welcome & Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by the Dr. Nichols, at 7:32 pm. She acknowledged the untimely passing of Dr. Krpan, on January 4, 2018. She indicated that since his passing, she has been functioning as the Acting Chair of UFOS.

## **Comments from the AOA President-Elect:**

William Mayo, DO, expressed appreciation for support from UFOS and reflected briefly on his over 20 years of attendance at the House of Delegates. He spoke of the servant leadership he has benefitted from and has tried to emulate. He expressed his commitment to serve the profession well.

# **Comments from AOA General Counsel:**

Josh Prober, JD, as asked to provide a report of the matter of the Class Action Lawsuit that had been filed approximately two years ago regarding the requirement for Dos to be members of the AOA in order to obtained Board Certification. Mr. Prober described the current status of the lawsuit and how the matter of dues reduction would be presented before the House of Delegates.

## **Vote of the Chair:**

The name of Karen Nichols, DO, was placed in nomination for UFOS Chair. A vote of acclamation was obtained and with a unanimous response, Dr. Nichols was elected the new Chair.

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

The name of Norman Vinn, DO, was placed in nomination for UFOS Vice-Chair. A vote of acclamation was obtained and with a unanimous response, Dr. Vinn was elected the new Vice-Chair.

# **Vote for the Secretary/Treasurer:**

With Dr. McBride not seeking reelection, four candidates the following nominations were given for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Scott Cyrus, DO; Joel Feder, DO; Harold Lausen, DO; and Julieanne Sees, DO. Before the voting, Dr. Nichols made a motion that the candidate receiving the most votes would be the new Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded and approved. The candidate with the most votes we Dr. Cyrus, who will be the new Secretary Treasurer.

#### **Report of the Immediate Past-President:**

Dr. Boyd Buser reflected on his experience as the AOA president. He remarked that the AOA budget is balanced, with a small overage and substantial reserves, exceeding \$40 million. He states that the Single Accreditation process continues to go well. He spoke of a Task Force working on the issues of certification.

#### **Tribute to Past Chair of UFOS:**

Dr. Nichols provided a tribute in honor of Dr. Krpan, speaking briefly of his legacy and the remarkable service to the profession and to UFOS. She remarked about his love of peanuts and whoa special peanut butter confection has been prepared by catering staff and is available with the refreshment s in the back of the room. Further, a special floral arrangement had been provided in further tribute to Dr. Krpan and was positioned in front of the podium. Dr. Nichols remarks were followed by an additional tribute by Dr. Vinn, who highlighted many of the accomplishments and highlights of Dr. Krpan's career and the remarkable impact he left on so many, from students to senior leadership. He remarked how Dr. Krpan's interactions were characterized by "paying it forward", with four generations of his mentees recognized.

# **Board Members within UFOS to Serve as Advisors to UFOS State Societies:**

Dr. Nichols announced a new initiative in which our Board members will be each assigned as an advisor each to 3-4 UFOS State Societies. The intent will be to offer support, counsel and assistance. Specific assignments will be forthcoming.

# Motion to Adopt the Rules of the Federation:

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

## Recognition of Outgoing Secretary/Treasurer.

Dr. Nichols presented a certificate of appreciation recognizing Dr. McBride's 9 years of service as UFOS Secretary/Treasurer was presented.

## Report of the Secretary/Treasurer:

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes of the 2017 UFOS meeting had been distributed to the UFOS attendees. Dr. McBride reviewed the Treasurer's report for the previous year, highlighting the expenses and dues receipts as well as current balance. A motion was made and second to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

#### Introductions of the Head Table:

Dr. Nichols 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.

#### **Board Members Receiving Special Recognition:**

Special Recognition by both Dr. Nichols and Dr. Mayo was given to Dr. Murphy for completing his fourth term on the Board as well as a previous period of seven years. Dr. Murphy was given the opportunity to reflect on his years of service and contribution to the AOA. Dr. Cantieri, facing the opportunity for continued Board service, briefly spoke of his experiences and his appreciate for the assistance from other Board members. Shannon Scott, DO, was recognized as the newest UFOS member to become a Board member at this House of Delegates.

# **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. Hubka, O'Shea, Lally, and Murphy.

# **Call for Members of UFOS Standing Committees:**

Dr. Nichol spoke of activated three UFOS Standing Committees, and the need membership of the following committees: Candidates, Rules, Ad Hoc, as well as a special committee being formed to commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the organization of UFOS,. Sigh-up sheets were posted at the back of the room and members were encouraged to sign up for a committee of their choice. One proviso was that only one member from each State society could serve as a committee member.

#### **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.

Mark Bailey, DO (AL) '15 Scott Cyrus, DO (NM), '17 Kevin de Regnier, DO, (IA) '17 Charles (Chip) Finch, DO AZ '13 W. Ashley Hood, DO (MS) '15 James Jempsa, DO (NV) '04 Joel Kase, DO (ME) '11 Jennifer Kendall (MN) '18 Timothy Kowalski, DO (SC) '04 Brian Loveless, DO (CA) '18 Ernest Miller, DO (WV) '03 (represented) Julieanne Sees, DO (DE) '17

## Prioritization Sheets for Ranking UFOS Candidates for Board of Trustees

Prioritization sheets for Board candidates had been distributed at the start of the meeting. Each State society was directed to rank the candidates and return the complete Board Candidates Sheet to the Secretary/Treasurer.

# 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.

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

Dr. Nichols called for all delegates and alternate delegates present, as well as Executive Directors, briefly introduced themselves and indicated their state.

Adjournment: 10:30 pm

Attendance: 228

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne ZMBile DO, MPH

Wayne Z. McBride, DO, MPH, UFOS Secretary/Treasurer

October 14, 2018