

United Federation of Osteopathic Societies

Meeting Minutes

House of Delegates Meeting

Virtual Meeting

September 12, 2020, at 3:00 pm

<u>Society Members:</u>						
	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	
<u>Inactive Society Members</u>						
	North Dakota	South Dakota	Washington, DC	Wyoming		
Item	Topic/Agenda	Discussion		Recommended Action	Responsible Person(s)	Actions/Follow-Up
I.	Meeting Called to Order					
		Meeting called to order and rules for the virtual meeting were announced		N/A	Karen Nichols, DO	N/A
II.	Approval of Minutes					
		Minutes from July 2019 meeting in Chicago		Approved	Karen Nichols, DO	N/A
III.	Virtual Head Table Introductions					
		Introduction of the AOA and UFOS board members: Members present on the call included: James Lally, DO (CA) AOA Trustee; Tom Ely, DO (KY), President; Boyd Buser, DO (ME) AOA Past President; William Mayo, DO (MS), AOA President; Karen Nichols, DO, (AZ) UFOS Chair & AOA Past President; Norm Vinn, DO, (CA) UFOS Vice-Chair & AOA Past President, James Zini, DO (AR) AOA Past President, Ray Stowers, DO (AR) AOA Past President and Scott Cyrus, DO, (NM) UFOS Secretary/Treasurer. Kevin De Regnier, DO, (IA) AOA Trustee; Timothy Kowalski, DO (SC) AOA Trustee, Julieanne Sees, DO, (DE) AOA Trustee; Shannon Scott, DO, (AZ); AOA Trustee; Gregory Harris, DO, (GA) AOA Trustee; Geraldine O'Shea, DO, (CA) AOA Trustee; Teresa Hubka, DO (IL) AOA Trustee; Caleb		N/A	Karen Nichols, DO	N/A

		Hentges, DO (SD) AOA Postdoctoral Trainee Member; Edith Waskel, OMS IV (CA) Fourth Year Student Member and Annie Phung, OMS III (GA) AOA Student Advisor			
IV.	AOA President/Past President Remarks				
		<p>a.) President Ely addressed the membership sharing his appreciation for the UFOS and Tennessee Osteopathic Medical Association support during his presidential year. He spoke to the COVID 19 pandemic and all the challenges the Osteopathic profession faced and the pride with the profession in this unprecedented time. He realizes that his presidency will most likely be a virtual presidency and the need to be safe and healthy. Dr. Ely laid out his agenda for his presidential year especially around unmet social needs and health disparities. He focused on diversity and inclusion and the effects on human life. He mentioned the challenges of virtual visits and meetings and leading in virtual world. Dr. Ely emphasized how the osteopathic profession will be growing in the future and the impact the profession will have on addressing the needs of the patients. He wants the osteopathic physicians and students to belong to their specialty, local, state, and national associations and explained the importance of membership. He further remarked that the profession has secured the future for the medical students allowing them to compete for and be accepted into ACGME approved residency programs and to work on osteopathic focus program within ACGME.</p> <p>b.) Dr. Mayo addressed the members sharing as the immediate past president his appreciation to the AOA board and UFOS for their support and was honored to represent and serve the profession around the country. He reminded us about his presidential focus of “membership value” There is value in membership to the AOA and to other osteopathic organizations. He wants to continue to see expansion on continuing medical education conferences and AOA board certification. He also thanked the Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association for their continuing support throughout the years.</p>	N/A	Karen Nichols, DO	N/A
V.	UFOS Chair’s Report				
		The chair welcomed everyone to the UFOS annual meeting and thanked them for their attendance. She referred the attendees to the UFOS purpose and the osteopathic pledge. A moment of silence was observed to honor all UFOS delegates lost since we last met.		Karen Nichols, DO	

		Dr. Nichols reminded the attendees that she and Dr. Vinn represented UFOS at the caucus meeting. She advised the group that the current UFOS committees would remain in place for the 2020-21 year, hoping for an in-person meeting in 2021.			
VI.	Vice-Chair's Report				
		<p>He asked for approval of the UFOS Rules, there was a motion, and second to approve and the motion passed without any objections. Dr. Nichols then presented, Norm Vinn, DO and Scott Cyrus, DO as the single candidate for their respective UFOS Board offices of Vice-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer.</p> <p>The election was conducted by unanimous consent.</p>	Approved	Norman Vinn, DO	Drs. Vinn and Cyrus were elected to serve in their respective offices for a 2-year term
VII.	Secretary/ Treasurer Report				
		<p>Appreciation was mentioned for Dr. Nichols and Dr. Vinn for their leadership and innovation during the 2020 challenging times</p> <p>The UFOS website has been running for about a year and the website address, www.ufosocieties.org was shared with all the society members. The website has been developed to be a useful tool for our membership. The website lists our current UFOS society members and AOA board members, past treasurer's reports and minutes, AOA BoT candidate's CV's, rules, by-laws, and the contact information for the society members. The website will serve to keep society members current with information from the UFOS. The society members are asked to look at the website and confirm their contact information and notify the secretary/treasurer if there are corrections necessary on the website.</p> <p>During 2020, the UFOS officers made the decision to give all the state societies a dues "Holiday" for the 2020 year, to show support for all members. The UFOS has a solid financial reserve and is in good standing with the IRS as a non-profit organization.</p>		Scott Cyrus, DO	

		The main expenses in 2020 were website maintenance through our webmaster and hosting organizations as well as maintaining our good standing with the IRS. Please refer to the treasurer's report for specifics.			
VIII.	UFOS BoT Candidates				
		<p>The top 5 UFOS BoT candidates were announced in alphabetical order,</p> <p>Scott Cyrus, DO (NM)</p> <p>Charles (Chip) Finch, DO (AZ)</p> <p>Ashley Hood, DO (MS)</p> <p>Joel Kase, DO (ME)</p> <p>Jennifer Kendall-Thomas, DO (MN)</p> <p>A motion was made, seconded and approved to bind the UFOS caucus to support the UFOS candidates and to empower the Chair and Vice-Chair to negotiate with the other states on the UFOS behalf.</p>	Approved	Karen Nichols, DO	
IX.	Reference Committee Report				
		<p>Drs. Scott, Lally, O'Shea and Harris were asked to report on the reference committee resolutions.</p> <p>a.) Dr. Scott reported on the HR 200's (Accreditation / Certification / CME / Predoctoral / Education)</p> <p>b.) Dr. Lally reported on HR 600's (Business Affairs / Professional Affairs)</p> <p>c.) Dr. Harris reported on HR 300's and 500's (Advocacy / Membership)</p> <p>d.) Dr. O'Shea reported on HR 400's (Public Affairs/Research)</p> <p>Questions were solicited, discussed and answered.</p> <p>They were thanked for their reports and for all their hard work.</p>		Karen Nichols, DO	
X.	AOA BoT Candidates Presentations				
		<p>The candidates for the AOA BoT were asked to speak to the membership for 2 minutes each.</p> <p>The following candidates (in alphabetical order) presented their thoughts to the membership:</p> <p>Gregory Allen, Jr., DO (RI)</p> <p>Scott Cyrus, DO (NM)</p> <p>Charles (Chip) Finch, Jr., DO (AZ)</p>		Karen Nichols, DO	Following this meeting, all society members will be

		William Ashley Hood, DO (MS) Joel Kase, DO (ME) -Jennifer Kendall-Thomas, DO (MN) Brian Loveless, DO (CA) Larry Suess, DO (KY)			asked to rank all 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 at the 2021 annual meeting
XI.	Society Members Introduction				
		This was omitted because of the virtual nature of the meeting		Karen Nichols, DO	
XII.	Announcements				
		There were no announcements			
XIII.	Adjournment				
		Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm		Karen Nichols, DO	

Respectfully submitted



Scott S. Cyrus, DO

UFOS Secretary/Treasurer

June 7, 2021