

United Federation of Osteopathic Societies

Meeting Minutes

House of Delegates Meeting

Virtual Meeting

July 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm CDT

Society Members:						
	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	
Inactive Society Members						
	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 meeting were announced.		N/A	Karen Nichols, DO	N/A
II.	Presentation of the Agenda					
		The agenda for the meeting was presented and no additions were offered.			Karen Nichols, DO	N/A
III.	Approval of Minutes					
		Minutes from September 2021 virtual meeting were posted on the website and a motion and second to approve was accepted.		Approved	Karen Nichols, DO	N/A
IV.	AOA/UFO Leadership Introductions					
		Introduction of the AOA leadership from the UFOS consisting of the AOA board members and Past presidents: Members presented included: Tom Ely, DO (TN), Treasurer, Imm. Past President; Kevin De Regnier, DO, (IA) AOA Trustee; Timothy Kowalski, DO (SC) AOA Trustee, Jennifer Thomas, DO (MN) AOA 2 nd Vice President; 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; Selena Raines, DO New Physician		N/A	Karen Nichols, DO	N/A

		in Practice; Simran Behniwal, DO, AOA Postdoctoral Trainee Advisor; Angela Pluguez, OMS IV, AOA Student Adviser; Ryan Williams, OMS III; Ray Morrison, DO (LA) Speaker of the House; Scott Cyrus, DO (NM) UFOS Secretary/Treasurer. Also introduced were the UFOS Past Presidents including William Mayo, DO (MS), Ray Stowers, DO (AR), Boyd Buser, DO (ME) Karen Nichols, DO, (AZ) UFOS Chair; Norm Vinn, DO, (CA) UFOS Vice-Chair.			
V.	AOA President/Past President Remarks				
		President Ely, the 124 th AOA President addressed the membership thanking them for supporting him through his Presidency and happy to be meeting in Chicago once again. He gave a review of his year as president and what has been accomplished. His focus was supporting the osteopathic physician workforce through the COVID pandemic. The unprecedented challenges faced by overworked physicians continue to be addressed. This meeting shows our ability to be resilient and persistent to care for our patients and ourselves and now the business of the AOA. The AOA continues to work to protect the future of the profession and they have taken a strong stance against discrimination against our students and residents. Dr. Ely received an ovation for his remarks.	N/A	Imm. Past President Thomas Ely, DO	N/A
VI.	UFOS Chair's Report				
		Dr. Nichols welcomed everyone back to our first in-person meeting and thanked the advisors and board for their service and the AOA staff for their efforts. Dr. Nichols expressed her gratitude to the executive directors for their hard work to “go above and beyond” to care for their organizations. She asked for a moment of silence so the UFOS may honor our colleagues that we have lost over the last year. A moment of silence was observed. She reviewed the UFOS committee structure as it had been reconstructed the previous year. She asked to have volunteers to sign up for the committees. Emails will be sent out for the members to sign up for the committee of their choices. Drs. Nichols and Vinn 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. She thanked the UFOS for all their service.		Karen Nichols, DO	N/A

VII.	Vice-Chair's Report				
		Dr. Vinn moved for the approval of the UFOS Rules of the caucus, there was a second to approve and the motion passed without any objections.	Approved	Norman Vinn, DO	
VIII.	Secretary/ Treasurer Report				
		<p>This year the UFOS membership received a "Dues Holiday."</p> <p>The income to the UFOS was zero and the total expenses were minimal and split between accounting and web services.</p> <p>The 2021 treasurer's report is posted on the website.</p> <p>The 990 e-postcard for 2022 has been filed so we maintain our 501(c)(6) nonprofit status.</p> <p>The website (www.ufosocieties.org) 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 undergoing improvement to enhance member usership and information distribution. The URL will not change.</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
IX.	Elections				
		<p>Dr. Nichols presented.</p> <p>Norman Vinn, DO as the nominee for Vice Chair.</p> <p>Scott Cyrus, DO as the nominee for Secretary/Treasurer.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the nominees by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>	Karen Nichols, DO	Dr. Vinn was elected to serve as Vice-Chair for a 2-year term. Dr. Cyrus was elected to serve as Sec/Treas. for a 2-year term
X.	AOA Caucus Meeting				
		Drs. Nichols and Vinn met with the AOA caucus members to discuss the AOA board nomination slate. From the UFOS, Dr. Burns is cycling off the board and the person that has been approved for that position is Dr. Ashley Hood (MS), as second vice president. Congratulations to Dr. Ashley Hood. Tim Beals,		Karen Nichols, DO	N/A

		<p>DO (OR) will be the New Physician in Practice Advisor. Congratulations to Dr. Tim Beals. Maria Jones, DO (DE) will be the Postdoctoral Trainee Advisor, congratulations to Dr. Maria Jones. All three will be nominated at the Big Caucus, July 15, 2022. Each society is asked to have two representatives attend the Big Caucus to vote for all 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		
XI.	UFOS BoT Candidates				
		<p>The top 5 UFOS BoT candidates were announced in alphabetical order.</p> <p>Gregory Allen, DO (RI) Scott Cyrus, DO (NM) Charles (Chip) Finch, DO (AZ) Ashley Hood, DO (MS) Joel Kase, DO (ME)</p>		Karen Nichols, DO	N/A
XII.	Resolutions Report				
		<p>Dr. Nichols briefly discussed the history of UFOS, which was founded in 1979. It was formed for two reasons, to discuss the resolutions to the AOA HOD and to select candidates for the AOA Board from the UFOS.</p> <p>Drs. Hubka and Raines, Lally and Scott, O’Shea and Sees and Kowalski were asked to report on the reference committee resolutions and bring forth any controversial resolutions.</p> <p>Drs. Hubka and Raines presented the report on the HR 200’s (Committee on Accreditation / Certification/CME/Predoctoral Education/Postdoctoral Education) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p> <p>Drs. Lally and Scott reported on HR 600’s (Business Affairs / Professional Affairs) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p> <p>Drs. O’Shea and Sees reported on HR 300’s and 500’s (Committee on Advocacy / Membership) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p>		Karen Nichols, DO	N/A

		<p>Dr. Kowalski reported on HR 400's (Committee on Public Affairs/Research) Following the presentation questions were answered.</p> <p>Dr. Nichols 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>			
XIII.	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 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</p> <p>Ranking ballots will be sent out at the conclusion of the UFOS meeting.</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>Joel Kase, DO (ME)</p> <p>Brian Loveless, DO (CA)</p> <p>Segeer Morris, DO (MS)</p> <p>Sonbol Shahid-Salles, DO (MN)</p> <p>Larry Suess, DO (CA)</p> <p>Dr. Nichols asked the ballots to be completed and returned to the Chair, Vice Chair, or advisors prior to departing.</p>		Karen Nichols, 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.
XIV.	Society Members Introduction				
		The UFOS societies were recognized but individual members were not introduced.		Karen Nichols, DO	
XV.	Announcements				
		Dr. Nichols 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		Karen Nichols, DO	

		<p>candidates, to be valid. The ballots will be independently calculated by the Chair, Vice Chair and 2 advisors. The rankings will be presented next year.</p> <p>Dr. Nichols reminded the membership about attending the Big Caucus on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 10:00 pm CDT to nominate the new individuals for the AOA Board.</p> <p>Dr. Ashley Hood was asked to give a few remarks.</p> <p>He thanked the UFOS for nominating him and for the opportunity to serve. He was honored to be among an excellent slate of candidates.</p> <p>Dr. Nichols encouraged the delegates to support the American Osteopathic Foundation and OPAC.</p> <p>Following the meeting was a reception for Dr. Thomas Ely to celebrate his successful Presidential year. Congratulations to Dr. Ely and the UFOS societies appreciate his years of service to the AOA.</p>			
XVI.	Adjournment				
		Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm CDT		Karen Nichols, DO	

Respectfully submitted,



Scott S. Cyrus, DO
 UFOS Secretary/Treasurer
 May 10, 2023