

FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION / BOARD OF TRUSTEES - AGENDA

Saturday, February 22, 2025 / 9:00 am – Live & via ZOOM Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Orlando (Magnolia)

Topic: FOMA Board of Trustees: 2/22/25 - 9 am (EST)

Time: Feb 22, 2025 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Join by Skype for Business:

- I. **Roll Call: Seating of Trustees/Alternates
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**
- III. **Current 2024 – 2025 Budget** (informational only) **TAB 1**
- IV. **Approval of December 3, 2024 Board of Trustees minutes** **TAB 2**
Approval of February 21, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes (*will be circulated 2/22*)
- V. **Reports**
 - A. President: Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP, FISHS
 - B. President-elect: Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, FACOFP **TAB 3**
FOMA 2025-26 FOMA Committees
 - C. Executive Director: Stephen R. Winn **TAB 4**
Associate Executive Director: Michelle Winn Larson, CAE, CMP
 - D. Legislative Committee: Paul Seltzer, DO, Chair **TAB 5**
 - E. Legal Counsel: Jason D. Winn, Esquire (*will be emailed*)
 - F. Deans Reports: Robert Hasty, DO, OCOM; Doris Newman, DO, Burrell COM FL and Richard Thacker, DO, ACOM; LECOM-Bradenton (Dean)
- VI. **FOMA Committees:**

Medical Education: *Ronald Burns, DO & William Silverman, DO* – Report that 210+ Physicians, Students and 15 Exhibitors are pre-registered for the 2025 FOMA Live Convention Feb. 21 – 23 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando and we have 425+ pre-registered for the 2025 Virtual Convention March 28 – 30. Both include the Florida mandatory hours. We want to thank Osteopathic Foundation to East Orlando for their continued sponsorship of the upcoming 2025 FOMA Poster Competition and the Florida Mandatory hours during the 2024 Conventions. The Committee is also working on the 2025 Virtual Seminar, September 5 - 7.

Nominating Committee: Nomination of FOMA 2025 - 2026 Officers: Gregory James, DO, Chairman and the FOMA Nominating Committee presents the following nominations for Officers & Directors for 2025 - 2026 to the Executive Committee.

President: Bruce Rankin, DO (DS 4)

President-elect: James Towry, DO (DS 12)

First Vice-President: Jeffrey Nelson, DO (DS 3)

Second Vice President: Joseph Sassano, DO (DS7)

Directors-at-Large: Kayvan Amini, DO (DS 6); Marie Florent-Carre, DO (DS 6); Cesar DeLeon, DO (DS 17); Sean McCann, DO (DS 3) and Michelle Mendez, DO (DS 2)

Swearing in: 2025 - 26 FOMA Officers – by Robert G. Piccinini, DO, FACN, AOA President-elect
The FOMA Incoming President, Bruce Rankin, DO will be sworn in tonight at the reception.

Membership Committee: Diana Graves, DO, Chair

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Awards and Scholarship Committee: Joseph Sassano, DO, Chair, reports that the FOMA Awards will be presented this weekend, during the 2025 Live FOMA Convention. He thanked the Committee members and those who submitted nominations. The dates for the 15th Annual 2025 FOMA Student / Intern / Resident Research Poster Competition Case and Experimental Research Presentations will be announced soon. We want to thank staff from NSU KPCOM TBR for their help in coordinating the 2025 FOMA Poster competition! Thank you Osteopathic Foundation of East Orlando/Florida Hospital East Orlando for their continued generous Sponsorship of the FOMA Poster Competition.

FOMA Public Health Task Force:

Dr. Marie Florent-Carre, Chair, reported that the committee meets on Feb. 11th and will have a guest speaker: Dr. Deborah Gracia, CMO Borinquen Health Centers, IM and Lifestyle Medicine Board certified, who will give a presentation on “Lifestyle Medicine.”

Student District Society:

Sahar Miri, President, NSU-KPCOM
Shannon Smith, President, NSU-KPCOM TBR
Konstantin Nakov, President, LECOM Bradenton

VII. FOMA Liaisons:

Florida Medical Association – Charles Chase, DO

American Osteopathic Association Update
Robert G. Piccinini, DO, FACN, AOA President-elect

Florida Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians:
Pamela Moran-Walcutt, DO, President

American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians – Traci-lyn Eisenberg, DO

VIII. New Business

1. Election of Odd FOMA District Societies (full listing attached)

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2. **AOA House of Delegates: July 17 – 20, 2025 Chicago Downtown Marriott**
Florida Delegation Update – Anthony Ottaviani, DO, Chair
Recommendation of #1 Delegate from the Board of Trustees

- 1.) Delegate Allowance 2.) Resolutions to AOA House

Adjourn

FOMA 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget: 10/1/2024-9/30/2025

TAB 1

Adopted 10/22/2024	
Accounts	Adopted 2024-2025
Income	
Advertising	\$3,000.00
Blairstone Pines Giving Tree	\$2,000.00
Convention Revenue	
Live Convention Attendee	\$200,000.00
Live Convention Exhibitors	\$15,000.00
Live Convention Sponsor or Grant	\$12,500.00
Virtual Convention Revenue	
Virtual Convention Attendee	\$839,500.00
Virtual Convention Exhibitors	\$10,000.00
Virtual Convention Sponsor or Grant	\$10,000.00
Education Revenue	
CME Cannabis Course (FMA)	\$25,000.00
CME Correspondence Courses/Other CME	\$200,000.00
Community Educational/Advocacy Grants / PR	\$50,000.00
FSACOFM Management Fees	\$36,000.00
Interest & Dividend Income	\$130,000.00
Membership Dues	\$600,000.00
Misc./Admin. Fees/Endorsements/Sales	\$15,000.00
Osteopathic Medicine Day	\$3,000.00
Peer Review/Misc.	\$2,000.00
PR/Ed. Grants/CRT	\$0.00
Rental Income/Hull Bldg.	\$31,000.00
Rental Income Interest/Hull Bldg.	\$14,000.00
Student Scholarships	\$1,500.00
Virtual Seminar Revenue	
Virtual Seminar Attendee	\$557,000.00
Virtual Seminar Exhibitor	\$500.00
Virtual Seminar Sponsor or Grant	\$1,000.00
Total Income	\$2,758,000.00
Expense	
Administrative Expenses	
Accounting Fees	\$25,000.00
Advertising & Marketing	\$5,000.00
AOA House of Delegates	\$165,000.00
AOSED / AOA Travel & Misc.	\$5,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$20,000.00
Computer Software/Licenses/Internet	\$50,000.00
NOVI/AMS	\$25,000.00
Donation to FOMA Foundation	\$2,000.00
Executive Committee/ Board of Trustees	\$40,000.00
Fellowship Grants	\$8,000.00
Insurance/Workers Comp.	\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous / Advertising	\$20,000.00
Office Salaries	
Associate Executive Director	\$185,000.00
Associate Executive Director Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$40,000.00
Associate Executive Director Travel/Misc.	\$5,000.00
Assistant Meeting Planner	\$48,000.00
Assistant Meeting Planner Bnft/Bns/IRA	\$7,000.00
Assoc. Dir. of Mem. & Ed.	\$60,000.00
Assoc. Dir. of Membership & Education Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$20,000.00
Clerical	\$25,000.00
Clerical Bonuses/IRA	\$3,000.00
Director of Mem. & Education	\$72,000.00

Director of Mem. & Education Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$25,000.00
Director of Mem. & Education Travel/Misc.	\$1,000.00
Director of Strategic & Public Policy	\$40,000.00
Director of Str. & Public Policy Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$1,000.00
Director of Communications	\$70,000.00
Director of Comm. Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$20,000.00
Director of Comm. Travel/Misc.	\$1,000.00
Director of Finance	\$70,000.00
Director of Finance Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$17,000.00
Director of Governmental Affairs	\$80,000.00
Director of Gov. Affairs Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$15,000.00
Director of Gov. Affairs Travel/Misc.	\$1,000.00
Executive Assistant	\$45,000.00
Executive Assistant Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$13,000.00
Executive Director	\$242,000.00
Executive Director Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$40,000.00
Executive Director Entertainment	\$5,000.00
Executive Director Travel/Misc.	\$7,500.00
FUTA & SUTA Expenses	\$2,000.00
General Counsel / Lobbying	\$95,000.00
General Counsel/Lobbying/Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$15,000.00
Medicare Company Paid	\$35,000.00
Social Security Company Paid	\$35,000.00
Office Supplies/Printing/Small Equipment	\$20,000.00
Osteopathic Medicine Day	\$15,000.00
Postage	\$30,000.00
Presidents Misc.	\$15,000.00
Public Relations / KCP / CRT	\$45,000.00
QuickBooks Credit Card/Merchant Fees	\$125,000.00
Telephone	\$16,500.00
Washington AOA/ DO Day	\$8,000.00
Blairstone Pines Drive Building	
Insurance	\$6,000.00
Maintnc/ Capt Imprv/ Cntrct Lbr	\$20,000.00
Real Estate Taxes	\$6,500.00
Utilities	\$11,000.00
CE Broker Payable	\$25,000.00
Departments/Committees	
AOA	\$1,000.00
Board of Osteopathic Med./Board of Med.	\$5,000.00
CME	\$1,000.00
Community Educational Grants	\$45,000.00
District Society Expenses / Educational Advocacy Event	\$20,000.00
Legislative	\$15,000.00
Other Bureaus / Committees	\$20,000.00
Professionals Resource Network (Impaired Practitioners Program)	\$6,000.00
Student Scholarships/Events	\$15,000.00
Hull Building	
Insurance	\$6,000.00
Maintnc/ Capt Imprv/ Cntrct Lbr	\$5,000.00
Real Estate Taxes/Monthly Sales Tax	\$8,000.00
Utilities	\$500.00
Live Convention Expenses	\$165,000.00
Live Conv. Honorariums/Speakers/Awards/Expenses	\$12,000.00
Live Convention Travel Expenses	\$4,000.00
Online CME Correspondence Courses	\$35,000.00
Online CME Correspondence Courses Honorariums	\$15,000.00
Publications/Printing/Social Media	\$20,000.00
Virtual Convention Expenses	\$200,000.00
Virtual Conv. Honorariums/Speakers/Awards/Expenses	\$25,000.00

Virtual Seminar Expenses	\$65,000.00
Virtual Seminar Honorariums/Speakers/Awards/Expenses	\$12,000.00
Total Expense	\$2,758,000.00

Updated: 5/28/2024

FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - M I N U T E S

TAB 2

December 3, 2024 - 7 pm via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP, President at 7 pm.

ROLL CALL: TRUSTEES and ALTERNATES

- 2: Michelle Mendez, DO; Donald Pyle, DO; Janae Fry, DO
3: Jeffrey Nelson, DO; Dean Robert Hasty, DO; Charles Chase, DO; Charlene LePane, DO; Samantha Cotler, DO; Victor Aramayo, DO; Ronald Burns, DO;
4: Bruce Rankin, DO
5: Andrew Gross, DO; Samuel Gubernick, DO; Lee Ann Brown, DO; Frank Armstrong, DO; Gregory James, DO; Tracie Leonhardt, DO; Anthony Ottaviani, DO
6: Kayvan Amini, DO; Marie Florent-Carre, DO; Jorge Luna, DO; Fawn Winkelman, DO; Eric Goldsmith, DO; Anthony Silvagni, DO; Joel Stein, DO
7: Joseph Sassano, DO; Dean Mark Kauffman, DO
9: Linda Delo, DO; Robert Greer, DO, IV; William Stager, DO; Matt Brill, DO; Paul Seltzer, DO;
10: Ronald Torrance, DO; Shailesh Rajguru, DO; Joel Rose, DO
11: Walter Flesner, DO; Jon Burdzy, DO
12: James Towry, DO; Diana Graves, DO; Kalpesh Solanki, DO; Jeremy Olloqui, DO; Frank Paiano, DO; Lindsey Johnson, DO
13: Nicole Bixler, DO
15: James Andriole, DO
16. Jay Olsson, DO
17: Cesar DeLeon, DO
FOMA Student District Society: Sahar Miri, President, NSU-KPCOM; Shannon Smith, President, NSU-KPCOM (TBR); Konstantin Nakov, President, LECOM Bradenton

Also attending: Richard Thacker, DO, Associate Dean ACOM; Victoria Estevez, President & Gianni Acampora, VP, SGA, LECOM Bradenton; Jason D. Winn, Esquire, Legal Counsel; Stephen R. Winn, Executive Director and Michelle W. Larson, CAE, CMP.

END-OF-THE YEAR AUDIT REPORT Adriana Bush, CPA, gave the 2023 – 2024 End-of-Year Audit Report.

2024-2025 FOMA BUDGET – Tab 1 (informational only)

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 22, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES AND DECEMBER 2, 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES. MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Markou discussed his calendar of events which included activities he has participated in as President of the FOMA. He looks forward to attending the FOMA District 7 Membership & Holiday meeting and to installing the New Officers at the FOMA District 5 (Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society) Holiday Party this month. He has appointed Kayvan Amini, DO as the Chair of the FOMA AI in Health Care Task Force. This task force will be meeting prior to the next FOMA Board meeting.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT: Dr. Rankin reviewed his report as circulated. It included: speaking during the LECOM Bradenton White Coat Ceremony for the class of 2028 and that he is working with the FOMA staff on the 2025-26 calendar of Board & District society meetings. He is working on his 2025 FOMA Committees. If you are interested in serving on specific committees, please let him know.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Winn discussed the Executive Director's report which was circulated and reviewed correspondence received in the Executive Office. These items included the FOMA Corporate Education Roundtable, a grant with Pfizer on the 340B campaign and community outreach during the Holidays. He is attending the Pfizer Advocacy meeting this week in Arizona with fellow state Executive Directors.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Michelle Larson reported on attending the AOA Affiliate Affairs meeting November 12 – 14 in Chicago. It was great networking with AOA staff and State & Specialty Executive Directors. Staff continues to work with state medical, dental societies and hospitals to provide the 2 hours of "Prescribing Controlled Substances" and report those hours to CE Broker. As a thank you to our members, we will be offering 3 free AOA 1A credits to our members in December/January. Look for information in the Newswire.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jason Winn, Esquire discussed the following items: Board of Osteopathic Medicine and joint Board meetings, Board of Nursing, presentations given, daily activities, questions by members, legislative issues and working with FOMA District Societies. He and Michelle Larson met with Brie Schmidt, MPH, AOA Associate Director of State Government Affairs to discuss state legislative initiatives for 2025.

DEANS REPORT: Dean Mark Kauffman, DO gave an update on activities at LECOM Bradenton. Dean Robert Hasty, DO, gave an update on the first class and activities at OCOM. Dr. Thacker, Associate Dean of Clinical Resources gave an update on Alabama COM.

MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Ronald Burns, DO, Chair reported that the Committee is working on both the 2025 FOMA "Live" Convention 2/21-23 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando (up to 27 - 1A credits) & "Virtual" Convention 3/28-30 (up to 30 - 1A credits). The current Florida licensure period ends March 31, 2026. The 2024 FOMA Research Poster Competition will be announced soon and posted on the FOMA website. He thanked Osteopathic Foundation East Orlando for their continued sponsorship of \$9,500 for the Poster Competition and \$10,000 for the Florida mandatory hours during the FOMA 2025 Conventions. The FOMA continues to offer on-line CME courses to members & non-members via CE Broker & The CME Center. Michelle thanked Dr. Lenchus, Dr. Hock and Dr. McCray for recording 3 hours of AOA 1A credits, for the FOMA to offer complimentary, to our members as a Holiday Gift and thank you for their membership. Look for the information in an upcoming FOMA Newswire.

MEMBERSHIP: Dr. Graves, Chair, thanked the FOMA Executive Office and the Membership committee for a great year and record numbers in membership dues! She requested a moment of silence for our members who have recently passed away. She presented the final December report as follows:

PROVISIONAL - 10

District 1	Theron Jameson, DO	Niceville
District 3	Robin Creamer, DO	Maitland
District 6	Jennifer Capezzuti, DO	Ft. Lauderdale
	Angela Combs, DO	Hollywood
District 7	James Bovienzo, DO	Sarasota
District 8	Taylor Hathaway, DO	Cooper City
	Tomas Villanueva, DO	Miami
District 9	Richard Champigny, DO	Stuart
	Lee Epstein, DO	Greenacres
	Melanie Ice, DO	Palm City

1st YEAR PRACTICE – 1

District 9 Akhil Gupta, DO North Palm Beach

2nd YEAR PRACTICE – 1

District 10 Farah Ferreiro, DO Lithia

INACTIVE/RETIRED - 3

District 3 Eric Rideman, DO Sanford
District 4 Hana Chaim, DO Ormond Beach
District 10 Bruce Schnapf, DO Tampa

OUT OF STATE – 1

John Shih, DO Suwannee, GA

RESIDENT – 1

District 3 Nikhil Patel, DO Orlando

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ABOVE FOR FOMA MEMBERSHIP. MOTION PASSED.

DECEASED

Out of State Dean Koukos, DO (PCOM-1974) Bluffton, SC

FOMA NOMINATING Committee for 2025-2026: Dr. Gregory James, Chair, reported that the Nominating committee recommends the following slate of Officers to the FOMA Board of Trustees for the February meeting: Bruce Rankin, DO, FACOFP, President; James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD, President-elect; Jeffrey Nelson, DO, FACOFP, 1st Vice President; Joseph Sassano, DO, 2nd Vice President and Directors-at-Large: Michelle Mendez, DO; Cesar De Leon, DO; Sean McCann, DO; Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC and Marie Florent-Carre, DO. **MOTION AND SECOND TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026. MOTION PASSED.**

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Dr. Sassano, Chair, reports that the nomination forms were emailed to all FOMA members, included in the Board packets and posted in the FOMA Newswire. He encouraged everyone to send in nominations for physicians and students by December 20th. The 2025 Poster Competition dates will be announced on the FOMA Newswire and on the FOMA website.

LEGISLATIVE: Dr. Seltzer reviewed the Legislative Report and the outcomes of the November 4th races and amendments. The FOMA is working on dates for the Corporate Education Roundtable Luncheon and Osteopathic Medicine & Health Awareness Day in Tallahassee. The 2025 Legislative Session begins March 4th.

FOMA Student District Societies: Konstantin Nakov, OMS, President, LECOM Bradenton; Sahar Miri, OMS, President, NSU KPCOM; Shannon Smith, OMS, President, NSU-KPCOM TBR gave updates on activities at each COM and events they held together as well as 2024 student events. Victoria Estevez, OMS, President SGA LECOM Bradenton also gave an update on SGA activities and attending the AOA House of Delegates.

FOMA LIAISONS:

American Osteopathic Association: Michelle reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the 2025 AOA House of Delegates in Chicago: July 17 – 20, 2025. If you are interested in serving on the Florida Delegation, please let us know.

Florida Medical Association: Dr. Chase, FMA Treasurer, reported that he attended the AMA Board meeting and looks forward to continue working with both the FMA & FOMA on 2025 legislative issues

American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians: Dr. Nelson, Vice President, gave an update on the successful Board retreat in Orlando. Pamela Moran-Walcutt, DO, was elected the 2024 – 2026 FSACOFD President. He also congratulated the other Board members.

The Board congratulated Dr. Michelle Mendez, Dr. Kayvan Amini, DO and Dr. Cesar DeLeon on being appointed to the GME Committee by the Florida Surgeon General.

Dr. Linda Delo announced that she will be a speaker on the AOA December 9th – 8 pm Webinar on “Physician Fee schedule Update.”

MOTION & SECOND TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:45 PM. MOTION PASSED.



FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

2024-OFFICERS-2025

PRESIDENT
MICHAEL MARKOU, DO, FACOFF
Clearwater

PRESIDENT-ELECT
BRUCE RANKIN, DO, FACOFF,
CPI, MRO
Deland

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
JAMES TOWRY, DO, FAOCD, FAAD
Ocala

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
JEFFREY NELSON, DO, FACOFF
Celebration

PAST PRESIDENT
BRETT M. SCOTCH, DO, FAOCO
Wesley Chapel

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

KAYVAN AMINI, DO, FACCP
Ft. Lauderdale

CESAR DELEON, DO, MHA
Naples

MICHELLE R. MENDEZ, DO
Jacksonville

SEAN MCCANN, DO
Winter Garden

JOSEPH A. SASSANO, DO
Sarasota



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February 2025

Bruce Rankin DO, CPI, MRO, FACOFF
FOMA President-Elect Report

I attended the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Gala and toured the Medical college campus. It is a beautiful campus and they have great first year medical students. Thank you for your hospitality, President Hummer and Dean Newman.

I attended the investiture ceremony for Harry Moon, MD, the 7th President of Nova Southeastern University and he is the first physician to be President.

I attended the Corporate Roundtable meeting in Tallahassee.

I attended Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Florida Capitol with our FOMA staff, President Markou, FOMA members, and a great turn out from our medical students and residents.

If you are interested in serving on a FOMA committee this year let Michelle or myself know as soon as possible.

Save the Date - Our next FOMA Executive and Board of Trustees meeting will be held live at the Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine June 6-7. It will include several hours of leadership training around the scheduled meeting times. We will tour the OCOM facility Saturday afternoon before departures. District Presidents and Committee chairs not on the BOT are invited to join us also at the meeting, the leadership training, and OCOM tour.

A new item will be added to our future FOMA meeting agendas.

We will include FOMA District Society reports. Information of the activity (or inactivity) of each district can be presented at each quarterly meeting. We want to hear about your past and future events. We will announce upcoming planned FOMA district "Meet and Greets", educational programs, and conferences scheduled around the state.

Let's help support all our FOMA districts this year and continue to grow our membership and collegial fellowship.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President-Elect this past year.

Bruce Rankin DO, CPI, MRO, FACOFF

TAB 4

February 21 & 22, 2025

**TO: FOMA Executive Committee & FOMA Board of Trustees
FOMA District Society Presidents**

FROM: Stephen R. Winn, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report

The FOMA and staff are working diligently to ensure organizational goals and objectives on behalf of the membership are achieved. We want to thank our Bureau of CME members for their hard work in planning our FOMA Continuing Medical Education events. Additionally, the FOMA staff and committee members have been preparing for the installation of the 2025 – 26 FOMA President, Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, MRO, FACOFP, and the new Executive Committee. Thank you to Michelle Larson & her team for coordinating these important events.

The 2025 Legislative Session begins, Tuesday, March 4th. The FOMA's Legislative team, lead by Chair, Paul Seltzer, DO, along with Jason Winn, Esq., Chris Lyon, Esq., William Hightower, Alex Golden, and I are monitoring the 2025 Legislative Session and are meeting regularly at the Capitol and during Committee meetings, to discuss legislative priorities and issues impacting physicians and their patients. Many issues, that did not pass last year are returning, especially Scope of Practice.

The Feb. 5th FOMA Osteopathic Medicine & Health Awareness Day at the Capitol, attended by students and physicians, was our best one yet! It was very educational and informative to all who attended. Our meetings with Senate President Albritton, Senator Harrell, Senator Burton and President Pro Tempore Jason Broeudor's staff and others was extremely helpful in understanding today's political atmosphere. Our weekly Legislative Updates are sent out in the FOMA Newswire and can be found on the FOMA website, along with the bills we are tracking.

I truly enjoyed my trip to Washington DC for the Florida Gala & Inauguration in January, having the opportunity to speak with Florida Speaker Perez and Congressman Aaron Bean and others was helpful in discussing healthcare issues on both the state and federal levels.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHELLE W. LARSON, CAE, CMP, reports that the FOMA Medical Education Committee, Chaired by Ronald Burns, DO & William Silverman, DO, continue to work on the 2025 FOMA CME Programs. These include the 2025 FOMA Live Convention, Feb. 21 – 23, at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando with over 250+ physicians and students pre-registered. We will record those lectures for the 2025 FOMA Virtual Convention, March 28 – 30, which has over 500 physicians pre-registered. The 2025 Virtual Seminar is scheduled for September 5 - 7. Each program offers the 5 mandatory hours for Florida re-licensure. As a thank you to our FOMA members, we offered 3 free AOA 1-A credits in January! For additional CME credits, please visit the FOMA website and The CME Center. Stay tuned for details on the 2025 FOMA Poster Competition, Sponsored by Osteopathic Foundation East Orlando.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, JASMINE SMITH, reports that FOMA successfully hosted its 30th Annual Osteopathic Medicine & Health Awareness Day, with over 33 students and 13 physicians in attendance. We are currently preparing the Spring issue of the *FOMA Journal*, which will feature highlights from the 2025 Convention and the installation of the 2025–26 FOMA Officers. Additionally, FOMA continues its collaboration with the AOA on the Cardiometabolic Risk in Underserved Populations campaign alongside several states. We encourage you to make visiting www.foma.org part of your daily routine!

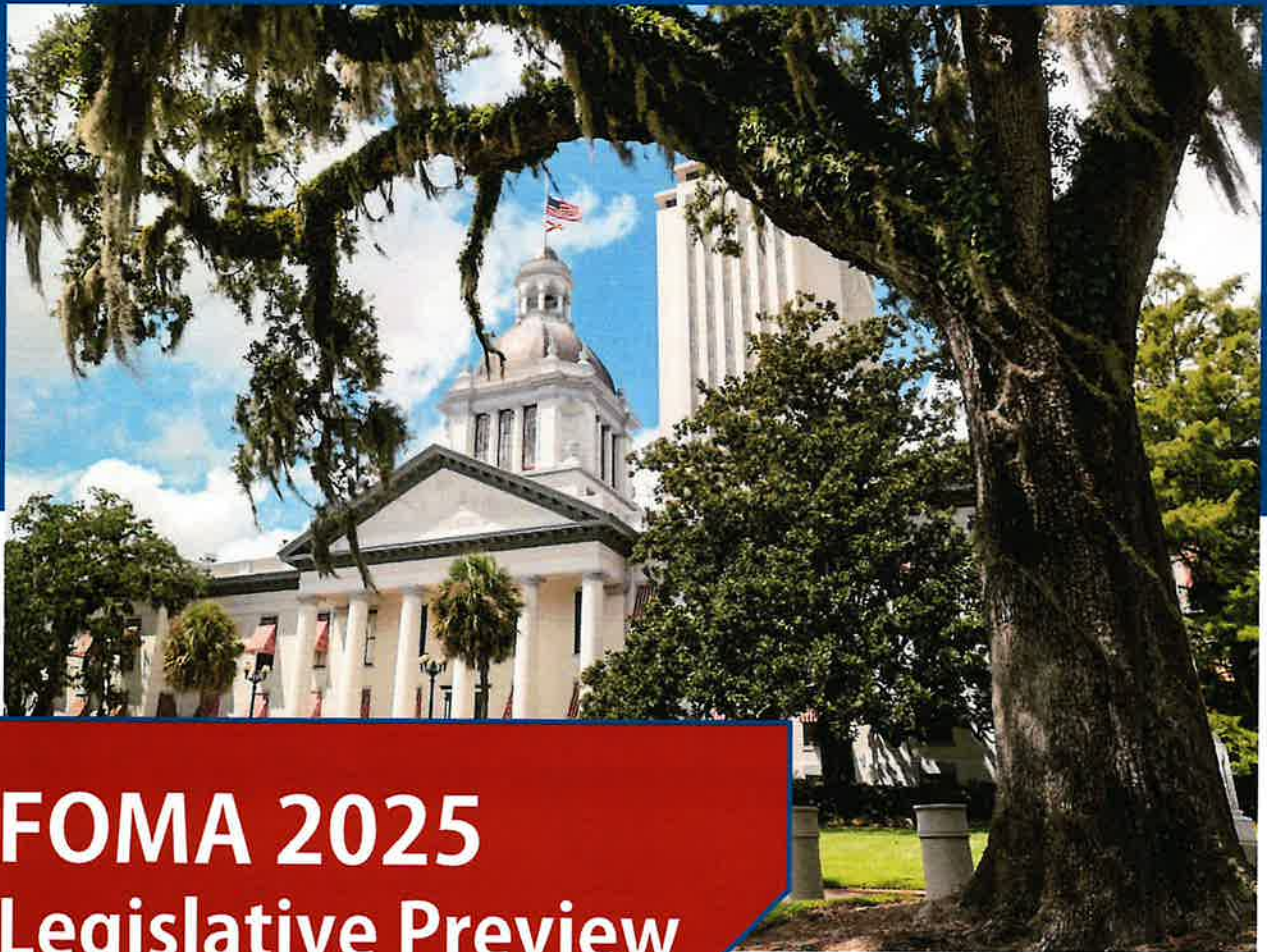
DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION, ANDREW FLOYD, MBA, CAE, CMP-HC, reports that the FOMA added 550 members over the past year! The new members include: 249 – Active, 37 - 1st Year, 24 – 2nd Year, 40 – Public Health/Military, 30 - Inactive, 111 - Out of State, and 59 - Resident. If you know a DO in your area who is not a FOMA member, invite them to one of your District Society meetings or tell them how they can get involved in the FOMA. This is a great chance to interact with your peers and keep up to date on the latest changes in osteopathic medicine and to showcase what the FOMA has to offer! If you would like our office to send someone a membership packet, please contact me at the FOMA Executive Office.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION, HEATHER GRANT, has been assisting with membership (both current & new members) and proud to say we had another record number of members for 2024. She is entering Courses & CME hours in CE Broker and with the AOA for the “Prescribing Controlled Substances” courses statewide. She is assisting with the FOMA Virtual & Live convention registrations and CE21 platform uploads. Heather continues working on the 2024 FOMA Corporate Education Roundtable membership. We had a successful CRT luncheon and reception at the DoubleTree hotel – “Eve on Adams”. We had our Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Capitol, with the most students attending this year – another successful event. She continues to add courses to The CME Center.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, KAYE TAIT, reports that registrations for both the 2025 Live & Virtual FOMA Conventions have been coming in steadily! Employer tax forms for the 4th quarter of 2024 have been completed and sent to the IRS. 2024 W2's, have been filed with the IRS and given to all FOMA employees. All FOMA 1099 forms have also been filed with the IRS and mailed to all of our vendors for 2024. Dues for the 2025-2026 billing cycle, will be generated in April and sent to all FOMA members for the May 1st, renewal period.



FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



FOMA 2025 Legislative Preview

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Executive Director

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Govt. Consultant

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SUMMARY



***FOMA President Michael
Markou, DO & State CFO
Jimmy Patronis***

In 2024, close to 11 million registered voters participated in the general election, a remarkable turnout of 78.76 percent of eligible voters. Republicans maintained veto-proof majorities in the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. **The final tally is 86 House Republicans to 33 House Democrats and 28 Senate Republicans to 12 Senate Democrats.** This number includes legislators who resigned to run for federal office or switched parties after the election. The Florida House District 3 seat remains vacant, and Senator Randy Fine's Senate District 19 seat will soon be open as he pursues his run for Congress. His resignation takes effect on March 31, 2025.



***Steve Winn, Speaker
Daniel Perez & US Rep.
Jared Moskowitz***

Due to President Trump's cabinet appointments, State CFO Jimmy Patronis, Senator Randy Fine of State Senate District 19, and Representative Dr. Joel Rudman of District 3 resigned to run for the vacant Congressional Districts 1 and 6 seats. Patronis and Fine won their primary election. **The Special General Election will be held on April 1, 2025.**

The 2025 Legislative Session will begin on **March 4, 2025.** Legislators have completed three weeks of interim committee meetings and two special sessions, hearing reports from state agencies and hosting panel discussions on various health-related topics in preparation for the session. Three weeks of interim committees remain on the docket for this year.



***Chris Lyon, Esq, Senator
Gayle Harrell, & Jason D.
Winn, Esq.***

If you are interested in becoming more active in the legislative process, please work with the FOMA Legislative Committee. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we work on behalf of patients and osteopathic physicians.

Governor's Budget



The Governor's recommended FY 2025-26 budget, the Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget, totals \$115.6 billion, \$3 billion lower than the current year. The General Revenue portion is \$50.2 billion, an increase of \$383.4 million over the Fiscal Year 2024-25. The budget also eliminates 741 government positions.

In addition, the Governor's budget allocates more than \$175.8 million from the nationwide Opioid Settlement Agreement to opioid recovery initiatives, which include support for the Office of Opioid Recovery and \$31.8 million for the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Network. Further, the budget provides over \$266.9 million to advance cancer research initiatives. This funding includes \$60 million for the Florida Cancer Innovation Fund, \$132.5 million for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program, and a \$30 million increase to launch the Cancer Connect Collaborative Incubator with an initial focus on pediatric cancer research.

FOMA PRIORITIES

- Building upon our success in prior years, **the FOMA supports the continued appropriation of robust funding for the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education (FRAME) program.** This program provides medical loan reimbursement for qualified physicians practicing in underserved areas of the state.
- **The FOMA supports continuing robust funding for graduate medical education,** including the recently established Slots for Docs Program and other programs to retain tomorrow's physician-led workforce.
- In the interest of maintaining tomorrow's physician-led workforce, **the FOMA supports continued funding for the newly established Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program.** This program addresses the shortage of clinical training sites for medical students by providing financial support to facilities offering essential training opportunities.
- In the interest of reducing harm to patients, **the FOMA opposes expanding scope-of-practice surrounding autonomous specialty practice for advanced practice registered nurses, psychologist prescribing, and other measures.**
- **The FOMA opposes measures to expand individuals eligible to file medical malpractice claims.**

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

SB 250 by Simon & HB 23 by Franklin II - Prescriptive Authority Certification for Psychologists

This legislation grants certified psychologists prescriptive authority under the oversight of the Board of Psychology, with specific training, collaboration, and certification requirements. It mandates coordination with primary physicians, DEA registration for controlled substances, and liability insurance coverage. Restrictions include prohibited delegation of authority and prescribing without certification. The bill also establishes a formulary to guide drug prescribing, particularly for controlled substances and pediatric care, ensuring safe and regulated use.

SB 294 by Harrell - Collaborative Pharmacy Practice for Chronic Health Conditions

The bill revises the definition of "chronic health condition" in collaborative pharmacy practice to include conditions like asthma, arthritis, and Type 2 diabetes while explicitly excluding heart failure, coronary heart disease, and cardiac rhythm disorders.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

HB 25 by López (J) - Damages Recoverable in Wrongful Death Actions

HB 25, the "Keith Davis Family Protection Act," expands damages recoverable in wrongful death cases by allowing adult children and parents of adult children to claim mental pain and suffering damages in medical negligence cases. It clarifies beneficiary identification requirements, specifies recovery rights for minor and adult children, and grants parents recovery rights when no other survivors exist.

HEALTH CARE PROCEDURE & FACILITY REGULATION

SB 68 by Martin & HB 229 by Oliver- Health Facilities Authorities

This legislation expands the definition of "health facility" to include not-for-profit entities and authorizes health facility authorities to issue loans, refinance bonds, and execute agreements. It establishes requirements for project financing, including valid certificates of need, maintenance obligations, and payment prioritization. Authorities can secure bonds through trust agreements and revenues from fees or rents while clarifying bondholder protections, refinancing, and revenue management provisions.

HB 103 by Woodson & SB 152 by Davis- Protection from Surgical Smoke

This bill mandates Florida hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to implement smoke evacuation systems **by January 1, 2026**, for procedures generating surgical smoke. The systems must capture, filter, and eliminate harmful airborne byproducts. Definitions clarify key terms such as "surgical smoke" and "smoke evacuation system," ensuring standardized compliance.

SB 104 by Burgess - Cardiac Emergencies

This legislation updates the requirement for instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). It mandates that each public school create a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) and collaborate with local emergency service providers to incorporate the CERP into their emergency responder protocols. Additionally, it establishes a requirement to place automated external defibrillators in schools.

HB 115 by Chamberlin & SB 380 by McClain- Clinical Laboratory Personnel

This legislation streamlines clinical laboratory personnel licensure in Florida by eliminating state-run exams, trainee registration, and training program approvals. It recognizes applicants meeting federal criteria as qualified for licensure and adjusts definitions, fee structures, and related provisions to reflect these changes.

HB 131 by Caruso & SB 372 by Harrell - Dense Breast Tissue Screenings

This legislation allows patients with dense breast tissue identified in a mammography report to undergo an ultrasound or other screenings without first having a conventional mammogram. It defines "mammography report" using federal standards under 21 C.F.R. s. 900.12(c).

INSURANCE & PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

HB 149 by Barnaby - Claims for Adverse Reactions to Vaccine and Drugs under the Medicaid and Medically Needy Programs

HB 149, titled "Cody's Law: Florida No Vaccine-Injured Patient Left Behind," mandates the expedited processing of claims for severe adverse reactions to vaccines or emergency countermeasure drugs under the Medicaid and medically needy programs.

The Agency for Health Care Administration must publish related medical conditions, adverse reactions, and updates online.

SB 158 by Berman and HB 187 by Rep. Hart – Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations

This bill expands the state group insurance program to cover diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations without cost-sharing. It defines key terms, sets conditions for cost-sharing exemptions, and ensures compliance with federal health savings account regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

SB 196 by Gruters - Foods Containing Vaccines or Vaccine Materials

SB 196 redefines "drug" under Florida law to include foods containing vaccines or vaccine materials approved by the FDA for immunization. Such foods must be labeled as "contains vaccine or vaccine material."

SB 264 by Harrell - Step-therapy Protocols

SB 264 streamlines Medicaid access to medications for serious mental illnesses, such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, bypassing step-therapy prior authorizations under specific conditions. The bill mandates immediate approval if alternatives are ineffective, or documentation shows medical necessity.

HB 273 by Chaney - Pharmacy

This bill expands the definition of pharmacies to include remote-site pharmacies and establishes rules for pharmacists' remote supervision. It authorizes registered pharmacy technicians to handle drug transactions and exempts specific tasks under remote oversight. The bill sets permitting, storage, and operational requirements, restricts the dispensing of Schedule II drugs without a pharmacist on-site, and designates responsibilities for prescription department managers. The Board of Pharmacy is authorized to create further operational criteria for remote-site pharmacies.

HB 283 by Grow - Storage and Disposal of Prescription Drugs and Sharps

HB 283 mandates a study by the Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection on the safe collection and disposal of sharps used for self-administering prescription drugs at home. The study will assess risks, evaluate disposal methods like mail-back programs and drop-off sites, and collaborate with local governments and private entities. A comprehensive report, due by July 1, 2026, will provide recommendations and impact assessments on healthcare and home settings, promoting safer sharps handling and disposal practices.

SB 334 by Gruters - Marijuana Products

SB 344 allows qualified patients aged 21 or older to cultivate up to two cannabis plants at home for personal use, subject to Department of Agriculture regulations. Applicants must secure property owner consent, and plants must be grown in secure, non-visible locations. The use of home-grown cannabis follows existing medical marijuana restrictions.

The Legislative Preview is not a complete list of legislation filed for the 2025 Legislative Session. Legislators may file bills up to the noon deadline on March 4, 2025.

For a comprehensive list of legislation filed to date, please visit the legislative bill tracking page on the **FOMA website** at <https://www.foma.org/bill-tracking> and click on the **“2025”** link. This report will list all legislation the FOMA is monitoring to date and contains links to all bills listed to assist you with your legislative research.

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ACTIVE - 26

District 1	Michael Kasabian, DO James Milani, DO	Gulf Breeze Panama City Beach
District 2	Anja Kinaszczuk, DO Aino Mueller, DO	Jacksonville Green Cove Springs
District 3	Brett DeVoursney, DO Nikita Gosalia, DO Hemwattie Jaimangal, DO John Malone, DO Elizabeth Savko, DO	Orlando Sanford Lady Lake Orlando Mt. Dora
District 4	Louella Pritchette, DO	Ormond Beach
District 6	Martinus Dyrud, DO Shefali Majmudar, DO Ingrid Solomon, DO Alia Sommerville, DO Marcos Zaragoza, DO	Weston Miramar Plantation Ft. Lauderdale Davie
District 7	Donald Erb, DO	Sarasota
District 8	Susan Fox, DO Nelson Velazquez, DO	Miami Miami Lakes
District 9	Kristi Langston, DO Tai Vo, DO	Stuart Loxahatchee
District 10	Salma Akhter, DO Mahad Mohammed, DO	Tampa Lutz
District 12	Michelle Hornstein, DO	Ocala
District 15	Viriden Evans, DO	Tallahassee
District 16	Russell Peterson, DO	Vero Beach

1st YEAR PRACTICE – 6

District 1	Alana Lillard, DO	DeFuniak Springs
District 2	Genevieve Marshall, DO	Atlantic Beach
District 3	Janet Chen, DO Soren Jensen, DO Gino Singer, DO Elizabeth Ray, DO	Orlando Orlando Orlando Gainesville
District 12		

2nd YEAR PRACTICE – 2

District 2	Hannah Alvarado, DO	Jacksonville
District 10	Shing Ko, DO	Ruskin

FACULTY - 3

District 3	April Smith-Gonzalez, DO (OCOM)	Orlando
District 8	Steven Vanni, DO	North Miami
District 16	Robert Coni, DO (BCOM)	Melbourne

PUBLIC HEALTH / MILITARY - 3

District 3	Mahad Mohammed, DO	Orlando
District 9	Mojgan Hosseinipour, DO Jason Williams, DO	Deerfield Beach Port St. Lucie

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INACTIVE / RETIRED - 2

District 3	Max Watzman, DO	Oviedo
District 4	Keith Marshall, DO	Ormond Beach

OUT OF STATE – 7

Olga Demidova, DO	Moreland Hills, OH
Kevin Gleason, DO	Atlanta, GA
Paula Gregory, DO	Hagerstown, MD
William Pieratt, DO	Las Cruces, NM
Jon Schauer, DO	Winnetka, IL
James Sekel, DO	Sewell, NJ
Endra Sookoor, DO	Tomball, TX

RESIDENT – 4

District 2	Yang Jiang, DO	Jacksonville
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***** Membership Committee RECOMMENDS approval of all Life membership requests *****

DECEASED

District 2	Thomas Abbey, DO (CCOM-1970)	Jacksonville
District 4	Brent Schlapper, DO (KCOM-1978)	Deland
Out of State	Kerry Nagel, DO (NSU-KPCOM-1991)	Acworth, GA

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