

FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA - June 7, 2025

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Leadership/Board Orientation: 9:00 am (EST)

Leader: Bob Harris, CAE

Welcome & Introductions: Bob Harris, CAE & Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, MRO, FOMA President

Impact of Associations and Nonprofits

Opportunities and Potential

Board Fiduciary Responsibilities

Sustaining a Healthy Association

Strategic Direction

Aspiring for Excellence

FOMA Board of Trustees meeting/ZOOM – 10 am (EST)

I. Roll Call: Trustees/Alternates and Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

II. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

III. Current 2024 – 2025 FOMA Budget

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Proposed Preliminary 2025 – 2026 Budget

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IV. Approval of February 22, 2025 Board of Trustees minutes

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June 3, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes for review (*will be emailed June 4*)

V. Reports

President: Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, MRO, FACOFP

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2025 – 2026 FOMA Final Committees

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President-elect: James Towry, DO, FACOD, FAAD

Executive Director: Stephen R. Winn

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Associate Executive Director: Michelle Winn Larson, CAE, CMP

VI. Medical Education Committee: Ronald Burns, DO & William Silverman, DO – report that we had 265 attendees at the 2025 FOMA Live Convention, Feb. 21 – 23 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando & 1,400 participate in the 2025 FOMA Virtual Convention, March 28 - 30. The Committee is currently working on the 2025 FOMA Virtual Mid-Year Seminar program for September 5 – 7 (up to 27 – AOA 1A credits) and 2026 FOMA CME programs.

VII. Legislative: Paul Seltzer, DO

[Legislative Update](#)

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VIII. Legal Counsel: Jason D. Winn, Esquire (*will be emailed*)

IX. Deans Report:

- Mark Kauffman, DO, LECOM Bradenton
- Elaine Wallace, DO, NSU-KPCOM & TBR
- Robert Hasty, DO, OCOM
- Doris Newman, DO, Burrell COM – FL;
- James Toldi, DO, Lincoln Memorial – DeBusk COM Orange Park, FL Campus

- Richard Thacker, DO, ACOM

X. Membership Committee: Diana Graves, DO, Chair

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XI. Public Health Task Force – Marie Florent-Carre, DO, MPH, Chair

Liaisons - FOMA Student District Society:

Sahar Miri, President, NSU-KPCOM & Shannon Smith, President, NSU-KPCOM Tampa Bay

Ferris Handoklow, President, LECOM Bradenton

Florida Medical Association – Charles Chase, DO, FASA

XII. Unfinished Business

2025 AOA House of Delegates, July 17 – 20, Chicago Marriott Downtown: Joseph A. Giaimo, DO, MACOI, Delegation Chair reports that Florida is excited about the nomination of Richard Thacker, DO, MACOI as the 2025-26 AOA President-elect.

2025 FOMA Bylaws change:

Explanatory Statement: The changes here will update the titles used by our Executive Director and Associate Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer. This will help us align to titles now commonly used by other professional organizations, including the American Osteopathic Association.

XIII. New Business

Adjourn

Upcoming FOMA Board of Trustees meetings:

2025

September 2025: Saturday 9/13 – 9 am (Orlando location TBA/ZOOM)

December 2025: Wednesday 12/3 – 7 pm (ZOOM)

2026

Feb. 2026: Saturday, 2/7 – 9 am (Marriott HarborBeach Ft. Lauderdale/ZOOM)

June 2026 – TBA

September 2026 – TBA

December 2026 - TBA

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
FSACOF 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

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Proposed FOMA 2025-2026 Budget: (10/1/2025-9/30/2026) Updated: 5/19/2025

Accounts	Adopted 2024-25	Proposed 2025-26
Income		
Advertising	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Blairstone Pines Giving Tree	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Convention Revenue		
Live Convention Attendee	\$200,000.00	\$220,000.00
Live Convention Exhibitors	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00
Live Convention Sponsor or Grant	\$12,500.00	\$10,000.00
Virtual Convention Revenue		
Virtual Convention Attendee	\$839,500.00	\$890,000.00
Virtual Convention Exhibitors	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Virtual Convention Sponsor or Grant	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Education Revenue		
CME Cannabis Course (FMA)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
CME Correspondence Courses/Other CME	\$200,000.00	\$275,000.00
Community Educational/Advocacy Grants / PR	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
FSACOF Management Fees	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
Interest & Dividend Income	\$130,000.00	\$125,000.00
Membership Dues	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
Misc./Admin. Fees/Endorsements/Sales	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Osteopathic Medicine Day	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Peer Review/Misc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Rental Income/Hull Bldg.	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00
Rental Income Interest/Hull Bldg.	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Virtual Seminar Revenue		
Virtual Seminar Attendee	\$557,000.00	\$640,000.00
Virtual Seminar Exhibitor	\$500.00	\$0.00
Virtual Seminar Sponsor or Grant	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$2,756,500.00	\$ 2,954,500.00
Expenses		
Administrative Expenses		
Accounting Fees	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Advertising & Marketing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
AOA House of Delegates	\$165,000.00	265,000.00
AOSED / AOA Travel & Misc.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Computer Software/Licenses/Internet	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
NOVI/AMS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Donation to FOMA Foundation	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Executive Committee/ Board of Trustees	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Fellowship Grants	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Insurance/Workers Comp.	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous / Advertising	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Office Salaries		
Associate Executive Director	\$185,000.00	195,000.00
Associate Executive Director Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00
Associate Executive Director Travel/Misc.	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
Assistant Meeting Planner	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
Assistant Meeting Planner Brft/Bns/IRA	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Assoc. Dir. of Mem. & Ed.	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Assoc. Dir. of Membership & Education Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Clerical	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Clerical Bonuses/IRA	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Director of Mem. & Education	\$72,000.00	\$77,000.00
Director of Mem. & Education Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$25,000.00	\$27,000.00
Director of Mem. & Education Travel/Misc.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Director of Strategic & Public Policy	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Director of Str. & Public Policy Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Director of Communications	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Director of Comm. Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Director of Comm. Travel/Misc.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Director of Finance	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00
Director of Finance Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00
Director of Governmental Affairs	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Director of Gov. Affairs Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Director of Gov. Affairs Travel/Misc.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Executive Assistant (Executive Coordinator)	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Executive Assistant Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Executive Director	\$242,000.00	\$249,000.00
Executive Director Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00
Executive Director Entertainment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Executive Director Travel/Misc.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
FUTA & SUTA Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
General Counsel / Lobbying	\$95,000.00	\$125,000.00
General Counsel/Lobbying/Benefits/Bonuses/IRA	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Medicare Company Paid	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Social Security Company Paid	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Office Supplies/Printing/Small Equipment	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Osteopathic Medicine Day	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Postage	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00
Presidents Misc.	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00
Public Relations / KCP / CRT	\$45,000.00	\$50,000.00
QuickBooks Credit Card/Merchant Fees	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
Telephone	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
Washington AOA/ DO Day	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00
Blairstone Pines Drive Building		
Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Maintnc/ Capt Imprv/ Cntrct Lbr	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Real Estate Taxes	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Utilities	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
CE Broker Payable	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00
Departments/Committees		
AOA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Board of Osteopathic Med./Board of Med.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
CME	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Community Educational Grants	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
District Society Expenses / Educational Advocacy Event	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
Legislative	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00
Other Bureaus / Committees	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Professionals Resource Network (Impaired Practitioners Program	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Student Scholarships/Events	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Hull Building		
Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Maintnc/ Capt Imprv/ Cntrct Lbr	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Real Estate Taxes/Monthly Sales Tax	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Utilities	\$500.00	\$500.00
Live Convention Expenses	\$165,000.00	\$200,000.00
Live Conv. Honorariums/Speakers/Awards/Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00
Live Convention Travel Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$7,500.00
Online CME Correspondence Courses	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Online CME Correspondence Courses Honorariums	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Publications/Printing/Social Media	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Virtual Convention Expenses	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00
Virtual Conv. Honorariums/Speakers/Awards/Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Virtual Seminar Expenses	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Virtual Seminar Honorariums/Speakers/Awards/Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00
Total Expenses	\$2,758,000.00	\$2,954,500.00

Tab 2

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Michael Markou, DO, President at 9 am.

ROLL CALL: SEATING OF TRUSTEES/ALTERNATES

Michael Markou, DO, President

DISTRICT:

2: Ronald Renuart, DO, Michelle Mendez, DO
3: Jeffrey Nelson, DO; Charles Chase, DO; Traci-lyn Eisenberg, DO; Sean McCann, DO;
Charlene LePane, DO; Victor Aramayo, DO; Marc Kaprow, DO; William Silverman, DO; Robert Hasty, DO;
Benjamin Thomasson, DO; Ronald Burns, DO
4: Bruce Rankin, DO
5: Michael Markou, DO; Lee Shettle, DO; Gregory James, DO; Frank Armstrong, DO; Jeffrey Grove, DO;
Andrew Gross, DO; Lee Ann Brown, DO
6: Kayvan Amini, DO; Fawn Winkelman, DO; Marie Florent-Carre, DO; Jorge Luna, DO;
Joshua Lenchus, DO; Eric Goldsmith, DO; Michael Margolis, DO; Joel Stein, DO
7: Joseph Sassano, DO; Donald Erb, DO
8: Judith Schaeffer, DO
9: William Stager, DO; Matt Brill, DO; Linda Delo, DO; Paul Seltzer, DO
10: Ronald Torrance, DO; Shailesh Rajguru, DO, Brett Scotch, DO
11: Walter Flesner, DO; Jon Burdzy, DO
12: Diana Graves, DO; James Towry, DO; Kalpesh Solanki, DO; Jeremy Olloqui, DO; Frank Paiano, DO
13: Nicole Bixler, DO; Joseph McNerney, DO
15: James Andriole, DO
17: Cesar DeLeon, DO
FOMA Student District Society: Shannon Smith, OMS, President, NSU-KPCOM TBR; Konstantine Nakov, OMS,
President & Idamys Saez Acosta, OMS, VP, LECOM Bradenton.

Also attending: Jason D. Winn, Esquire, Legal Counsel; Stephen R. Winn, Executive Director, Michelle Winn Larson, CMP, CAE, Associate Executive Director; Richard Thacker, DO, Assoc. Dean ACOM; Doris Newman, DO, Dean, Burrell COM FL; Bill Pleratt, DO, Dean Burrell COM; James Toldi, DO, Dean LMU Orange Park; Emily Thach, SGA President, NSU-KPCOM TBR; Victoria Estevez, OMS, President & Gianni Acampora, VP, SGA LECOM Bradenton; Kenneth Quezada, OMS & Sahar Shafique, OMS, Orlando COM; Salvatore Corallo, OMS & Michael Yingst, OMS – Burrell COM FL; Anna Hayden, DO; Julia Marian, MD, LECOM Bradenton; Robert G. G. Piccinini, DO, AOA President.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Ronald Renuart & Invocation by Dr. William Stager.

Dr. Markou welcomed trustees and guests.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES: MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT REPORT

Dr. Markou circulated his Presidents report (attached) which included participation in the following activities: Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society 36th Annual Osteopathic Winter Seminar in Clearwater with AOA Leaders and attending the FOMA Corporate Educational Roundtable and Osteopathic Medicine Day in

Tallahassee. He thanked committee chairs and members for their dedication and hard work and furthering the mission and vision of our association. Dr. Markou thanked the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and FOMA Staff for their support during his Presidency and for another excellent year. He presented each Executive committee member with a token of his appreciation for their hard work and support.

PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

Dr. Rankin circulated his report which included attending Burrell COM Florida Gala and celebrating the new President of NSU. He is finalizing his 2025-26 FOMA Committees and asked for additional interest from the Board. He is excited about the June 6 & 7, 2025 FOMA Leadership & Board meetings in Orlando at OCOM. He is also working on "meet & greet" in several FOMA Districts over the next year. He thanked Dr. Markou for his leadership this past year and looks forward to a great year ahead.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Steve Winn discussed the Executive Director's report and reviewed correspondence which was received in the Executive Office. He discussed the current FOMA Bylaws and that Dr. Kaprow, Chair will meet with his committee. Steve congratulated Michelle on her recent appointment to the American Osteopathic Foundation Board of Directors.

Michelle Larson reported on the FOMA collaborations with the AOiA and the AOA "Working Together: Addressing Cardiometabolic Risk in Underserved Populations."

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Seltzer discussed the weekly Legislative Updates and his Report which was circulated and are available on the FOMA website. He thanked the physicians and students who attended the FOMA Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day in Tallahassee, we had a great turnout! We also had a productive FOMA Corporate Education Roundtable Lucheon, Tuesday, Feb. 4th. The 2025 Legislative Session begins, Tuesday, March 4th in Tallahassee. He thanked the Executive and Legislative Committees for their recent meetings & discussions on 2025 priority bills. He reviewed and discussed some of the bills that have been filed for 2025.

LEGAL REPORT

The report by Jason Winn, Esquire was circulated. He reviewed the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine meetings, joint meetings with the Board of Medicine and other groups as well as lectures given. He discussed various questions asked by our membership.

DEAN'S REPORT

Robert Hasty, DO, FACOI, Dean, OCOM; Julia Marian, MD, Assistant Dean of Clinical Education, LECOM Bradenton; Doris Newman, DO, Dean and Bill Pieratt, DO, Dean, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine – Florida campus, Richard Thacker, DO, MACOI, Associate Dean of Clinical Resources, ACOM and Pamela Moran-Walcutt, DO, NSU-KPCOM, each gave an update on activities, student statistics and events at each campus. James Toldi, DO, Dean, LMU – Orange Park gave an update on the newest COM in Florida.

MEDICAL EDUCATION REPORT

Dr. Burns & Dr. Silverman thanked the Medical Education Committee for their work on the 2025 FOMA Educational programs. They report that 265+ students & physicians and 13 exhibitors are registered for the 2025 FOMA Live Convention Feb. 21 – 23 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando and we have 700+ 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 2025 FOMA Poster Competition and the Florida Mandatory hours during the 2025 Conventions. The Committee has also started working on the 2025 Virtual Seminar, September 5 – 7.

Nomination of FOMA Officers 2025 – 2026: Gregory James, DO, Chair, reported that the FOMA Nominating Committee presents the following nominations for officers and directors for 2025 - 2026 to the Board of Trustees.

President: Bruce Rankin, DO (District Society 4)
 President-elect: James Towry, DO (District Society 12)
 First Vice-President: Jeffrey Nelson, DO (District Society 3)
 Second Vice President: Joseph Sassano, DO (District Society 7)
 Directors-at-Large: Kayvan Amini, DO (District Society 6); Cesar DeLeon, DO (District Society 17);
 Marie Florent-Carre, DO (District Society 6); Sean McCann, DO (District Society 3);
 Michelle Mendez, DO (District Society 2)

MOTION AND SECOND TO ACCEPT THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026. MOTION PASSED.

Robert Piccinini, DO, AOA President-elect, administered the oath of office and installed all of the above officers. Dr. Rankin will be installed tonight at the reception.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dr. Graves, Chair asked for a moment of silence for the FOMA members who have recently passed. She reviewed and presented the membership report below:

ACTIVE - 26

District 1	Michael Kasabian, DO	Gulf Breeze
	James Milani, DO	Panama City Beach
District 2	Anja Kinaszczuk, DO	Jacksonville
	Aino Mueller, DO	Green Cove Springs
District 3	Brett DeVoursney, DO	Orlando
	Nikita Gosalia, DO	Sanford
	Hemwattie Jaimangal, DO	Lady Lake
	John Malone, DO	Orlando
District 4	Elizabeth Savko, DO	Mt. Dora
District 6	Louella Pritchette, DO	Ormond Beach
	Martinus Dyrud, DO	Weston
	Shefali Majmudar, DO	Miramar
	Ingrid Solomon, DO	Plantation
	Alia Sommerville, DO	Ft. Lauderdale
District 7	Marcos Zaragoza, DO	Davie
District 8	Donald Erb, DO	Sarasota
	Susan Fox, DO	Miami
	Nelson Velazquez, DO	Miami Lakes
District 9	Kristi Langston, DO	Stuart
	Tai Vo, DO	Loxahatchee
District 10	Salma Akhter, DO	Tampa
	Mahad Mohammed, DO	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 Lilland, DO	DeFuniak Springs
District 2	Genevieve Marshall, DO	Atlantic Beach
District 3	Janet Chen, DO	Orlando
	Soren Jensen, DO	Orlando
	Gino Singer, DO	Orlando
District 12	Elizabeth Ray, DO	Gainesville

2nd YEAR PRACTICE – 2

District 2	Hannah Alvarado, DO	Jacksonville
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District 10

Shing Ko, DO

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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 - 2

District 9

Mojgan Hosseinipour, DO

Deerfield Beach

Jason Williams, DO

Port St. Lucie

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

District 6

Moshe Bengio, DO

Hollywood

District 7

Danielle Glaze, DO

Lakewood Ranch

District 8

Pedro Garcia Rodriguez, DO

Miami

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

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

District 2

James Atchison, DO

Jacksonville

Mary Schmieder, DO

Orange Park

District 3

Carl Barr, DO

Ocoee

District 4

Eric Cohn, DO

Orange City

Sandford Kinne, DO

Ormond Beach

District 5

John DeCosmo, DO

Saint Petersburg

District 6

Richard Antosek, DO

Sunrise

Archie McLean, DO

Pembroke Pines

District 8

Thomas Chaille, DO

Miami

District 9

Daniel Carney, DO

Boynton Beach

District 10

Dolfi Herscovici, DO

Tampa

District 11

Robin Osborn, DO

Port Charlotte

District 12

John Graves, DO

Ocala

District 13

Richard Miller, DO

Port Richey

District 15

James Caldwell, DO

Tallahassee

District 16

Andrew Goodrich, DO

Malabar

John Potomski, DO

Melbourne

Membership Committee RECOMMENDS approval of all Life membership requests.

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ABOVE PHYSICIANS. MOTION PASSED.

DECEASED

District 2	Thomas Abbey, DO (CCOM-1970)	Jacksonville
District 4	Brent Schlapper, DO (KCOM-1978)	Deland
District 5	Paul Kudelko, DO (KCOM-1967)	Clearwater
District 10	Robert Norman, DO (CCOM-1981)	Tampa
Out of State	Kerry Nagel, DO (NSU-KPCOM-1991)	Acworth, GA

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Joseph Sassano, DO, Chair and The FOMA Awards & Scholarship Committee reports the following 2024 FOMA Award winners will be congratulated and presented plaques & checks to the following students: Thank you to the members of the committee and those who submitted nominations. Additional FOMA award winners will be presented with their plaques tonight: Physician of the Year – Shailesh Rajguru, DO; Lifetime Achievement Award – Jeffrey Grove, DO and Distinguished Service Award – Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh. The 2025 FOMA Student/Intern/Resident Research Poster Competition Case and Experimental Research Presentations contest dates & information will be posted on the FOMA website soon!

FOMA PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE: Dr. Marie Florent-Carre, Chair, reported that the committee met on Feb. 11th and had a guest speaker: Deborah Gracia, DO, CMO Borinquen Health Care Center, who gave a presentation on “lifestyle Medicine.”

FOMA STUDENT DISTRICT SOCIETIES – Shannon Smith, President, Student District Society, NSU-KPCOM TBR; Konstantin Nakov, President, Student District Society, LECOM Bradenton, gave updates on student activities on each campus. They each thanked the FOMA for their continued support this past year!

FOMA LIAISONS

AOA: Dr. Piccinini, AOA President-elect, gave welcome remarks and a presentation on behalf of the AOA.

FMA: Dr. Charles Chase, Treasurer, gave an update on FMA activities around the state and in conjunction with the FOMA.

FSACOF: Dr. Pamela Moran-Walcutt, President was installed October 19th and gave an update on their recent activities.

ACOF: Dr. Traci-lyn Eisenberg, Governor, reported that the Convention is April 4 – 7, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Trustees / Alternates for 2025 – 2026

DS#	Trustee Name		DS#	Alternate Name	
2	Michelle Mendez, DO		2	Doug Pennington, DO	
	Monina Geda, DO			Janae Fry, DO	
	Donald Pyle, DO			James Fetchero, DO	
3	Jeffrey Nelson, DO		3	Victor Aramayo, DO	
	Sean McCann, DO			Brian Browning, DO	
	Charles Chase, DO			Marc Kaprow, DO	
	Traci-Lyn Eisenberg, DO			Ronald R. Burns, DO	
	Robert Hasty, DO			William Silverman, DO	
	Benjamin Thomasson, DO			Hal Pineless, DO	
	Charlene LePane, DO			Eva-Marie Heurich, DO	
	Brett Thomas, DO				
	Farah Ferreiro, DO				

4	Bruce Rankin, DO		4	Erica O'Donnell, DO	
	Chet Anthony, DO				
5	Samuel Gubernick, DO		5	Tracie Leonhardt, DO	
	Andrew Gross, DO			Jeffrey Grove, DO	
	Nicholas Okeson, DO			Michael Markou, DO	
	Lee Shettle, DO			Gregory James, DO	
	Frank Armstrong, DO			Lee Ann Brown, DO	
	Scott Ray, DO			Phillip Shettle, DO	
6	Elaine Wallace, DO		6		
	Mayrene Hernandez, DO			Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh	
	Kayvan Amini, DO			Michael Margolis, DO	
	Joel Stein, DO			Jorge Luna, DO	
	Marie Florent-Carre, DO				
	Anthony Silvagni, DO				
	Barbara Arcos, DO				
	Fawn Winkelman, DO				
	Victor Jaffe, DO				
7	Joseph Sassano, DO		7	Donald Erb, DO	
	Mark Kauffman, DO				
8	Natassja Gangeri, DO		8	Misha Denham, DO	
	Judith Schaffer, DO				
9	Michael Belotti, DO		9	Paul Seltzer, DO, Legislative Chair	
	Robert C. Greer, V, DO			Joseph Giaimo, DO	
	Carl Spirazza, DO			William Stager, DO	
	Matt Brill, DO			Robert Greer, IV, DO	
	Linda Delo, DO				
10	Ronald Torrance, DO		10		
	Shailesh Rajguru, DO				
	Joel Rose, DO				
	Brett Scotch, DO				
	Michael Austin, DO				
11	Walter B. Flesner, DO				
	Jon Burdzy, DO				
12	Diana Graves, DO		12	John Graves, DO	
	James Towry, DO			Jeremy Olloqui, DO	
	David Oliver, DO			Frank Paiano, DO	
	Kalpesh Solanki, DO			Lindsey Johnson, DO	
13	Nicole Bixler, DO		13	Joseph McNerney, DO	
15	James Andriole, DO		15		
16	Jay Olsson, DO		16	Stephen Yandel, DO	
	John Potomski, DO			Adam Weiner, DO	
17	Cesar DeLeon, DO		17	Daniel Kaplan, DO	

Res	Merly Cubelo, DO		Res	
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MOTION AND SECOND TO APPROVE THE ABOVE TRUSTEES/ALTERNATES. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

FOMA Bylaws & Constitution: Dr. Kaprow, Chair, will set a call up with the committee to review the following recommendations from the FOMA Executive Committee. He will submit the proposed recommended changes: CHANGING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, IN THE FOMA BYLAWS to the membership and Board of Trustees, prior to the June meeting.

NOMINATION OF FLORIDA DELEGATION TO THE AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES: The 2025 AOA House of Delegates dates are July 17 – 20, 2025 at the Downtown Chicago Marriott.

MOTION AND SECOND TO APPOINT JOSEPH A GIAIMO, DO, AS THE FLORIDA DELEGATION CHAIRMAN, #1 DELEGATE. MOTION PASSED. MOTION AND SECOND THAT THE PROPOSED DELEGATE/ALTERNATE ALLOWANCE BE \$3,000 FOR EACH DELEGATE/ALTERNATE PHYSICIAN AND \$200 TO ANY AOA BOARD MEMBERS. MOTION PASSED. Dr. Giaimo will work on the Florida Delegation listing and email those on the list to see if they are able to participate as part of the Florida Delegation.

MOTION AND SECOND TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 12:25 PM. MOTION PASSED.

Submitted by: Stephen R. Winn, Secretary/Treasurer

Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, FACOFP

I am very excited and honored to present my first Presidential Report to our FOMA membership. Over the last three months I have been able to travel our great state and enjoy the fellowship of our talented and caring DOs and medical students. I have been able to attend seven local District meetings and have many more being scheduled.

My activities and travel to date are Doctor of the Day, Florida Capitol, Tallahassee. Florida COM Dean's Dinner, Tallahassee. AOA DO Day, Washington, DC. Orlando College of Medicine (OCOM) Research Symposium. NSU-KPCOM Alumni meeting "Leadership in the new Millennium", Clearwater. A heartfelt thank you for the 40-year alumni award.

FOMA Districts meetings: District 4, Daytona Beach: District 10, Tampa: District 7, Sarasota: District 12, Ocala: District 1, Pensacola: District 3, Orlando: and District 16, Melbourne.

We held a District President zoom roundtable meeting. We discussed the district's activities and FOMAs support for the states districts societies. The FOMA message has been our initiative to support our FOMA districts and to engage with our local membership at the grassroots level. We will continue to encourage district activities that provide collegial interactions with our physicians, residences, and medical students. We would like to see continual growth in our Florida Osteopathic membership. Many Osteopathic physicians have move to the state and have started practicing here and we welcome them to join our FOMA Osteopathic family. Ask your local DO physicians if they are current members of FOMA. Many are just waiting for an invitation.

The interactions with our COM students across the state has been energizing! The students want to know more about what we do as their state Osteopathic association and how they can be involved. Our Osteopathic future looks bright with their energy and quest for information about FOMA.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet and greet as many physicians and students as possible over the next year and enjoy the fellowship. I hopefully will be coming to your Osteopathic neighborhood soon.

It truly is exciting times for your Florida Osteopathic Association!

Faternally,



Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, FACOFP

FOMA COMMITTEES 2025-2026

Updated: 5/15/2025

Bruce Rankin, DO, FACOFP, CPI, MRO, President

Medical Education: Chair: Ronald Burns, DO

Vice Chair: William Silverman, DO

Members: Bridgette Bellinger, DO, Natalie Caplinger, DO, Cesar De Leon, DO, Linda Delo, DO, Marie Florent-Carre, DO, Supriya Dhaurali, DO, Janae Fry, DO, Jody Greenfield, DO, Robert Hasty, DO, Brie Howerton, DO, Marc Kaprow, DO, Mark Kauffman, DO, Marc Kesselman, DO, Sara Lohbauer, DO, Dipak Nadkarni, DO, Mitchell Peabody, DO, Hal Pineless, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, Shailesh Rajguru, DO, Joe Semkiu, DO, James Toldi, DO, Martin Torrents, DO, James Towry, DO, Danielle Broussard, OMS, Alena Khalil, OMS, Matthew David Labrovski, OMS, Nikita Sood, OMS

Constitution & Bylaws: Chair: Marc Kaprow, DO

Vice Chair: James Towry, DO

Members: Walter Flesner, DO, Eric Goldsmith, DO, Diana Graves, DO, Sara Lohbauer, DO, Michelle Mendez, DO, Jeffrey Nelson, DO, Donald Pyle, DO, Alex Sher, DO, Lee Shettle, DO

Finance: Chair: James Towry, DO Vice Chair: Jeffrey Nelson, DO

Members: Michael Markou, DO, Lee Ann Brown, DO, Eric Goldsmith, DO, Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, Richard Thacker, DO

Membership: Chair: Diana Graves, DO

Vice Chair: Sean McCann, DO

Members: Matthew Brill, DO, Vicki Calamese, DO, Mark DeSantis, DO, Marie Florent-Carre, DO, Sean McCann, DO, Jeffrey Nelson, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, Joseph Sassano, DO, Ronald Torrance, II, DO James Towry, DO, Kristina Fritz, DO, Brie Howerton, DO, Sara Lohbauer, DO, Sneha Polam, OMS IV

Nominating: Chair: Gregory James, DO Vice Chair: Michael Markou, DO

Members: Brett Scotch, DO, James Towry, DO

Long Range Strategic Planning (LRSP): Chair: Jeffrey Nelson, DO Vice Chair: Joshua Lenchus, DO

Members: James Andriole, DO, Nicole Bixler, DO, Lee Ann Brown, DO, Ronald Burns, DO, Diana Graves, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, James Towry, DO, Thomas Forks, DO, Joe Semkiu, DO, Alex Sher, DO, Sneha Polam, OMS IV

LRSP Subcommittee:

New Member Engagement: Chair: Sean McCann, DO Vice Chair: Donald Pyle, II, DO

Members: Matthew Brill, DO, Michelle Mendez, DO, Junaid Saleh-Esa, DO, Alex Sher, DO

Awards/Scholarships: Chair: Joseph Sassano, DO Vice Chair: Cesar DeLeon, DO

Members: Gregory James, DO, Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, Michelle Mendez, DO, Jeffrey Nelson, DO, Hal Pineless, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, Brett Scotch, DO, Alexander Scumpia DO, Francesca Swartz DO

Legislative: Chair: Paul Selzer, DO Vice Chair: Charles Chase, DO

Members: Michael Austin, DO, Marc Kaprow, DO, Joshua Lenchus, DO, David Leszkowitz, DO, Sara Lohbauer, DO, Jorge Luna, DO, Michelle Mendez, DO, Jeremy Olloqui, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, Ronald Renuart, DO, Alex Sher, DO, Brett Scotch, DO, Katherine Taylor, DO, Richard Thacker, DO, James Toldi, DO, Mindy Ward, DO, Morgan Adair, OMS, Alena Khalil, OMS, Sneha Polam, OMS IV

Public Affairs: Chair: Marc Kaprow, DO Vice Chair: Cesar De Leon, DO

Members: Lee Ann Brown, DO, Mark DeSantis, DO, Eugene DiBetta, DO, Mayrene Hernandez, DO, Brie Howerton, DO, Michael Markou, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, Joe Semkiu, DO, Lee Shettle, DO, Fawn Winkelman, DO, Alex Sher, DO

Public Health Task Force: Chair: Marie Florent-Carre, DO Vice Chair: Leonard Hock, DO

Members: James Andriole, DO, Michael Austin, DO, Lauren Biczak, DO, Cesar DeLeon, DO, Mark DeSantis, DO, Supriya Dhaurali, DO, Michael Heid, DO, Michelle Mendez, DO, Mitchell Peabody, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, Ronald Renuart, DO, Alex Sher, DO, Angela Wall, DO, Laura Francois, OMS, Alena Khalil, OMS, Matthew David Labkovski, OMS, Nikita Sood, OMS

Osteopathic Medical Student/FOMA Mentorship Task Force

Chair: Sean McCann, DO Vice Chair: Lee Ann Brown, DO

Members: Kayvan Amini, DO, Brian Browning, DO, Natalie Caplinger, DO, Merly Cubelo, DO, Linda Delo, DO, Brie Howerton, DO, Sara Lohbauer, DO, Dipak Nadkarni, DO, Jeffrey Nelson, DO, Mitchell Peabody, DO, Donald Pyle, II, DO, Shailesh Rajguru, DO, Joe Semkiu, DO, Alex Sher, DO, Richard Thacker, DO, James Toldi, DO, Martin Torrents, DO, Mindy Ward, DO, Morgan Adair, OMS, Kelsey Chandran, OMS, Matthew David Labkovski, OMS, Nikita Sood, OMS

Ad-hoc Committee on FOMA Redistricting

Chair: Jeffrey Nelson, DO Vice Chair: James Towry, DO

Members: Kayvan Amini, DO, Chet Anthony, DO, Lee Ann Brown, DO, Mayrene Hernandez, DO, Joseph Sassano, DO, Carl Spirazza, DO, Diana Graves, DO

AI TaskForce

Chair: Kayvan Amini, DO Vice Chair: Matt Brill, DO

Members: Victor Aramayo, DO, Jorge Luna, DO, Joseph McNerney, DO, Jeffrey Nelson, DO, Donald Pyle, DO, Shailesh Rajguru, DO, Joe Semkiu, DO, Carl Spirazza, DO, Ronald Torrance, DO

F:FOMA/President/Bruce Rankin/2025 FOMA FINAL Committees 5.15.25

FOMA COMMITTEES 2025-2026

Updated: 3/4/2025

Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, MRO, FACFP, President

Medical Education: Work on a member Career Fair which will include job boards, alumni tables, hospital recruiting tables, AOA Board certifying support, EMR tables and/or other services to benefit our members.

Constitution & Bylaws: Meet and review the FOMA Constitution & Bylaws and make any updates/changes as needed.

Finance: Recommend a yearly budget to present to the FOMA Executive Committee & Board of Trustee for adoption in September. The FOMA Fiscal year is October 1 – September 30.

Membership: Increase membership of New Physicians in Practice (NPP). Work with the Director of Membership & Education in order to reach out to new DO's regarding benefits of membership.

Nominating: Meet and recommend the slate of FOMA Officers for the next year.

Long Range Strategic Planning (LRSP): Provide short term & long term strategies, which will increase membership and to collaborate with the subcommittee on at least one strategy this year to increase participation from NPP.

LRSP Subcommittee: Work with the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee to increase membership from NPP. Collaborate with the LRSP on at least one strategy this year to increase participation from NPP.

Awards/Scholarships: Meet, review candidates (physicians & students) for the FOMA Physician & Student awards and vote for winners.

Legislative: Provide Director of Communications with updates, information and pictures for websites, Newswire and social media.

Public Affairs: Feature osteopathic medicine, the FOMA, Florida DO schools and our physicians engaging in communities and at work in order to drive the public image of osteopathic medicine and to drive our connectivity internally with our members.

Public Health Task Force: Identify current public health issues (such as opioid, mental health and COVID-19), needed for our physicians to provide quality healthcare to the citizens of Florida. Meet 3 – 4 times per year and provide public health news to the Director of Communications for FOMA website, Newswire, Journal and social media updates, etc. The Committee can decide what they want to focus on each year.

Osteopathic Medical Student/FOMA Mentorship Task Force: Conduct Live FOMA Student forums during the year, one at the COM (but including all schools virtually) and to work through each student district society to include all students in the student body. Each meeting will be announced on our social media platform and updates and pictures will be provided to the FOMA Director of Communications. Work with FOMA staff to update and educate our students of mentorship opportunities through FOMA physician members.

Ad-hoc Committee on FOMA Redistricting: Review the current FOMA District Societies (location and number of osteopathic physicians) and make any recommendations to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

Artificial Intelligence Taskforce: goals are aimed at ensuring responsible, effective, and ethical deployment of artificial intelligence in healthcare settings. Task include enhancing patient outcomes, ensuring ethical and responsible AI use, regulatory compliance and standards, AI integration in Healthcare systems, advancing AI research and innovation in practice settings, healthcare providers training and education of AI technology, monitoring AI performance and safety, and enhancing public awareness of AI benefits, risks and ethical considerations.

June 3 & 7, 2025

Tab 4

FOMA Executive Committee & Board of Trustees & District Society Presidents

FROM: Stephen R. Winn, Executive Director

RE: Executive Director's Report

The FOMA had an excellent legislative session, securing many of its legislative priorities on behalf of physicians, medical students, and patients. Together with our legislative partners under the Leadership of Paul Seltzer, DO, Legislative Chair the FOMA should be pleased with our Legislative results.

I want to thank the FOMA staff for their hard work in making this year's legislative session and Osteopathic Medicine Day at the Florida Capital a success. Additionally, I want to thank all the members and osteopathic medical students who traveled to Tallahassee to advocate on behalf of patients and the profession. Your time and dedication to the FOMA is always appreciated. The FOMA hosted the following FOMA members who served as Doctor of the Day in the Florida Senate during the 2025 Legislative Session: Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, MRO, FACOFP; Joseph Sassano, DO; Michelle Mendez, DO; Shailesh Rajguru, DO, FACN, Charlene LePane, DO, MBA, MSPH, FACG, FACOI and Roberteen McCray, DO.

Congratulations to Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, MRO, FACOFP, who was elected the 2025-26 FOMA President and the 2025 FOMA Executive Committee who were installed by Robert G. G. Piccinni, DO, FACN, AOA President, February 22nd, during the 2025 FOMA Live Convention.

The AOA's DO Day at the US Capitol this year was again very productive. The presentation was informative and well-received by participants. Thank you FOMA Officers: Dr. Rankin, President; Dr. Towry, President-elect, Dr. Mendez, Director-at-Large and Dr. Seltzer, Legislative Chair, for attending on behalf of FOMA and for meeting with our congressman in Washington.

In April, Jason Winn, Esquire and I attended the Governors Fellowship Certification Ceremony at the Governor's Mansion. The FOMA was one of the few Sponsors of this excellent Program for future leaders.

The FOMA sponsored the Brehon Family Services "Lace Up for Babies" virtual 5K. FOMA staff and their families walked to promote healthy babies and combat child abuse and neglect.

Finally, the FOMA Hunger Program now provides Weekend Meals for 250+ elementary students. This has proven to be very successful. FOMA Staff looks forward to participating August 3rd in the 5th Annual Tallahassee/Big Bend Community Outreach Event "Hunger Fight", providing nutritious meals to children, seniors, and families in need.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHELLE W. LARSON, CAE, CMP, reports that Bureau of Medical Education Chairs: Dr. Ronald Burns and Dr. William Silverman, along with the committee members, had 250+ attendees at the Live Convention at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, February 21 – 23, 2025. We had 1,400+ attendees for the 2025 FOMA Virtual Convention, March 28 - 30, 2025. The Education Committee met in May and is working on the speakers & educational topics for the 2025 Virtual FOMA Seminar, September 5 - 7, 2025. They are also working on the Feb. 6 - 8, 2026 FOMA Live Convention at the Marriott Resort Ft. Lauderdale Harbor Beach and the March 6 - 8, 2026 FOMA Virtual Convention. All programs will include the mandatory hours for Florida re-licensure. In April, Michelle attended the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF)

Board of Directors meeting in Tempe, AZ, where she toured Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine. The AOA House of Delegates is scheduled for July 17 – 20, 2025, at the Chicago Marriott Downtown.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, JASMINE SMITH, reports that a new *Know the Issues* is in production, and the latest issue of the *FOMA Journal* will go out in May. The Spring *Journal* includes highlights from the 2025 FOMA Annual Virtual and Live Conventions, FOMA's Osteopathic Medicine Day, and dates and registration options for the FOMA Virtual Seminar in September. The FOMA weekly Newswire continues to provide our members with updates from the Governor's Office, state agencies, national and state organizations, and events of interest. You may update your email through the website's member Login to ensure you get FOMA's latest news. As always, don't forget to make it part of your daily routine to visit www.foma.org and follow our social media accounts for up-to-date information.

DIRECTOR OF MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP, ANDREW FLOYD, MBA, CAE, CMP-HC, reports that over 450 physicians have joined FOMA in the past year. Membership growth continues to be a vital strength of our association. If you know anyone who would like to receive a membership invitation, please contact me at the FOMA Executive Office. FOMA District Society meetings continue to be planned throughout the year, and member physicians are encouraged to attend these meetings. They offer a great opportunity to network with physicians while earning free CME credit!

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, KAYE TAIT, reports that the 2025 – 2026 FOMA Annual Dues Notices have been e-mailed to our members! FOMA dues are payable May 1, 2025. FOMA Dues, FOMA Foundation, and FOMA-PAC contributions can all be made directly on the FOMA website. Don't forget to sign-up for our 2025 FOMA Virtual Seminar, by August 15th, to lock in your early bird pricing! Thank you to all FOMA members, for your prompt payments and generous donations to the FOMA Foundation & the FOMA-PAC! Please make online payments for your dues and educational programs on our website, www.foma.org.

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FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



2025 Legislative Update - Week 10

May 16, 2025

Paul D. Seltzer, DO, Legislative Chair
Stephen R. Winn, ED
Michelle W. Larson, Assoc. ED
Jason D. Winn, Esq.

Summary

The legislature has concluded all substantive work without finalizing the state budget, prompting leaders to extend the session beyond the scheduled 60 days. **Budget negotiations broke down as the Senate withdrew its commitment to consider the House sales tax cut plan, disrupting the budget framework established to initiate the budget conference process. This week, the House passed a resolution to extend the session to June 30, 2025. To date, the Senate has not agreed to the measure, maintaining its position of extending to June 6, 2025, as adopted by both chambers on the 60th day of the session.** Legislative leadership and the Governor continue working out their differences surrounding tax relief for



Chris Lyon, Esq., Sen. Gayle Harrell, &
Jason D. Winn, Esq.

Floridians and reaching an agreement on final budget allocations to begin the conference.

Included in negotiations is the Senate President's priority to ensure rural communities have access to health care services, the "Rural Renaissance" initiative. If agreed to, **the plan would fund programs to widen access to primary care, improve patient outcomes, and coordinate emergency medical care in rural communities.** Highlights of the plan include:

- Establishes the SCORE Grant Program, providing training and equipment for stroke, cardiac, and obstetric emergencies;
- Establishes the RAPP-C Grant incentivizing primary care providers to establish practices in underserved areas - **allocating \$25 million toward the measure, providing grants totaling \$250,000 for qualified health care providers;**
- Expands the Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Program to support mobile care units and telehealth kiosks.



Steve Winn, Jason D. Winn, Esq., & Congressman Neal Dunn



Steve Winn & Governor Ron DeSantis

Our legislative team is monitoring events as this process unfolds. **The FOMA is prepared for the budget conference to push for essential funding for GME, the FRAME program, and other healthcare initiatives expanding access to care.** Although several substantive bills passed the legislative process, some depend on funding through the 2025 General Appropriations Act.

Despite budget delays, lawmakers made progress on substantive legislation. Out of **1,952 bills filed, 255 passed both chambers, including 213 general bills, 37 local bills, and 5 resolutions and memorials.** Since adjoining, 233 bills await the Governor's review. To date, **the Governor has signed 19 bills into law. Among the bills approved is HB 1195, requiring hospitals to test for fentanyl in cases of suspected overdose or poisoning.** The bill sponsors named the legislation in memory of Gage Austin Taylor, whose life was cut tragically short in 2022 after unknowingly consuming a substance laced with fentanyl.

Legislative Highlights

Stem Cell Legislation: The legislature passed SB 1768, a bill authorizing physicians (medical doctors and doctors of osteopathic medicine) to perform stem cell therapies that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration when used for orthopedic conditions, wound care, or pain management. SB 1768 is on its way to the Governor for his review.

Department of Health: The legislature passed the Department of Health legislation, HB 1299. The bill expands the medical faculty certificate gateway for physicians by adding to the eligible teaching-site roster the Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine and Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk COM-Orange Park. The bill also keeps Florida's definition of "messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine" on the books until 2027 and preserves the state's prohibitions on vaccine mandates and discrimination; tightens oversight of medical-marijuana businesses through new background screening and loss-reporting rules; modernizes pain-management, MOBILE-Act endorsement, and temporary-certificate statutes

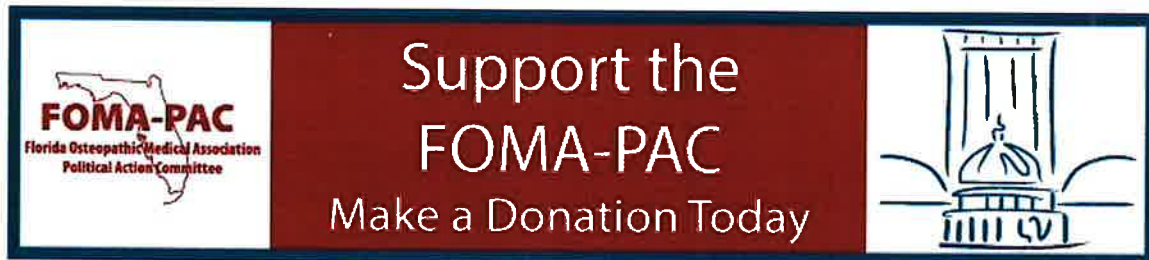
Scope of Practice: The FOMA and its partners successfully voiced opposition to measures that would have expanded the scope of practice. Despite opposition, the legislature passed HB 647, authorizing advanced practice registered nurses providing hospice care to file certificates of death or fetal death and certify the cause of death.

Medical Malpractice: Notwithstanding strong opposition by the FOMA, FMA, and other legislative partners, the legislature passed HB 6017 concerning the recovery of damages for wrongful death. The bill expands the scope of damages available under Florida's Wrongful Death Act, removing the prohibition on recovery of noneconomic wrongful death damages in medical negligence cases by the decedent's children who are 25 years of age or older and parents of a deceased child who was 25 years of age or older at the time of death. A floor amendment filed by the bill sponsor, Senator Yarborough, to include caps for wrongful death cases of \$1 million failed to gain traction and was defeated on a second reading.

The FOMA 2025 Know the Issues is forthcoming and will be published soon after the budget process is resolved and the Governor makes his final determination on transmitted legislation. This comprehensive document will offer a complete analysis of legislation passed during this session, detailing its impact on the osteopathic profession and patients and outlining any actionable items for our members.

[Week 10 Bill Tracking Report Click Here](#)

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PRELIMINARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JUNE 2025

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ACTIVE -

District 1	Susan Moore-Riesbeck, DO Caroline Wolverton, DO	Panama City Beach Gulf Breeze
District 2	Alex Arce, DO Patrick Rader, DO	Jacksonville St. Johns
District 3	Peter Correnti, DO Gabriel Nuriel, DO	St. Cloud Orlando
District 4	Joey Wilder, DO	New Smyrna Beach
District 6	Susan Manella, DO Matthew Moretti, DO	Pembroke Pines Davie
District 7	William Corse, DO Nicole Markovich, DO Melissa Rohrbacher, DO	Sarasota Bradenton Bradenton
District 8	Tricia Prince, DO	Miami
District 9	Lauren Feingold, DO Anthony Oliva, DO Catherine Polera, DO	Boca Raton Delray Beach West Palm Beach
District 10	Anthony Furiato, DO	Lithia
District 13	Melissa Bradshaw, DO David Riehn, DO	Brooksville Beverly Hills
District 16	Jayde George, DO	Melbourne
District 17	Daniel Ostler, DO	Naples

1st YEAR PRACTICE –

District 1	Nicholas Manuel, DO	Pensacola
District 4	Carlos Cambo Cortes, DO	New Smyrna Beach
District 6	Joseph McKeown, DO	Hollywood
District 9	Steven Shapiro, DO	Boca Raton
District 10	Israel Ugalde, DO	Tampa
District 11	Rachel Figaro, DO	Coral Springs

2nd YEAR PRACTICE –

District 3	Jennifer Forbes, DO	Kissimmee
District 12	Randy Leung, DO	Gainesville
District 17	Vidur Ghantiwala, DO	Naples

FACULTY

District 6	Yoav Ritter, DO	Southwest Ranches
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OUT OF STATE –

Joseph Bax, DO Stephen Friedman, DO Hunter Hansen, DO Michael Mitchell, DO Harris Ross, DO Edward Shadiack, DO	New York, NY West Bloomfield, MI Charlotte, NC Fayetteville, AR Wyncote, PA Seaside Park, NJ
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PUBLIC HEALTH / MILITARY –

District 9	Robert Ringering, DO	West Palm Beach
District 13	Gilbert Smith, DO	Riverview
Out of State	Kenneth Luna, DO	Bristow, VA
	Matt McCall, DO	Webster Grove, MO

INACTIVE / RETIRED -

District 4	Suzanne Kelley, DO	Ponce Inlet
District 6	Joseph Tordella, DO	Ft. Lauderdale
District 11	Eldon Vance, DO	Cape Coral
District 12	Peter Munson, DO	Gainesville

RESIDENT –

District 2	Alissa Hendricks-Wenger, DO	Jacksonville
	Mitchell Thomas, DO	Fleming Island
District 5	Philip Mendez, DO	St. Petersburg
District 6	Alfredo Lam, DO	Ft. Lauderdale
District 10	Katherine Bui, DO	Tampa

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

District 3	Hal Pineless, DO	Winter Park
District 7	Richard Yonker, DO	Sarasota

***** Membership Committee RECOMMENDS approval of all Life membership requests *****

DECEASED

District 5	Larry Bunnell, DO (KCOM-1962)	Lakewood Ranch
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