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## About FAIRx

Floridians for Attainable and Innovative Rx (FAIRx) is a physician-led and patient-focused coalition dedicated to helping insured Floridians access the life-sustaining, innovative therapies they need. We are working to raise awareness of discriminatory insurer benefit design that could keep Florida families from essential treatments.

## Why do we need FAIRx?

More than 13 million Floridians live with at least one chronic disease. If all Floridians had access to the treatment they need, an estimated 82,500 lives could be saved annually, according to the Partnership to End Chronic Disease. Unfortunately, health insurers in Florida are increasingly designing their plans in order to shift larger portions of health care costs onto those with chronic diseases by increasing out-of-pocket costs for critical therapies.

## How can FAIRx help?

While FAIRx hopes the state - with support from lawmakers - will continue down this promising path, we know this effort will require Florida's patient and provider groups, as well as individual patients, to speak with one voice.

Together, we want to engage in an advocacy campaign to:

- + Support state policies that make insurance coverage, coinsurance and copays more transparent and equitable.
- + Urge regulators and state policymakers to take action to protect all insured Floridians from out-of-pocket costs that could jeopardize their health.
- + Share personal stories from patients whose out-of-pocket costs are causing hardship for them or their families.

## FAIRx Campaign Partners



## How can Florida physicians help?

- + Join FAIRx. Visit our website to gather the facts and share the physician's perspective on the impact of high patient out-of-pocket costs.
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*FOMA President Brett M. Scotch DO, FAOCO, attending the AOA House of Delegates with his son Benjamin and daughter Lauren*



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*BRETT M. SCOTCH,  
DO, FAOCO, President*

As we approach the Fall season, I wanted to send you all my warmest greetings and thank each of you for trusting me in leading our great Florida Osteopathic Medical Association this year. It has been a busy year filled with engagements, meetings, ceremonies and great fraternity with my osteopathic colleagues

from around the state and nationally.

It was my privilege and honor to represent the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association in Chicago for the Annual 2023 American Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates Meeting this summer. The AOA House of Delegates is where DO voices unite and decisions on health care policy are made. Many thanks go to Anthony Ottaviani, DO, Florida Delegation Chair, and the 35 FOMA physicians and students for participating in this significant event. Together with my colleagues, many of whom served on the AOA House of Delegates Reference Committees, we discussed and adopted crucial health care policies and elected visionary leaders. We congratulated Ira Monka, DO, who was elected as the 127th President of the American Osteopathic Association and we welcomed Kathleen Creason as the AOA's new CEO. Through the work of our executive board and leadership, our members, and with strong collaboration with other state delegations, our FOMA continues to develop the best possible state priorities derived from federal initiatives.

From a state perspective, FOMA had an incredibly successful year. The end of Florida's legislative session saw the passage of expanded access to telehealth services, pharmacy benefit manager reform, and enhanced funding for Graduate Medical Education to address workforce shortages. And thanks to the work of FOMA's Legislative team, FOMA blocked a scope of practice expansion efforts. FOMA's annual Know the Issues magazine, which highlights important state legislation of 2023, was sent to members in August and may be found digitally on the Advocacy and Legislative Update page of FOMA's website.

As I mentioned in my Spring Journal message, "FOMA is your advocate, in your corner fighting every day for everything critical to you." The examples contained herein, of legislation both passed and blocked, are the building blocks of state associations. Without a finger on the pulse of critical legislative issues, the osteopathic profession cannot flourish and command the attention of state leaders. With FOMA, our members have a powerful voice in state and national government.

FOMA is also your biggest advocate in ensuring you have access to high quality and timely continuing medical education. Every year FOMA hosts two conventions and a mid-year seminar; all three events offer continuing medical

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education specifically approved for osteopathic physicians. The recently completed Mid-Year Seminar had over 1,400 attendees. If you missed the Mid-Year Seminar, FOMA has the dates and registrations ready for the two upcoming conventions in 2024. Both registrations may be found in this edition of the Journal and on the FOMA website.

As a member benefit, FOMA members also receive complimentary courses for the DEA mandated hours that went into effect earlier this year. On June 27, 2023, a new one-time requirement went into effect for all DEA prescribers to complete 8 hours of education on the treatment or management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. FOMA stands ready to help you complete the course requirements.

When it comes to education, I especially want to thank the tremendous number of osteopathic students and residents who are contributing to the growth of the osteopathic profession here in Florida and throughout the nation. We know that approximately one in four medical students choose to study osteopathic medicine with its distinctive mind, body, and spirit approach to care. According to the AOA's Annual Osteopathic

Medical Profession Report, "approximately 36,500 osteopathic medical students are expected to matriculate during the 2022-23 academic year." That's certainly great news as Florida continues to expand current Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and build new ones.

FOMA unites us and leverages our strength in numbers as osteopathic physicians. Whether we work together to meet the growing demand to provide care in medically underserved locations, to promote regulatory reform, or to increase access and affordability, we have the collective ability to effect long lasting, meaningful medical policy change.

I encourage each of you to get involved with your district society and at the state level. Your expertise, your experience, and your advocacy is critical to the continued success of our storied profession. Thank you for your service to the osteopathic profession and for your membership in FOMA.

Fraternally,



*Dr. Brett M. Scotch with his family, L-R: Benjamin, Jodi, Brett, and Lauren*

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



*STEPHEN R. WINN*  
*Executive Director*

The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association continues to champion the issues and activities most important to our members. During Executive Committee and Board of Trustee Meetings we discuss topics of interest to the osteopathic profession, and we take action through legislative advocacy and

through directing our policies to actionable and measurable items. FOMA delegates convened in Chicago for the 2023 Annual AOA House of Delegates Meeting, July 20-23, and once again, Florida was well represented. Under the direction of Delegation Chairman Anthony Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP, Florida witnessed a successful turnout for the AOA House of Delegates. Thank you to all Delegates and Alternates, and to those who served on AOA Reference Committees.

In June, I participated in a roundtable discussion held by US Senator Rick Scott on mental health & substance abuse in Panama City Florida. We also met with State Senator Corey Simon about funding for Graduate Medical Education, here in Tallahassee.

In July, Department of Health officials met with FOMA President Dr. Scotch, FOMA Associate Executive Director Michelle Larson, myself, and the newly named Director of the Office of Medical Marijuana Use (OMMU), Chris Kimball, JD, to discuss distribution of medical marijuana information to our members. Currently, there are 500 medical marijuana retail sites and more than 750,000 medical marijuana patients in Florida.

The 2023 FSACOFPP/FOMA Virtual CME Convention July 28–29, offered 23 AOA (1-A) credits and was attended by over 225 physicians. Thank you to the FOMA Staff and FSACOFPP Leaders for all your hard work and a successful conference!

In August, FOMA staff participated and was a sponsor for the 3rd Annual Community Outreach event “Hunger Fight.” Hunger Fight was able to pack over 147,500 meals and provide 5,900 books for Pre-K students here in the Tallahassee/Big Bend area. FOMA is also looking forward to participating in the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education (FRAME) Program. The program provides financial incentives to current providers in underserved areas and encourages others to practice in these areas. Soon, it will distribute \$16 million in program awards. Dr. Scotch believes “this program will improve the health of Floridians that may have difficulty accessing healthcare services.”

The FOMA Legislative Team continues to meet with candidates who are running for election or re-election in the upcoming 2024 election. THANK YOU, for your continued membership and support of the FOMA.

**FOMA delegates convened in Chicago for the 2023 Annual AOA House of Delegates Meeting in July, and once again, Florida was well represented... Thank you to all the Delegates and Alternates, and to those who served on AOA Reference Committees.**

**ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHELLE W. LARSON, CAE, CMP,** reports that Medical Education Committee Co-Chairs Ronald Burns, DO, and William Silverman, DO, along with committee members, were pleased with the turnout for the 2023 FOMA Virtual Mid-Year Seminar on September 8-10, 2023 which offered up to 27 (AOA) 1-A credits. Over 800 people attended! The seminar offered mandatory hours for Florida relicensure in addition to 8 hours that could be used towards DEA certificate renewal. Attendees had 30 days to watch the lectures and claim their credit. We are working on a 2024 Live Convention, Feb. 16-18 at the Marriott HarborBeach in Ft. Lauderdale and a 2024 Virtual Convention, March 8-10. Look for registration information/details on our website and in this Journal! Michelle attended the Association of Osteopathic State Executive Directors (AOSED) meeting in Chicago, prior to the AOA House of Delegates, where she was able to network with 30 state & specialty executives. During the meeting, she was elected the 2023–25 President of AOSED. She looks forward to working on behalf of the osteopathic profession and our members.

**GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS,** The FOMA Legislative team, under the leadership of Legislative Chairman Dr. Paul Seltzer and the Legislative Committee, will continue to meet with legislators, candidates, and agency officials to advocate for our DOs and to ensure that physicians are protected and given the flexibility to care for their patients. The FOMA-PAC is keeping an eye on upcoming elections and remains committed to working with candidates, and current elected officials, who support and promote the importance of the osteopathic physician's relationship with each patient and their ability to best treat their patients.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, REBECCA ROBERTS, MA,** shares that FOMA's 2023 Legislative Report, Know the Issues, was mailed to members in early August with an online version available on the FOMA website. Additionally, The FOMA Journal just completed production and was mailed to members in September. FOMA's website was updated earlier this year and the new features provide enhanced member services including blogging of FOMA's current events, interfaces with social media accounts on the FOMA homepage, detailed member profiles, and automatic

syncing with the association's email services. FOMA continues to work with AOSED to share select social media posts. Most recently, FOMA began collaborating with the Florida Department of Health on the Healthy Aging, Healthy Brain Initiative seen in the Newswire. The FOMA Newswire is delivered weekly to your inbox and if you have a story you would like to share with members, please let us know at [fomapr@foma.org](mailto:fomapr@foma.org).

**DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION, ANDREW FLOYD, MBA, CAE, CMP-HC,** reports that over 220 physicians have joined the FOMA since the beginning of 2023. Membership growth continues to be a vital strength of our association. If you know of anyone that would like to receive a membership invitation from us, please contact Andrew at the FOMA Executive Office at [andrew@foma.org](mailto:andrew@foma.org). FOMA Members who have not paid their 2023-2024 membership dues by September 30th, 2023 will be dropped from membership.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION, HEATHER GRANT,** reports that the CME Center (DOCME) is a success with 41 courses on demand available to all DO's. This year, Florida courses have all received a 4 and above star rating. The FSACOFFP/FOMA 2023 Annual Convention was a success with almost 250 physicians & speakers attending the virtual convention. Quarterly, we invite all new Florida licensees to join their colleagues as members of FOMA and we had a record year for membership last year, and we continue the momentum. Members appreciate the ability to call us any time, have someone answer the phone, and get answers to their questions. The Corporate Roundtable Membership continues to grow and support the profession and the delivery of quality healthcare to the citizens of Florida.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, KAYE TAIT,** reports that the 2023 – 2024 Annual FOMA Dues Notices were emailed and mailed to members. Dues can be paid online with optional contributions to the FOMA-PAC and the FOMA Foundation. FOMA members and non-members can register online for all FOMA CME events. Thank you for your online payments! We appreciate everyone's continued involvement and support!



# FOMA 2023 Legislative Update

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN  
Paul D. Seltzer, DO

*FOMA's analysis of the 2023 Legislative Session was recently published as, "Know the Issues," and sent to members in August. This Legislative Update offers a look at preparations for the upcoming Legislative Session in 2024.*

*Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chair of FOMA's Legislative Committee and thank you for your involvement in the legislative process.*

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

With the 2024 General Election a little over a year away, the FOMA's legislative team is monitoring the campaigns as candidates vie for seats in the Florida Senate and House. A total of 20 of the 40 Senate seats and 120 House seats will be up for grabs. We thank members who have made contributions to the FOMA-PAC. These donations play a vital role in the FOMA's advocacy on behalf of the profession, supporting candidates who understand the regulatory issues that impact patients and physicians. To contribute to the FOMA-PAC, please visit the following webpage: <https://www.foma.org/foma-pac>.

In addition, the FOMA would like to recognize and thank our Key Contact Physicians (KCPs) for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the profession. KCPs play an integral role in the FOMA's advocacy program, regularly meeting with legislators in the district and Tallahassee, ensuring they are well-informed on the issues. Our legislative efforts are enhanced significantly due to their commitment and professionalism.

As Legislative Chair, I'm pleased to report that the FOMA's legislative team is ramping up efforts in preparation for the 2024 Legislative Session scheduled to begin January 9, 2024. In less than one month, legislators will return to Tallahassee for interim committee meetings to hear reports from agencies and begin the process of filing and hearing legislation in the buildup to the session. The first meeting is slated for the week of September 18, 2023. Meetings will run intermittently for seven weeks, ending the week of December 11, 2023.

Health care will be a dominant theme throughout the 2024 session, affectionately referred to by some legislators

in leadership as "a big health care session." The challenges surrounding health care workforce shortages will be front and center. In seeking answers, some legislators will likely continue to push for reforms that failed in the 2023 session relating to practitioner scope of practice, healthcare title transparency, and licensure reciprocity with other states. The FOMA is particularly monitoring events associated with expanding the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.

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In anticipation of the opportunities and challenges ahead, the FOMA's Legislative team and our legislative partners are working with stakeholders, advocating for patient-centered solutions focused on safety and access to care with highly trained and qualified professionals. Building upon our success during the 2023 Legislative Session relating to the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program (FRAME) and the Slots for Docs Program (\$30 million in recurring GME funding to address the physician workforce shortage), the FOMA will push for increased funding during the 2024 Legislative Session to support these vital programs. In addition, the FOMA and our legislative partners will continue pursuing innovative approaches to address physician workforce

shortages.

Representative Joel Rudman, a physician from Navarre, Florida, filed the first health care bill for 2024, HB 11, relating to invalid restrictive covenants with physicians. HB 11 eliminates the enforceability of noncompete agreements, which prohibit a physician from practicing medicine within a geographic area for any period after the termination of a contract.

If you are interested in getting involved in the legislative process as a FOMA Key Contact Physician or a member of the FOMA Legislative Committee, please contact the FOMA Executive Office at (850) 878-7364 and ask for Steve Winn.

And mark your calendars for November 14, 2023, as the FOMA sets the stage for Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day ahead of the 2024 Legislative Session. The event is scheduled to coincide with interim committee meetings

Please stay tuned for additional legislative updates as events unfold in preparation for the session. For more information, please visit the “Advocacy” link posted at the top of the FOMA’s Homepage, FOMA.org.

# Save the Date! November 14, 2023

## Osteopathic Medicine & Health Awareness Day

Because the 2024 Legislative Session begins in January, FOMA is hosting the Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day for the next legislative session this November, during interim committee weeks. Make plans to join us on November 14, in our State Capitol.

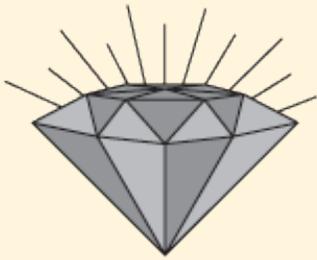
*Below: Florida Osteopathic Medical Association members and students met with Governor Ron DeSantis as part of FOMA’s Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day at the State Capitol in February for the 2023 Legislative Session.*



A NEW 2023 **KNOW THE ISSUES** WAS SENT TO MEMBERS IN AUGUST

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# 2023 FOMA-PAC

## Roll of Honor

The FOMA-PAC wishes to express its appreciation to the following contributors. Your financial contributions and your participation in the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association Political Action Committee (FOMA-PAC) demonstrate your commitment to osteopathic medicine and your concern for the future of quality healthcare for all Floridians.

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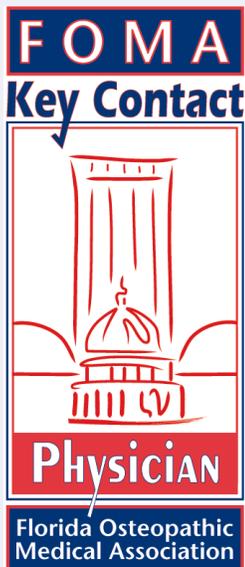
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# Attention



# FOMA Members!

## FOMA is Accepting Nominations for 2024

### ***FOMA Distinguished Service Award***

Given to an individual in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in science, professionalism, osteopathic education, or service to the osteopathic profession or citizens of Florida at a state or national level. This is the highest honor that FOMA can bestow upon an individual. The award is not limited to osteopathic physicians.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***FOMA Lifetime Achievement Award***

This award is given to an osteopathic physician who has made a significant contribution to the osteopathic community over the span of his or her lifetime. The candidate must be either a Florida-licensed osteopathic physician in good standing or a retired osteopathic physician.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***FOMA Physician of the Year Award***

This award is given to an osteopathic physician who has made a significant contribution to the osteopathic community in the past year. The candidate must be a Florida-licensed osteopathic physician in good standing.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***FOMA Stephen R. Winn Friend of the Osteopathic Medicine Award***

Given to an individual in recognition and appreciation for their continuing commitment in promoting the tenets and philosophy of osteopathic medicine in the state of Florida.

Nominee : \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominate Your Peers

Any FOMA member in good standing may submit nominations for potential candidates to the FOMA Executive Office with a letter of recommendation and a current CV of the doctor that is being nominated. Please mail the above information to the address listed below.

Please mail nomination form, recommendation letter, and CV of doctor nominated to **FOMA, 2544 Blairstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301**. Questions? Please call Michelle W. Larson at FOMA (800) 226-3662.

Your Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

All nominations must be received by December 15, 2023.

# FOMA Executive Committee & Board of Trustees

The FOMA Executive Committee & Board of Trustees met virtually via ZOOM June 5 & 6. The following committees reported during the meetings:

**BUREAU OF MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** The Committee is working with the FOMA Executive Office on the 2023 Virtual FOMA Mid-Year Seminar, September 8 - 10; the 2024 FOMA Live Convention: February 16 - 18 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Ft. Lauderdale and the 2024 FOMA Virtual Convention: March 8 - 10.

**LEGAL REPORT:** Jason D. Winn, Esquire, gave updates on the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine, the Florida Board of Nursin, and the Florida Board of Medicine.

**FOMA PUBLIC HEALTH TASK FORCE:** Dr. Rankin, Chair, gave an update, which included the minutes from their meeting.

**FOMA PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:** Dr. Kaprow, Chair, gave an update, which included the minutes from their meeting.

**FOMA STUDENT DISTRICT SOCIETIES:** District Presidents from LECOM Bradenton, NSU-KPCOM, and NSU-KPCOM TBR each gave updates on school activities and they look forward to the upcoming year, working with each other, within the community, and with the FOMA. They thanked FOMA for including them in the Board meetings.

**2023 AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES:** Dr. Ottaviani, Florida Delegation Chair, reported on the AOA House of Delegates, July 20-23 at the Downtown Chicago Marriott. The Delegation looks forward to celebrating with our AOA Leaders: Joseph Giaimo, DO, MACOI and Ronald Burns, DO, FACOFP, AOA Past Presidents and Richard Thacker, DO, FACOI, Trustee as well as AOA Incoming President, Ira Monka, DO, FACOFP in Chicago.

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The FOMA Executive Committee and Board of Trustees will be meeting "Live" Friday, September 22, 2023 - 7:00 pm at the Tampa Marriott Water Street and via "Live/ZOOM" on Saturday, September 23, 2023 - 9:00 am.

The next FOMA Executive & Board of Trustees meetings will be held via ZOOM:  
Monday, December 4, 2023 - 7 pm.  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 - 7 pm.

## 2023 FOMA BOARD of TRUSTEES

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# FLORIDA'S DELEGATION AT THE AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES



*Florida House of Delegates AOA Attendees (chair, alphabetical, students): Anthony N. Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP, Chair; Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC; James M. Andriole, DO; Ronald R. Burns, DO, FACOFP; Charles J. Chase, DO, FASA; Cesar De Leon, DO; Linda Delo, DO, FACOFP; Traci-lyn Eisenberg, DO; Walter B. Flesner, III, DO; Joseph A. Giaimo, DO, MACOI, FCCP; Jeffrey S. Grove, DO, FACOFP; Anna Z. Hayden, DO; Gregory J. James, DO, MPH, FACOFP; Marc G. Kaprow, DO, MHA, FACOI; Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM; Jorge D. Luna, DO, FACOFP; Steven Ma, DO; Michael Markou, DO, FACOFP; Sean McCann, DO; Jeffrey Nelson, DO; Sasha N. Noe, DO, PhD; Hal S. Pineless, DO, FACN, FAAN; Bruce G. Rankin, DO, FACOFP; Joel Rose, DO; Joseph A. Sassano, DO; Brett M. Scotch, DO, FAOCO; Paul Seltzer, DO; William M. Silverman, DO, FACOFP; Richard R. Thacker, DO, FACOI; Ronald Torrance, II, DO, FAOASM; James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD; Aja Erksine, SGA Pres. NSU-KPCOM; Madeline Metcalf, SGA Pres. LECOM Bradenton; Emily Thach, SGA Pres.elect NSU-KPCOM TBR; Nichole Cufino, SGA Secretary LECOM Bradenton.*

Over thirty-five delegates represented Florida at the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) House of Delegates (HOD) Annual Business Meeting in Chicago. Ira Monka, DO, MHA, FACOFP of Cedar Knolls, New Jersey, and an AOA board-certified osteopathic family physician, is the new president of the AOA for the 2023-2024 term. He graduated in 1984 from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, now the Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine in New Jersey.

Dr. Monka pursued additional health policy training and earned a master's in health administration (MHA) from A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine while running a multispecialty group to gain more insight into the administrative aspect of medicine.

During an interview in the AOA's *The DO* publication, Dr. Monka shared some of his primary goals while serving as president, "we're meeting with legislators and policymakers to ensure that osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) is better accepted by insurance



*FOMA President Brett M. Scotch, DO, FAOCO, with his son Benjamin and his daughter Lauren*

companies. We also want to visit students and educate them on who we are and the benefits of being a member of the AOA. We would also like to see all residency programs adopt Osteopathic Recognition."

Special recognition also goes to the Florida physicians serving on the 2022-2023 AOA Bureaus, Councils, and Committees.

*The following FOMA members served on Reference Committees during the July AOA House of Delegates:*

**Ad Hoc Committee:**

Anna Hayden, DO

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee:**

Linda Delo, DO, **Vice Chair**

Joshua Lenchus, DO

**Professional Affairs Committee:**

Brett Scotch, DO

William Stager, DO

Sara Lohbauer, DO

**Public Affairs Committee:**

Joseph Sassano, DO

**Resolutions Committee:**

Marc Kaprow, DO, **Vice Chair**

James Towry, DO

Robert Hasty, DO

**Rules and Order of Business:**

Bruce Rankin, DO



*Installation of Ira Monka, DO, MHA, FACFP as the 127th president of the American Osteopathic Association*



*Florida AOA Delegation Members Cesar De Leon, DO; Joseph Sassano, DO; and James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD enjoy the President's Reception*



*From left: Richard Thacker, DO, FACOI; Michelle Winn Larson, CAE, CMP; AOA CEO Kathleen Creason, MBA; FOMA President Brett Scotch, DO, FAOCO; Joseph Giaimo, DO, MACOI, FCCP; and Anthony N. Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP*

# HOD PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



*Above: Madeline Metcalf, OMS II; Steven Ma, DO; and Brie Howerton, OMS IV*



*Above: Joseph Sassano, DO; Cesar De Leon, DO; Bruce Rankin, DO, FACOFP; and Jeffrey Nelson, DO, FACOFP*



*Above: Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP; Madeline Metcalf, OMS II; and Nichole Cufio, OMS II*



*Above: FOMA District Society 6 physicians with students*



*Above: Sara Lohbauer, DO; and Lind Delo, DO*



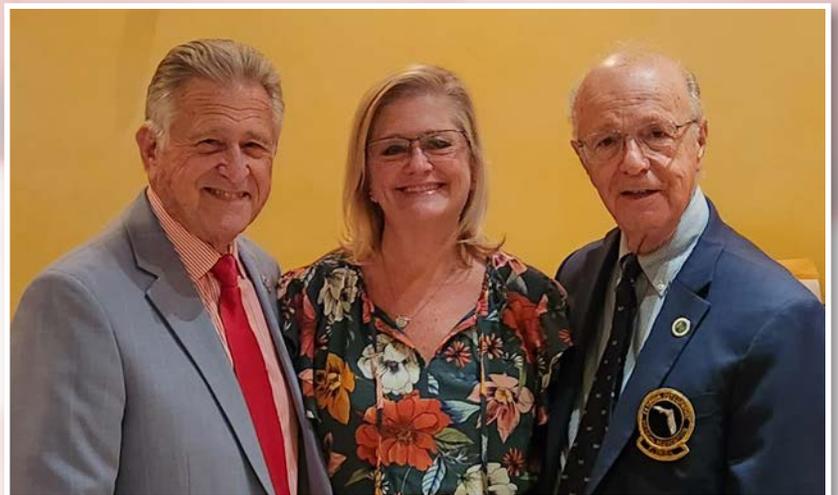
*Above: Vice-Chair Dr. Linda Delo reports on Constituion and Bylaws Reference Committee*



*Above: AOA House of Delegates*



*Above: Jeff Nelson, DO, FACOFP and Traci-lyn Eisenberg, DO, FACOFP*



*Above: FOMA Executive Director Steven Winn, Michelle Winn Larson, CAE, CMP; and Anthony Ottaviani, DO, MPH, FACOI, FCCP*



*Above: Linda Delo, DO; Walter Flesner, DO; and Hal Pineless, DO, FACN, FAAN*



*Above: Jorge Luna, DO; AOA Past President William G. Anderson, DO; James Andriole, DO; and Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC*

FROM AROUND THE STATE...

# DISTRICT REPORTS

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 2** – FOMA District Society 2 held its 2023 Annual Primary Care and Cardiovascular Symposium in St. Augustine, Florida, May 4–7, 2023 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.



For information on future District Society 2 meetings please visit <https://www.fomadistrict2.com/>

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 3** – FOMA District Society 3 held their summer District Society dinner meeting on June 27, 2023 at Antonio's in Maitland, Florida.

A lecture titled, “CGRP Inhibitors for Migraines” was presented by Hal Pineless, DO, FACN, FAAN, to those in attendance.



*Charles Chase,  
DO, FASA,  
FOMA Trustee*

FOMA District 3 would like to congratulate Charles Chase, DO, FASA, FOMA Trustee, on being elected as Treasurer of the Florida Medical Association. Congratulations Dr. Chase!

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 4** – By Bruce Rankin, DO, CPI, FACOFP, FOMA 1st Vice-President, Medical Director Accel Research Site in Deland, Florida.



*Bruce Rankin, DO,  
CPI, FACOFP, FOMA  
1st Vice-President*

The post COVID-19 pandemic is seeing a time of rapid acceleration of medical research clinical trials many of which were put on hold or delayed over the last several years. The FDA recently approved the first novel monoclonal antibody treatment for Alzheimer's disease and many more novel new treatments are in the pipeline for this indication. This affects about 1 in 6 Americans who show a central neurological decline especially in those over sixty.

Think about a time in the 1990s when the first “Statin” treatment was approved for lipid management. There were many similar statin class medications that quickly followed showing even further improvement in efficacy and safety. This class of treatment changed the landscape of cardiovascular disease in our country. With current vaccine research development, expect to see better immune responses and less reactogenicity of future vaccines. The next round of mRNA vaccines will contain shorter RNA sequences, lower concentrations, and have more specific targets (antigens). This should reduce the minimal side effects of these vaccines even further. Also multi-valent vaccines are currently

being tested to look at combinations of individual vaccines given as one dose. An example is having an annual vaccine for those over 60 that provides current influenza, respiratory syncytial virus, and Omicron COVID strain in one dose.

Current vaccine developments include new indications like Zika, HIV, CMV, C Diff, and Lyme's disease vaccines to name a few. Check out the [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov), it is the public resource to search for all current regulatory reviewed clinical trials in the US.

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 5** – The Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society (PCOMS) was pleased to provide support for the Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine - NSU Tampa Bay, "Meet and Greet." The event was organized and hosted by the Student Government of the NSU KPCOM, Tampa Bay Campus.



*NSU KPCOM Tampa Bay Meet and Greet Event*

The very well attended event was held on Wednesday evening May 3, 2023, on the Tampa Bay Campus of Nova Southeastern University, Kiran C Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine. The evening included opportunities for Program Directors or their designee to discuss their programs with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

PCOMS President Stacy Chase, DO, FACOFP, was featured recently in the AOBFP Board Member Spotlight for her dedication to patient care and osteopathic medicine. She currently works as a full-time physician for the Veterans Administration in Bay Pines, Florida, as well as a part-time physician for Visionary Centre for Women & Skinspirations.



*Stacey Chase, DO,  
FACOFP, President PCOMS*

Dr. Chase became an AOBFP examiner in 2013, director-in-training in 2014, and an AOBFP board member in 2016. She is the current vice chair of the AOA's Distinct Osteopathic Executive Committee (DOEC), Dr. Chase helped lead the creation of the first-ever OMT board certification pathway. She was honored as the 2020 PCOMS Physician of the year.

Lee Ann Brown, DO, FAAPMR, FOMA Past President, serves as Acting Chair of the Florida PDMP Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Brown is board certified in both Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Pain Management. She is the Chief Executive Officer of the Spine Pain and Orthopedic Injury Center in Clearwater, Florida and is the Immediate Past-President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association and Past President of the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society.



*Lee Ann Brown, DO,  
FAAPMR, FOMA  
Past President*

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# DISTRICT REPORTS

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 6** – FOMA District 6 (BCOMA) had a Board of Governors meeting on July 25. The discussion and goal was to have a Membership Recruitment Telethon beginning September 5th. The Osteopathic Medical Students volunteered to call physicians and encourage them to join. Sheela Anasseri (NSU-KPCOM Class of 2024) developed the wording for the call and a group of medical students reached out to get additional medical students involved in this event

The BCOMA attended the AOA House of Delegates in Chicago, IL as part of the Florida Delegation from July 21-23, 2023.



*L-R - Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM; Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC, BCOMA President; Anna Z. Hayden, DO; Osteopathic Medical Students; Jorge Luna, DO, FACOFP*

The following BCOMA members served on Reference Committees during the AOA House of Delegates in Chicago, Illinois

- Ad Hoc Committee: Anna Hayden, DO
- Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM

BCOMA would also like to congratulate Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC, BCOMA President on being appointed to the Agency for Health Care Administration's Health Information Exchange

Coordinating Committee. The agency is responsible for implementing a strategy to promote the adoption of electronic health records, including the creation of a statewide, interoperable network for the exchange of health information.

Congratulations Dr. Amini!



*Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC, BCOMA President*

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 7** – FOMA District 7 reports that its Fall Board Meeting was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023. The Board discussed events for the 2024 calendar.

**Save the date, Saturday, November 4, 2023**

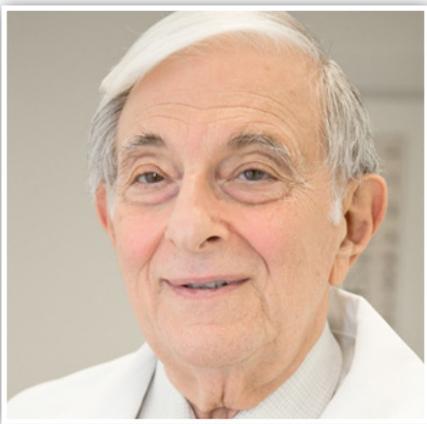
FOMA District 7 will be hosting their 14th Annual CME Seminar on Saturday, November 4th, 2023 from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM at LECOM-Bradenton - Lakewood Ranch with lunch included.

The Seminar will offer 8 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME Credits including the Florida State Mandated Hours.

- Professional Medical Ethics and Florida Laws and Rules - 1 hour
- Prescribing Controlled Substances - 2 hours
- Prevention of Medical Errors - 2 hours

Attendee hours will be reported to the AOA and Florida's CE Broker. A certificate of attendance will also be issued to each attendee.

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 8** – FOMA District Society 8 would like to congratulate FOMA Life Member Paul Glassman, DO, on being recognized by Larkin Hospital at their Graduation Ceremony on June 4, 2023 for his commitment and dedication to graduate medical education, as well as being a founding father of the Addiction Medicine Program at Larkin Community Hospital. Congratulations Dr. Glassman!



**DISTRICT SOCIETY 10** – FOMA District Society 10 would like to congratulate Brett Scotch, DO, FACO on his installation as the President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association. District 10 will be celebrating Dr. Scotch at their next General Membership Dinner Meeting on September 21, at Maggiano’s in Tampa, FL.

FOMA District Society 10 members attended the AOA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago.



*L-R: Brett Scotch, DO, FACO, FOMA President, District 10 Past President; Sasha Noe, DO, Ph.D. District 10 Past President; and Ronald Torrance, DO, FACOFP, FOMA District 10 President, attend the AOA House of Delegates.*

**DISTRICT SOCIETY 12** – FOMA District Society 12 President Diana Graves, DO, has the next FOMA DS-12 planned for September 28 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Salted Brick in Ocala Preserve. District Society 12 includes Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lake, Levy, Marion, and Sumter.

These meetings offer a great opportunity to network with peer physicians, while earning free CME credit!

# STUDENT NEWS

## **NSU-KPCOM FT. LAUDERDALE STUDENT CHAPTER**

– At the Ft. Lauderdale NSU-KPCOM campus we strive to come together as a program and host numerous events that all our students can be involved in. Club week was at the beginning of the semester, where we introduced around 70 campus clubs to the incoming first year students. This week consisted of clubs presentations ranging from our volunteer organizations to specialty groups to Greek organizations and many more. Our clubs on campus have been hosting many events: IMOC (International Medical Outreach Club) went on 3 outreach trips to Galapagos, Jamaica, and Peru; ACOEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) taught BLS and CPR training to our first-year students; SAAO (Student American Academy of Osteopathy) had a meet and greet with our osteopathic fellows, UMC (Underserved Medicine Club) hosted their first free clinic of the year; and our Language and Traditional Medicine Club organized an acupuncture clinic. In addition to club week and club events, we also had our first senate and council meeting.



*NSU KPCOM Fort Lauderdale hosted events to the Galapagos Island, Jamaica, and Peru through IMOC*

During this meeting, we introduced new student leaders to their responsibilities and shared plans we had for the upcoming year. Another activity we had was a Q&A for our new first-year students; it was an informative event where we discussed what it's like to be on student government, how to handle leadership with medical school, and much more. We are thankful to have activities that our students can be involved in,

and hope to create more opportunities for our students to get involved in for the future.



*Additional NSU KPCOM Fort Lauderdale clubs hosted training events, meet-and-greets, and free clinics.*

**LECOM BRADENTON** – Student doctors from LECOM-Bradenton's College of Osteopathic Medicine had a unique experience during Tampa General Hospital's Transplant Institute Summer Research program. As a part of this 10-week full-time summer internship program, each student was engaged in transplant-related clinical research under the guidance of a physician.

During a closing event on July 31st, LECOM students presented the research projects and received their certificates.



*LECOM Bradenton students complete a ten-week transplant training program at Tampa General Hospital*



# WELCOME NEW FOMA MEMBERS

## FINAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT — JUNE 2023

### PROVISIONAL - 18

District 1	Bobby Simpson, DO Moumita Biswas, DO Susan Moore-Riesbeck, DO John Schaub, DO	Milton Pensacola Panama City Beach Pensacola
District 3	Kevin De Boer, DO Paul Pena, DO	Lake Mary Orlando
District 4	Timothy Chan, DO John Hervert, DO Arlene Imber-Fine, DO	Debary Deland Deland
District 5	Watson Ducatel, DO Stavros Papandreou, DO	Brandon St. Petersburg
District 7	Colleen Shank, DO	Sarasota
District 8	Anthony Catapano, DO Ronald Espinoza, DO	Miami Doral
District 9	Joseph Cody, DO Julie Gorman, DO	Delray Beach Jupiter
District 10	Javier Gonzalez, DO	Tampa
District 13	David Ryan, DO	New Port Richey

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP - 2

District 6	Harry Cooper, DO	Hallandale
District 12	Bruce Branin, DO	Gainesville

### OUT OF STATE - 8

Mark Braunstein, DO	Durango, CO
Anya Cope, DO	Jonesville, VA
Robert Edwards, DO	Columbus, GA
Anthony Geraci, DO	Myrtle Beach, SC
Letrinh Hoang, DO	Pasadena, CA
Stephen Rivoli, DO	New York, NY
Kimberly Scholl, DO	Bartlett, IL
Victoria Zysek, DO	Columbus, OH

### INACTIVE - 1

District 2	Thomas McKenzie, DO	Fleming Island
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### SECOND YEAR PRACTICE - 1

District 17	Lloyd Hughes, DO	Naples
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### FIRST YEAR PRACTICE - 3

District 9	Pablo Caignet, DO Matthew Mozzo, DO	Stuart Jupiter
District 11	Elisa Anthony, DO	Ft. Myers

### RESIDENT - 2

District 3	Alexander Mikulka, DO Zaeem Qureshi, DO	Lakeland Clermont
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*For further information regarding your membership, contact:*

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# 2024 FOMA LIVE CONVENTION February 16-18



## Location: Marriott Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Resort & Spa; Earn Up to 27 (AOA) 1-A Credits

### The 27 Live Credits Include:

- Dates: Friday 2/16, 8-5:30 pm; Saturday 2/17, 8-5:30 pm; Sunday 2/18, 7:30-12:30 pm
- 5 Florida Mandatory Credits for FL Relicensure & 6 On-Demand Credits
- **REGISTRATION IS LIMITED! Register Early to Reserve Your Spot!**
- **REGISTRATION Includes 3 Continental Breakfasts, Lunch, and Reception**



### REGISTRATION FORM

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

FOMA Member Y / N      AOA# \_\_\_\_\_      FL License # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Certification \_\_\_\_\_

Osteopathic College \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Year \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Choose Category Below

Registration Type	Member Rate		Non-Member Rate
	Early Bird Before 1/19/24	After 1/19/24	
<input type="checkbox"/> Practicing DO	\$625	\$650	\$850
<input type="checkbox"/> FOMA Life, Military, or Retired DO	\$425	\$450	\$525
<input type="checkbox"/> Osteopathic Resident/Fellow	\$125	\$150	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Only - 5 Mandatory Hours	\$300	\$325	\$550
Registration Total:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

\* Payment (Circle) Check / VISA / Mastercard / American Express/ Discover      Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ VCode \_\_\_\_\_

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\*FOMA must be notified of any cancellation in writing 14 days prior to the meeting in order to receive a refund. Cancellations received after this date will be charged a \$50 administrative fee.

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2544 Blainstone Pines Drive, Tall., FL 32301  
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For Hotel Reservations  
contact the hotel by Jan. 22, 2024  
(or until block is full)  
Marriott Ft. Lauderdale Harbor Beach Resort & Spa  
3030 Holiday Drive, Ft. Lauderdale 33316  
\$365 Single/Double / 1-800-222-6543

# 2024 FOMA VIRTUAL CONVENTION

## March 8-10



## Earn Up to 30 (AOA) 1-A Credits

### The 30 Virtual Credits Include:

- Dates: Friday 3/8, 8-4:30 pm; Saturday 3/9, 8-4:30 pm; Sunday 3/10, 8-4 :30 pm
- 5 Florida Mandatory Credits for FI Relicensure & 6 On-Demand Credits
- Attendees will have 30 days to review the courses online



### REGISTRATION FORM

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

FOMA Member Y / N      AOA# \_\_\_\_\_      FL License # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Certification \_\_\_\_\_

Osteopathic College \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Year \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Practicing DO	\$550	\$575	\$800
<input type="checkbox"/> FOMA Life, Military, or Retired DO	\$325	\$350	\$450
<input type="checkbox"/> Osteopathic Resident/Fellow	\$100	\$125	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> Osteopathic Student	No Fee	No Fee	No Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Only - 5 Mandatory Hours	\$300	\$325	\$550
Registration Total:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

\*Payment (Circle) Check / VISA / Mastercard / American Express / Discover      Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# Florida HEALTH | Project READY

## Healthy Aging, Healthy Brain

### IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT

Over the past year, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) has been working closely with several partners, including the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA), to develop and distribute resources related to Alzheimer’s Disease and other related Dementias (ARD).

As ARDs are some of the most difficult conditions to diagnose and treat, osteopathic physicians play an important role in ARD management.

Osteopathic physicians are well-suited to practice early detection and provide a timely diagnosis because of their experience in looking beyond symptoms to explore how lifestyle and environmental factors impact a patient’s current and future quality of life. Moreover, a whole-person approach to treatment is ideal because these diseases take a toll on a patient’s mind, body, and support system.

Early diagnosis and identification of modifiable risk factors is crucial to improving health care outcomes for patients and their families. However, because cognitive decline can be difficult to diagnose in a primary care setting, it is important to use validated cognitive assessment tools to screen patients 65 and older during yearly Medicare visits.

In collaboration with the Alzheimer’s Association, DOH has made a variety of resources available through the Project READY webpage and the featured QR Code, including cognitive assessment tools, CPT code information, and professional development opportunities.



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**Florida Osteopathic Medicine and Health  
Awareness Day  
November 14, 2023**

**2024 FOMA LIVE Convention  
February 16-18, 2024  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**  
*Registration form available on page 24*

**2024 FOMA VIRTUAL Convention  
March 8-10, 2024**  
*Registration form available on page 25*