

AMAOPS – 2018-2019

Presidents Report

I have presided at all AMAOPS Board meetings and it has been a pleasure to travel and attend meetings, events, and speak on the behalf of this organization.

Our primary focus is to continue to address and organize a Student Advocate Associations (SAA) at one of our medical schools. I began my year by traveling to Joplin, Missouri. I met with our new board member Stacey Hamilton, and we discussed and planned the welcome for the new students in August. We had a meeting on campus with our faculty representative Dr. McNabb. Dr. & Mrs. McNabb will host the welcome.

Stacey was a SAA member at the Kentucky Osteopathic School while her husband attended. She had many ideas for meetings, activities and fundraisers as well as baby-sitting solutions. Stacey and I discussed and designed our new SAA brochures, and outlined the activities that would be planned for the first year. Stacey opened an account at the local bank for the SAA organization. Enthusiasm was amazing and items were in motion when I left Joplin.

In June, I attended and spoke at the St. Louis District meeting. The physicians wanted to include their spouses at this meeting that was held at the Drs Perry household near Forest Park in St. Louis. The event was well attended and the enthusiasm of being together once again was heart warming. The spouses decided that we should have a Christmas Dinner/Dance again. A committee was established and the planning began.

The AMAOPS board funded the updates to the SAA, AMAOPS, and “The Medical Marriage” brochures. The board was in agreement that having something to pick up and take home from the schools’ organizational fairs might be most beneficial for the new osteopathic students.

In addition, the new Student, Intern, Resident Advocate (SIRA) committee designed a brochure. The guidelines for this committee are continuing to be formulated, but it is evolving into a proactive organization. SIRA welcomes students, spouses, and significant others to social events. The committee educates the students on how they would best serve the organization at present and later as a physician and/or spouse.

In August, Dr. Spezia and I drove to Joplin again to support Dr. & Mrs. Hamilton and the McNabbs at the Student Welcome.

At our fall meeting at the MAOPS office in Jefferson City, Brian Bowles spoke to the board concerning the changes ahead concerning the struggles of the AOA was facing. Budget cuts resulted in making changes to annual conferences. MAOPS will not be offering student and resident funding and or rooms at convention. Changes will be made to the Wetzel Scholar program, one of which being money will be awarded to students upon completion of curriculum.

This year the Board decided we needed to change our fundraiser options and our spending at MOAC. We had no funds to disburse from the AMAOPS 2018 Convention. We will continue to fund and support the student scholars and fellows by paying \$1000.00 toward the breakfast during MOAC. The Board also decided that we would only order beverages for our meeting room with goodie bags given to members in attendance. Also, it was decided that the installation of our officers would be at the end of our membership meeting. Centerpieces at the joint luncheon will not be provided.

We decided to have a raffle of six different items for our fundraiser. The items for this years fundraiser is:

- \$200 Amazon gift card
- \$500 Apple gift card
- Fly Rod donated by Brian Bowles
- One night stay at the Chateau on the Lake (use by 1/31/20)
- Weekend 2 night stay at Tan-Tar-A with a \$100 gift certificate
- Painting by J. Louvre Spezia (Winner will pick one painting out of nine from the collection)

October 2018: I attended the AAOA in San Diego, California leading our delegates, (Julie Williams, Chris Yasso, Pat Molnar, and Sandra Novinger.) At this meeting we recruited our new Board member Shane Halvorsen from Joplin, MO. Shane is an AAOA Intern/Resident Advocate Liaison and has agreed to co-chair with Stacey at the KCU-Joplin Medical School and assist with establishment of the SAA on Campus.

Recommendation was made after presenting our by-laws to the AAOA by-law committee. The changes were proposed in order to clarify the membership classification. Notice to our membership of this change was reported in our AMAOPS Newsletter in February. A final vote will be implemented at this convention and a final copy of by-laws will be sent to AAOA.

We have taken measures to preserve our archives, which span over 80 years. Our Archive Project has been completed up to 1950. The CD's will be at MAOPS and I will hold the second copy off site.

I have been in communication with MAOPS concerning both of our organizations' membership. Our goal is to place emphasis on each of our professional organizations' membership and participation when communicating to groups. I believe we need to

work in unison and my hope is that we can improve this by the end of this year.

I have decided, due to length that a more detailed report will be given concerning the SAA's and the St. Louis District later in our agenda.

Once again, I would like to thank each and every member and board member for your support. At the end of the day there is nothing like the friendships of our Osteopathic Family.
JOYCE SPEZIA, 2018-2019 AMAOPS President