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May 10, 1999

Debra A. Smith, DO, MIHM, MIM
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Dear Dr. Smith:

Thank you for your e-mail on May 1 and your several telephone calls beforehand. I enjoyed talking to your mother in our attempt to track you down.

Thank you also for bringing to our attention your involvement in the World Health Organization. I have shared this information and your c.v. with Doug Ward, PhD, Secretary to the AOA Council on International Osteopathic Medical Education and Affairs (CIOMEA), for this Council would most benefit from your international experience.

Good luck at the upcoming World Health Assembly. We appreciate your carrying the osteopathic banner to this conclave as it can fly high worldwide.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

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September 24, 1999

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Dear Dr. Smith:

On behalf of the AOA, Larry Wickless, D.O., and the Council on International Osteopathic Medical Education and Affairs, I wish to thank you for agreeing to participate in our International Seminar at the AOA Convention and Scientific Seminar.

The seminar will be held at the Moscone Center, San Francisco, California, on Sunday, October 24, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The room is still to be announced.

We will be especially interested in your experiences with the World Health Organization, or any other international activity that you wish to relate.

If there is any question, please contact me at 312-202-8111, or my secretary, Carol Corsello at 312-202-8049.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas Ward, Ph.D.

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cc: Larry A. Wickless, D.O., Chair, CIOMEA

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MINUTES

COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EDUCATION AND
AFFAIRS

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION
Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia
September 25, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Larry A. Wickless, D.O., at 10:00 a.m.

Present were:

Larry A. Wickless, D.O., Chair
Joseph J. Riley, D.O., Vice Chair
Lawrence Boger, Ph.D.
Silvia M. Ferretti, D.O.
Mitchell Kasovac, D.O.
Michael L. Kuchera, D.O.
Joseph W. Stella, D.O.
Emily Ward, Student Doctor

Not present and excused: Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, D.O. (out of the country)

Also present:

Advisors: Eugene A. Oliveri, D.O., President
Richard M. Ryan, Jr., D.Sc.

Staff:

Konrad Retz, Ph.D.
Linda Mascheri
John B. Crosby, J.D.
Bonnie Koenig
Shelley Morrison

Visitors:

Ted Findlay, D.O., President, Canadian Osteopathic Association
William McCord, D.O., Vice Chair, AAOE
Karen Nichols, D.O., Board of Trustees observer
Joseph Kuchinski, D.O., Observer, ACOEP
George Thomas, D.O., Board of Trustees, observer
Bruce Dubin, D.O., OUCOM

The meeting opened with introductions around the table.

The agenda was reviewed, and approved with revisions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes from the meeting of April 17-18, 1999, were reviewed and APPROVED.

REPORTS:

Dr. Wickless reported on a meeting with Dr. Péter McPherson, President, Michigan State University. It was noted that Dr. McPherson, during a prior appointment, was director of the USAID, and that we would be contacting him for advice on potential contacts within that department.

Dr. Ward reported on the status of the application for membership in the World Health Organization and PAHO, the WHO affiliate in North and South America. The usual route to membership is to first establish an active program within the region, and later going worldwide.

The Global Health Council meeting in June was attended by Dr. Ward. There he met one D.O. who was active in international affairs, Debra Smith, D.O. She indicated she had been a delegate to the most recent WHO assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

In July, the AOA Board of Trustees established the Center for International Osteopathic Medicine as an office within the AOA Executive Department. There was discussion of the program and budget for the Council.

Dr. Ward reported on a request from a school in New Zealand, UNITEC, to place an advertisement in the D.O. Magazine. This request was denied because the program is potentially confusing. These "osteopathic" programs are not designed for physicians. It was also noted that the Student D.O. online has received comments from Australian students of "osteopathy."

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the AOA develop a policy for the placement of non-physician osteopathy ads or organizational information in AOA publications. In the interim, the Council recommends that such requests for publication should be denied.

Dr. Findlay reported on the activities of the Canadian Osteopathic Association. The Council reviewed the issuance of a temporary license to an American D.O. who served as a physician to a youth camp in British Columbia this past summer.

The Council recommended that the AOA seek letters and statements from top leaders to support the COA/AOA effort in Canada.

Linda Mascheri reported on various individual D.O.s seeking licensure outside of the United States. The discussion included efforts in Brazil, in emergency medicine in the United Kingdom, and emergency medicine in Darwin, Australia. It was noted that a Dr. Wayland, an AOA member, has volunteered to assist in the distribution of information in Australia.

There was discussion, led by Dr. McCord, regarding the international initiatives of the Federation of State Medical Boards. FSMB was described as having a very active international committee. Dr. McCord indicated this may be of help in seeking worldwide acceptance of American osteopathic medical examinations, and he suggested observer status for the AAOE on the CIOMEA.

Dr. Ward reported that a Caribbean Association of Medical Councils has met for the first time this past summer to begin exploring criteria for the standardized registration of physicians for 17 countries serving 7 million people.

It was AGREED, that the Council will contact the Caribbean Association of Medical Councils to seek to introduce American osteopathic medical credentials into their review process.

Student Doctor Emily Ward reported on the International Health Committee of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association.

Dr. Bruce Dubin reported on the international program of OUCOM. He indicated the school had identified at least 9 goals it would like to achieve, and the extensive efforts to develop a high quality international initiative for the students at OUCOM.

11:50 a.m. The Council recessed for lunch.

12:40 p.m. The Council reconvened.

Dr. Findlay discussed a report received from Stuart Saxe, a Toronto attorney who had been employed to develop a summary on the current status of the American D.O. degree in Ontario. The funding for this report had been co-sponsored by the AOA, the COA and the Ontario Osteopathic Association.

It was moved, seconded and approved, that the AOA identify the appropriate means for assisting the Canadian Osteopathic Association and the Ontario Osteopathic Association in their quest for recognition of the American D.O. degree in Ontario.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council reviewed the proposed agenda for the International Seminar at the AOA Convention and Scientific Seminar, San Francisco, October 26, 1999. The planning committee is composed of Drs. Wickless, Kasovac, Feretti, Kuchera and Ward. Student Doctor Ward indicated she would distribute the program to students.

Bonnie Koenig, consultant, reviewed the strategic plans of the Council, and progress to date. She distributed a proposed questionnaire to gather information at the International Seminar in San Francisco. The Council added one item: Item 5: Contacts you have that could be beneficial to the AOA international efforts. There was discussion of potential revenue sources through international memberships, etc.

A new short-term goal was suggested: That efforts be made to improve communications within the AOA leadership regarding the nature and scope of the CIOMEA program.

It was moved, seconded and approved, to plan an International Seminar for the year 2000 AOA Convention and Scientific Seminar. It was agreed the chairman should speak with the Bureau of Conventions at their meeting in October.

One suggestion was that the program focus on international sports medicine because of the Olympics being held in the United States. Perhaps a collaboration with the college of sports medicine, AAO, etc.

The Council reviewed the international questions on the every member survey.

Dr. Riley reviewed a letter received from the Irish Minister of Health denying American D.O.s the right of licensure in Ireland.

Dr. Kuchera reported on the international program of the American Academy of Osteopathy. He also reviewed the "Osteopathic Curriculum" of FIMM and its Educational Committee. He noted that Robert C. Ward, D.O. of MSUCOM serves on the Scientific Committee of FIMM.

There was extensive review of a draft "White Paper" prepared by Drs. Kuchera, Ferretti and Kasovac. This paper describes the overall program and direction of the CIOMEA.

It was moved, seconded and approved, that the white paper be approved in concept, and that the comments from Dr. Douglas Ward should be incorporated. Also, the draft should be circulated to all members of the CIOMEA for their comments and suggestions. The paper should be sent to the October meeting of the Bureau of Professional Education for review, with the goal of presentation to the AOA Board of Trustees at their meeting in San Francisco, October, 1999. It would be presented to the Board for informational purposes only. Upon review and comment, the Council will then rewrite the paper and review the AOA policy on international affairs for discussion at the next meeting of the CIOMEA.

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Dr. Kuchera noted that FIMM will be holding its international meeting in July 2001, in Chicago.

Dr. Ward directed the Council's attention to several attached informational items, including a DOCare International document.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for April 15, 2000, Arlington, Virginia.

The Council adjourned at 4:20 p.m.