

From President Greco Member Service and Educational Excellence Will Be Our Focus



I am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve as your President in this, the 73rd year of the ACOI's existence. I follow in the footsteps of some great leaders who have

stewarded our College well during its recent rapid growth. My goal is to focus on ways in which we can better serve our members

While ACOI's motto has long been "In service to all members, all members in service," I see the core of that service to be our efforts toward member education. We educate via traditional CME, by setting residency and fellowship standards and through leadership and advocacy. I think it is fair to say that the impact of our efforts to provide high-quality education has been profound.

We are connecting with more people now than ever before and we continue to grow. Our Council on Education and Evaluation supervises 113 internal medicine residency programs and 121 subspecialty fellowship programs. There are more than 1700 trainees in those programs. Our CME events continue to grow each year with nearly 2000 internists participating in our four major events in 2013.

This is an attestation to the innovative leadership of program directors like 2103 convention chairman, Marty Burke, DO, our board review course co*continued on page 2*



Dr. Greco Inaugurated as 2013 President

Rick A. Greco, DO, FACOI was inaugurated as the new President of the ACOI at the Annual Meeting of Members on Sunday, October 13, in Indian Wells, California. The Member Meeting was the concluding event of the 2013 Annual Convention and Scientific Sessions. Dr. Greco is a hospitalist in Wheeling, West Virginia. He has served on the Board of Directors since 2004. More than 1200 members attended the Convention.

During the business meeting, the members elected a slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee. Judith A. Lightfoot, DO, FACOI, an infectious diseases specialist in Stratford, New Jersey was elected President-elect. John B. Bulger, DO, MBA, a general internist in Danville, Pennsylvania was elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Martin C. Burke, DO, FACOI, Scott L. Girard, DO, FACOI, and Samuel K. Snyder, DO, FACOI all were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Robert L. DiGiovanni, DO, FACOI was elected to complete the one year remaining in Dr. Bulger's Board term.

The members also approved changes to the College's bylaws. Most of the changes were editorial. Substantive changes were approved in the emeritus and retired member categories of the bylaws. The previous requirements for Emeritus status were 25 years of Active membership and complete retirement from employment. The change would permit Emeritus status for all members with 35 years of Active membership, regardless of employment status. Retired member status would be made available to any member who is fully retired from practice. The requirement that the member be age 65 and older would be eliminated. Taken together, the two changes above would reward those long-time members who choose to continue to work, while providing the flexibility to provide retired status for younger physicians who decide to leave practice. The amendments

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Healthcare Leadership Program Graduates First Class

The American College of Osteopathic Internists and University of Texas at Dallas Certificate Program in Healthcare Leadership and Management successfully graduated its first class in October. The initial year-long program concluded at the ACOI's annual meeting in Indian Wells, California with a capstone experience and the awarding of certificates of participation and 30 CME credits to the first individuals who successfully completed the program.

Those who participated in the program had a positive experience. According to David L. Miller, DO, FACOI, a general internist from Macomb, IL, "I took this course to really prepare myself for the future of medicine. What I found was one of the most valuable aspects of my education to date." According to Pamela Goldman, DO, a hospitalist in Yardley, PA, "As a professional relatively early in my career looking toward

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American College of Osteopathic Internists

In Service to All Members; All Members in Service

MISSION

The mission of the ACOI is to advance the practice of osteopathic internal medicine. Through excellence in education, advocacy, research and the opportunity for service, the ACOI strives to enhance the professional and personal development of the family of osteopathic internists.

VISION

The ACOI seeks to be the organization that osteopathic internists think of first for education, information, representation and service to the profession.

VALUES

To accomplish its vision and mission, the ACOI will base its decisions and actions on the following core values: LEADERSHIP for the advancement of osteopathic medicine EXCELLENCE in programs and services INTEGRITY in decision-making and actions PROFESSIONALISM in all interactions SERVICE to meet member needs

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Letter from the President

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chairs, Kevin Hubbard, DO and Gail Burchett, DO, and our inpatient challenge program co-chairs, Rick Schaller, DO, and Joe Namey, DO. It also is a tribute to the many quality speakers who continue to raise the bar year after year. In addition to more traditional CME events, this year we graduated our first class from the ACOI-University of Texas at Dallas Certificate Program in Healthcare Leadership and Management.

As a major initiative this year, the College plans to place an additional focus on the need for our CME programs to provide a lifelong pathway to mastery similar to that created for our residency programs. This responsibility will fall to our Committee on Continuing Medical Education. My charge to the Committee will be to explore innovations in education, assure the quality of our CME programs and integrate them with our state-of-the-art Osteopathic Continuous Certification education program.

Our goal is to help you navigate through the inevitable changes in the health care delivery system and provide you with the means to grow professionally while providing the best medical care to your patients.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to lead this segment of the ACOI's journey and special thanks to all of you who have mentored and encouraged me over the years, I look forward to my year in your service.

Rick Greco DO, FACOI

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The information provided here applies to Medicare coding. Be sure to check with local insurance carriers to determine if private insurers follow Medicare's lead in all coding matters.

Avoiding Payment Reductions

Physicians who provide Medicare Part B professional services should be aware of a 1.5 percent payment reduction under the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) for individual eligible professionals (EPs) who do not submit data on PQRS quality measures to CMS in 2013. The payment reduction will be implemented in calendar year 2015. EPs can submit data through the traditional PQRS methods (claims, registry and EHR) to avoid the 2015 payment adjustment and potentially earn a 2013 incentive payment of 0.5 percent. Additional information is available at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/ Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/Downloads/ PV-PQRS-EP-Registration-Quick-Guide.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_ source=govdelivery. You can also contact CMS' QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 or by email at gnetsupport@sdps.org.



House and Senate Committees Review ACA Rollout

House and Senate committees with jurisdiction have conducted their first series of hearings examining the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) health insurance exchanges. Testimony was provided by four representatives of contractors responsible for the design and operation of the federally-facilitated marketplace website. In addition, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Marilyn Tavenner testified before the committees. Following the hearings, additional information has been requested from federal officials. Additional congressional action is expected. The ACOI will continue to closely monitor this and other matters related to the implementation of the ACA.

New CBO Report Updates Cost to Reform Physician Reimbursement Rate

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) recently released a revised cost estimate to reform physician reimbursement under the Medicare program. Specifically, the CBO estimates the reform mechanisms contained in the "Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act" (H.R. 2810), as approved by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, would cost approximately \$175.5 billion over ten years. This estimate is up from the \$139 billion estimate released earlier this year.

According to the CBO, its earlier estimate reflected a repeal of the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate and maintaining current payment levels. H.R. 2810 would repeal the SGR and provide a positive update of .5 percent from 2014 through 2018. Absent congressional intervention, physicians are facing an estimated reduction of 24.7 percent in January 2014. It is important to note that the revised cost estimate is still below last year's estimate of \$245 billion. The CBO cites a reduction in physician spending under the Medicare program for the reduced cost of a repeal. Still unresolved in this debate is how Congress will pay for the repeal and replacement of the SGR with a positive update. Current budget and debt ceiling negotiations will also complicate negotiations going forward. The ACOI will continue to monitor this situation closely.

\$14.2 Billion Spent on Health Professional Training in 2012

According to a report released by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the federal government spent \$14.2 billion on 91 programs for postsecondary training or education for health professionals in fiscal year 2012. The programs were administered through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense and Department of Education. Graduate medical education accounted for 78 percent of the expenditures. Medicare payments to hospitals in the form of Direct Graduate Medical Education and Indirect Medical Education accounted for about 66 percent of total reported healthcare workforce training funding. The full report entitled, "Health Care Workforce: Federally Funded Training Programs in Fiscal Year 2012" is available at http:// www.gao.gov/products/GAO-13-709R.

HHS Releases Model Documents to Assist with HIPAA Compliance

HHS released 16 model notices of privacy practices for healthcare providers and others to assist in meeting requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The notices are required to inform patients of a provider's privacy practices. According to an HHS release, "Many entities have asked for additional guidance on how to create a clear, accessible notice that their patients or plan members can understand." The new model notices are intended to meet this need and are provide in three options: notice in the form of a booklet; a layered notice that presents a summary on the first page, followed by detailed comment; and, a text only version. These resources are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/modelnotices.html.

CMS Face-to-Face Requirement for DME Postponed

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it again will postpone a requirement that medical providers have a face-to-face encounter with a Medicare beneficiary within six months of prescribing durable medical equipment. The requirement was established in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). The new date for enforcement of the requirement will be announced in 2014. According to CMS, "CMS expects all durable medical equipment suppliers to have fully established such internal processes and have appropriate documentation of required encounters by a date that will be announced in calendar year 2014." Additional information is available at www.cms.gov.

Census Bureau Releases Report Detailing Health Insurance Coverage

According to a report recently released by the US Census Bureau, the percentage of people without health insurance coverage declined in 2012. The report indicates that people without coverage declined to 15.4 percent, down from 15.7 percent in 2011. Further, the percentage of people with health insurance increased to 84.6 percent (263.2 million), up from 84.3 percent (260.2 million) during the same time period. A copy of the report, which details the characteristics of the uninsured, is available at www.census.gov.

Washington Tidbits: Capital for a Day...

Several US cities served as our national capital during the infancy of our nation. After the government fled from Philadelphia, PA due to advancing British forces, Lancaster, PA became the seat of power for just one day. It served as the government's epicenter on September 27, 1777. Since most of Pennsylvania's state government was located in Lancaster at the time, the Continental Congress felt it necessary to create a separation and crossed the Susquehanna River to set up the government in York, PA. York served as the nation's capital until June 27, 1778 when it was moved back to Philadelphia. It was not until 1800 that Washington, DC became the permanent National Capital.

Leadership Graduates

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taking on further leadership opportunities, I found this course to be invaluable."

The program, which began in January, introduced participants to new subject matter at three week intervals. During this interval, participants reviewed primary content and supplemental videos; read assigned materials from Harvard Business Review and other sources; created an online virtual learning community by sharing answers to case study exercises; and completed short quizzes designed to test and reinforce key concepts introduced in each unit. All coursework was completed while working remotely, using desktops, laptops or tablet computers at a time and location convenient for the participants.

One of the many highlights of the course was a serialized case study about the Bailey Clinic. The case follows a successful seven-physician general internal medicine practice in northern Michigan as it transforms from a traditional care model to a Patient Centered Medical Home utilizing an interdisciplinary, physician-led team to provide care for its 25,000 affiliated patients and families.

The exercise that accompanied each new chapter of the Clinic's journey asked participants to apply new knowledge and insights from the class to help clinic leadership resolve differences and move toward their goal. This approach also strengthened shared learning as classmates benefited from each other's posts and faculty commentary.

With an initial group of graduates benefiting from the knowledge and insights acquired by successfully completing this program in 2013, ACOI leaders and University of Texas at Dallas faculty are looking forward to welcoming the next group of participants when class begins in January 2014.

A brief video of what participants in the 2013 course had to say about their experiences is available at *https://vimeo.com/78690337*.

The 2014 Certificate Program in Healthcare Leadership and Management will build on the successful 2013 program. This innovative, asynchronous online education program was designed to provide ACOI members an opportunity to acquire the new knowledge and skills outlined in the Phoenix Physician concept paper published by ACOI thought leaders in 2012. (See box below.)

The course content is organized in three sections: 1) Interpersonal and Communication Skills; 2) Leading and Managing in an Interdependent World; and, 3) Providing Valuebased Care for Individuals and Groups. Throughout the certificate program, participants will explore areas of importance to help the practicing physician cope effectively with emerging healthcare delivery changes accelerated by the Affordable Care Act and private sector initiatives related to care delivery and reimbursement. According to 2013 participant Neil J. Belgiano, DO, FACOI, a general internist from Milford, MI, "I would recommend this to anyone interested in medicine and where it is going to be in the next five to ten years."

Registration information about the course is available through the ACOI's website at www. acoi.org. The first unit of the 2014 ACOI and University of Texas at Dallas Certificate Program in Healthcare Leadership and Management will be made available in January 2014. Additional information is available by contacting Tim McNichol at tmcnichol@acoi.org.

Phoenix Physician Priorities

- Development of personal leadership & communication skills
- Better understanding & working knowledge of population medicine
- Chronic disease management skills
- Practical uses of medical databases & information technology
- Understand the strengths of allied health professionals in caring for individuals & groups
- Ability to provide open access health care

News From the AOBIM

AOBIM Announces Hospital Medicine OCC Examination

The AOBIM will be instituting Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) in Hospital Medicine beginning in the Fall of 2014. This examination will be open to those internists certified in Internal Medicine who concentrate their practice in inpatient medicine. To be eligible, one must be certified in Internal Medicine by the AOBIM and meet other practice and CME requirements. Those passing the examination will relinquish their Internal Medicine certificate, which will be replaced by a certification certificate in "Internal Medicine with Focused Practice in Hospital Medicine." Registration and application will open November 1, 2013. Complete information is on the AOBIM website (www.aobim.org) and also can be obtained by sending an email to admin@aobim.org. Application packets are available by sending a request to admin@aobim.org.

AOBIM Announces Last Opportunity to Sit for Hospice and Palliative Medicine Examination

There will be one additional examination in 2014 in Hospice and Palliative Medicine available to those applying via the Clinical Practice Pathway. The deadline for submitting an application for the 2014 examination is December 31, 2013. No applications will be accepted after December 31, 2013. After the 2014 examination, all applicants will be required to complete a one-year fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in order to be eligible for examination. For an application, send a request via email to admin@ aobim.org

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CLINICAL FACULTY POSITION IN GERIATRICS– Ohio. The Department of Geriatric Medicine/Gerontology at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM) is seeking a physician for full-time, non-tenure, clinical track faculty position. The Department currently includes three internists, a nurse practitioner, and an PhD Assistant Professor/Administrator.

Responsibilities:

- Provide patient care and perform clinical teaching for osteopathic medical students, interns, and residents in an ambulatory care clinic, an in-patient hospital, home visits, and long-term care nursing homes/assisted living facilities (80% of time).
- Prepare and perform didactic instructions, and scholarly activities (20% of time).
- Share on-call to provide coverage for nights, weekends, holidays, vacation, CME, etc.

Qualifications:

- Required: Residency-trained Internist (D.O. or M.D.) committed to geriatric patient care, Ohio license or credentials allowing the same, DEA license, and appropriate Board certification or eligibility.
- Desirable: Demonstrated experience or Fellowship training in geriatrics, and/or Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine

Rank, Salary, and Benefits:

- Base University salary at the Assistant/Associate Professor rank commensurate with experience and credentials;
- Clinical stipend from faculty-practice plan with two-year salary guarantee;
- Excellent fringe benefits.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a qualified candidate has been selected. Please visit http://www.ohiouniversityjobs.com/ postings/6848.

For further information or questions, please contact: Cynthia Kuttner-Sands, MD, CMD Chair, Department of Geriatric Medicine/Gerontology Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine 348 Grosvenor Hall Athens, OH 45701 (740) 593-2217 kuttner@ohio.edu

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High priority is placed on the creation of an environment supportive of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities

GASTROENTEROLOGY POSITION- Michigan. Seeking a BC/BE Gas-

troenterologist to join a successful gastroenterolgy practice in Oakland County, Michigan. Affiliated with fellowship GI program at a major osteopathic teaching facility and an established sugical center.

Please contact Steven Klein, DO at 248-471-8982 or skleindo@ gmail.com.

INTERNAL MEDICINE PHY-SICIAN– Delaware. We are searching for an Internal Medicine physician to fill a position in a busy internal medicine office in Dover Delaware. Job duties

• Morning hospital rounds Monday through Friday from approximately 7:15 AM to 8:30 AM.

include but are not limited to:

- Office hours are as follows: Monday- Friday(except Wed) 8:45 AM to 11 AM, 12:45 PM to 4 PM
- (Wednesdays the last patient is at 12:30 PM)
- Follow-up office visits are 15 minutes, new patients are 45 minutes, preop clearance 30 minutes
- Intermittent scheduled days off monthly

On average each provider sees approximately 20-25 patients per day. There is coverage for call from 7 pm to 7 am. Three paid vacation and one week CME

After the first year, provider will be offered profit sharing and 401(k) contribution

\$1500 CME stipend per year, licensing, hospital dues, malpractice coverage, and individual health-insurance included. Starting salary will vary depending on experience.

Contact Dr. Marisa Conti cell 302-535-9040 or email drmeese@ aol.com.

OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

INTERNAL MEDICINE PROGRAM DIRECTOR Osteopathic, Faculty Christiansburg, Virginia

Carilion Clinic is seeking an Internal Medicine Osteopathic Program Director to direct a new residency program. Over the next year this position will be charges to lead the development and credentialing of the program, the next year will be available for recruitment of the incoming class and developing the educational program. Anticipated start date for the new residency would be July 1, 2015.



The program will be located on the campus of Carilion New River Valley Medical Center in Christiansburg, Virginia, a busy, modern, 146-bed medical center that serves a regional population of 185,000.

The ideal candidate will be osteopathic trained in internal medicine with at least 5 years of practice experience, three years teaching experience, board certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Internal Medicine, and possess a background in the development of an AOA-approved training program. The administrative FTE assigned to this position will be 0.5, with outpatient, specialty and hospitalist opportunities available to complete the successful applicant's full-time position.

Submit CV and cover letter to Andrea Henson, Manager, Physician Recruitment and Onboarding, Carilion Clinic, POB 40032, Roanoke, VA 24022-0032, or ahenson@carilionclinic.org, 540-224-5241. AA/EOE.

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION (DME), SYSTEM DIRECTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL EDUCATION (DOME) Osteopathic, Faculty Roanoke, VA

Carilion Clinic is seeking a Director Medical Education to lead the education development of their regional campus at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. This position will lead overall program development and directly lead medical student education, primarily in conjunction with the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM). Carilion is developing two residencies on this campus as well, Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine, and these two program directors would report to this position as well. Anticipated start date for the new residencies is July 1, 2015.

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This position will also serve as the Director of Osteopathic Medical Education (DOME) for the entire Carilion system headquartered i Roanoke,VA. In addition to the above two residencies at CNRV, this position would have responsibility for oversight of the AOA-accredited Neurosurgery residency, and a portion of the two Roanoke-based dual-accredited training programs, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine. This additional system responsibility and title would carry an FTE assignment of 0.2, leading to a combined total for this position of 0.6 administrative, 0.4 clinical with outpatient, specialty and hospitalist opportunities available to complete the successful applicant's full-time position.

Submit CV and cover letter to Andrea Henson, Manager, Physician Recruitment and Onboarding, Carilion Clinic, POB 40032, Roanoke, VA 24022-0032, or ahenson@carilionclinic.org, 540-224-5241. AA/EOE

Convention Raffle Winners

The ACOI conducted a raffle to benefit the College's giving campaign in support of efforts to benefit residents and students. Over \$7000 was collected for the 50/50 raffle and a number of other great prizes were donated by the ACOI, Marriott Corporation, the American Osteopathic Foundation and others. There was also a separate raffle for residents and students attending the convention. The prize winners are listed below.

50/50 Raffle Proceeds

Winner: David Greathouse, DO, FACOI of Macomb, IL Donated by: ACOI

- Weekend Stay for 2 at any US Marriott Hotel Winner: Sonnora Johnson-Reed, DO, FACOI of Franklin Mills, MI Donated by: Peter O'Brien, Marriott National Accounts
- Weekend Stay for 2 at Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel Winner: Karen Henrichsen, DO of Naples, FL Donated by: Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel

Weekend Stay for 2 at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa Winner: Alan Rosenthal, DO, FACOI of Monterey, CA Donated by: Renaissance Esmeralda Resort

Free Registration to any ACOI meeting

Winner: G. Scott Renton, DO, FACOI of Muskegon, MI Donated by: ACOI

(2) Windows Surface Tablets

Winners: Silvana Martino, DO, FACOI of Rancho Mirage, CA Anamika Doma, DO of Roseville, CA Donated by: SoftwareOne & ACOI

Blackberry Tablet

Winner: George Bescak, DO, FACOI of Amherst, OH Donated by: ACOI

Tumi Bag

Winner: Rachel Ferraro, DO of Redondo Beach, CA Donated by: AOF

Littman Stethoscope

Winner: Morvarid Rezaie, DO, FACOI of Fort Worth, TX Donated by: Parkview Medical Center

Backpack and Fleece Jacket

Winner: Monte Troutman, DO, FACOI of Fort Worth, TX Donated by: Cogent/HMG

Cherry Republic Gift Box

Winner: Wilfred VanderRoest, DO, FACOI of Novi, MI Donated by: Munson Health

Resident Session Raffle Winners:

IPad Mini

Omesh Singh - 2nd year resident/Plaza Medical Center, Arlington, TX

IPod Nano

Crystal LaGalle - 3rd year resident/Corpus Christi Medical Center, Corpus Christi, TX

American Express Gift Card

Tamara Boots - 5th year EM/IM resident/Aria Health, Morrisville, PA

Olive Garden Gift Card

Tara Ralph - 3rd year resident/Corpus Christi Medical Center, Corpus Christi, TX

Outback Steakhouse Gift Card

Steven Brooks - 3rd year resident/Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc, MI Apple ITunes Gift Card

Jason Stienecker - 3rd year resident/St. John Medical Center, Westlake, OH

Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to everyone who contributed a gift or made a donation.

Member Milestones

The American College of Physicians (ACP) Board of Regents has voted to elect Mitchell D. Forman, DO, FACOI of Henderson, NV to Mastership in the ACP. Mastership is conferred only on a select number of worthy candidates who represent the qualities of strength of character, integrity, bravery, perseverance, compassion, devotion, and steadiness, as well as clinical competence. Dr. Forman, who is a rheumatologist and Dean of Touro University Nevada, is the first Nevada physician—MD or DO—to achieve this honor Dr Forman also serves on the ACOI Board of Directors.

David Broder, DO, FACOI, of

Melville, NY, has been appointed Vice Chair of the AOA Council on Postdoctoral Training Institutions and has been appointed to the Committee on AOA Governance and Organizational Structure and Subcommittee on Constitution & Bylaws. Dr. Broder, a general internist, is Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Education at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in West Nyack, NY.

Touro College and University System announced the appointment of Kenneth J. Steier, DO, MBA, MPH, MHA, MGH as Campus Dean for the new Middletown, NY campus of Harlem-based Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (Touro-COM). The Middletown campus, currently under construction, is scheduled to open in August 2014 and is expected to enroll more than 500 students when fully operational. Dr. Steier currently serves as clinical dean and professor at TouroCOM, a position he has held since July 2011. He is a pulmonary-critical care specialist.

Future ACOI Education Meeting Dates & Locations NATIONAL MEETINGS

· 2014 Internal Medicine Board Review Course March 26-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA

• 2014 Challenges in Inpatient Care March 27-30 Westin Savannah Harbor Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA

- · 2014 Congress on Medical Education for Residency Trainers May 2-4 Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL
- · 2014 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions Oct 15-19 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, Baltimore, MD
- 2015 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions Oct 28-Nov 1 Marco Island Marriott Resort Golf Club and Spa, Marco Island, FL
- 2016 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions Oct 12-16 San Francisco Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions Oct 4-8 Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Washington, DC
- 2018 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions Oct 17-21 Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, FL
- · 2019 Annual Convention & Scientific Sessions Oct 30- Nov 3 JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Phoenix, AZ

Please note: It is an ACOI membership requirement that Active Members attend the Annual Convention or an ACOI-sponsored continuing education program at least once every three years Information on any meeting listed here may be obtained from ACOI Headquarters at 800 327-5183 or from our website at www.acoi.org.

2014 Certifying Examination Dates & Deadlines

Internal Medicine Certifying Examination Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide September 11, 2014 - Application Deadline: February 1, 2014 Late Registration Deadline: April 1, 2014

Subspecialty & Certification of Added Qualifications: Aug. 23, 2014 • Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: April 1, 2014 Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2014

Cardiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Hematology • Infectious Disease

· Interventional Cardiology · Nephrology · Oncology · Pulmonary Diseases · Rheumatology

Internal Medicine Recertifying Examination Computerized Examination 200 Sites Nationwide September 12, 2014 - Application Deadline: April 1, 2014 Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2014

Subspecialty and Added Qualifications Recertifying Examinations: Aug. 23, 2014 • Lombard, IL - Application Deadline: April 1, 2014 Cardiology • Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology • Critical Care Medicine • Endocrinology • Gastroenterology • Geriatrics • Hematology Infectious Disease
Interventional Cardiology
Nephrology
Oncology
Pulmonary Diseases
Rheumatology Late Registration Deadline: May 1, 2014

Further information and application materials are available at www.aobim.org or by writing to: Gary L. Slick, DO, MACOI, Executive Director, American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine, 1111 W. 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107. admin@aobim.org. Dr. Greco

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to the bylaws must be approved by the AOA Board of Trustees before becoming effective. This action is expected in March, 2014.

The business meeting included reports from the Executive Director and Finance Committee. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the ACOI experienced a net profit of \$82,336. Finance Committee Chairman Jack D. Bragg, DO reported that revenues were \$3.14 million and expenses were \$3.05 million. He noted that total assets of the Col-

lege grew to \$2.7 million. A raffle on behalf of ACOI's fundraising activities also took place during the business meeting. More than a dozen prizes were awarded,

including half of the proceeds of a 50-50 raffle. Complete information on the raffle winners appears on

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