



Massachusetts Osteopathic Society Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 19th, 2017 6:00PM EST

Board Present

Dr. William Foley
Dr. Katherine Riggert
Dr. Pamela Grimaldi
Dr. Kristin Foley
Dr. Lucette Nadle
Dr. William Seeglit, Jr.
Dr. Judy Hsu
Student doctor Frank Jackson

Members Present

Dr. Hollis Coblentz
Dr. M. David Dick
Dr. Peter Drennan
Dr. David Driscoll
Dr. Paula Grimaldi
Dr. Kevin Lanphear
Dr. Charles Lehnardt
Dr. Karl Liebermann
Dr. Richard Lucchesi
Dr. Mekkin Lynch
Dr. Frank Oberti, III
Dr. William Rhodes

Guests Present

Dr. Guy DeFeo – UNECOM

Staff Present

Ms. Samyuktha Gumidyala

The membership meeting was called to order at 6:11pm EST. A quorum was established and no conflicts of interest were disclosed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting minutes were approved.

Dr. Foley announced that he has completed the end of his second term as President and will not be running for another term. He then gave a summary of the MOS's accomplishments over the past year. One highlight was the increase in membership. The MOS has a total of 134 members for 2017. Membership has increased each year for the last 4 years. Dr. Foley recognized Ms. Gumidyala for her hard work in supporting the MOS.

Dr. Riggert discussed the financial report. Dr. Foley thanked her for her efforts in helping the MOS become more organized financially and especially with the creation of a budget for the MOS. The MOS has been financially stable and was even able to donate money to MOS students attending the AAO Convocation.

The MOS has been highly involved in legislative and advocacy work. They have signed onto different healthcare bills and are working towards achieving osteopathic recognition and equivalency in Massachusetts. Drs. Pamela and Paula Grimaldi attended the AOA House of Delegates this past July. Dr. Pamela Grimaldi also met with local senators to introduce and discuss osteopathic medicine earlier this year. Dr. Foley emphasized the need to make connections with legislators if the MOS wants osteopathic equivalency legislation passed. With the assistance of the AOA, the MOS has also been working on addressing unlicensed practice of osteopathic medicine in Massachusetts. A formal complaint has been filed and the MOS is working to get this resolved.

Dr. DeFeo provided an update on what was happening at UNECOM. There has been an increase in the number of students matching into residency programs in Massachusetts. Dr. DeFeo encouraged the MOS members to send students to apply for admission into UNECOM.

The next item of business was the approval of the MOS bylaws amendments. The board proposed several changes to the bylaws and membership needed to approve them before they go into effect. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaws amendments. The motion passed, and the bylaws amendments were approved.

Dr. Pamela Grimaldi presented Dr. Foley with a plaque in recognition of his service and dedication to the MOS as president for four years.

The final item of business was the election of the 2017-2018 MOS Board of Trustees. The members casted their votes and Ms. Gumidyala tallied them up. Dr. Lynch was elected to be the new MOS President, Dr. Dick as Vice President, Dr. Noelle Lee as Treasurer, and Dr. Hsu as Trustee. Dr. Foley moves to Immediate Past President. Dr. Kristin Foley, Dr. Seeglitz, Dr. Stephen Kisiel, and student Dr. Jackson remain on the board as they are in the middle of their terms.

The membership meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm EST.