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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by the President, John C. Prestosh, DO, FACOEP-D who asked for a motion to accept the Minutes of the Membership Meeting of October, 2015. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of the Membership Meeting in Orlando, as written.

At this time, Dr. Prestosh introduced John W. Becher, DO, FACOEP-D, current President of the AOA and long-time member of the ACOEP. Dr. Becher thanked the ACOEP for having him participate in the Spring Seminar, saying it felt like he was coming home to family.

Dr. Becher stated that the AOA is on the move and meeting today’s healthcare needs and environment for today’s DO. The past two years, the Board of Trustees has increased DO visibility through the new brand awareness campaign. This month, they are concentrating on raising awareness of DOs and their contributions to today’s healthcare environment. They are working on a state by state and national level to bring legislators up to speed on the contributions of osteopathic physicians. This will assist in advancing research and outreach in this new arena of medicine.

AOA plans to amend its bylaws to open membership to MDs who fulfill the criteria for membership and thus will alter its mission statement to be the professional home for all physicians practicing osteopathically.

President Prestosh thanked Dr. Becher for his attendance and interaction with the members of the College and continued the meeting with his report. At this time, he also recognized Darryl Beehler, DO, FACOEP, Past President of the AOA who is also a member of our College.

**Reports**

**President** - Dr. Prestosh’s report was presented as written informing the members of his interactions with the other emergency medicine agencies and his plans to participate in DO Day on the Hill in April. He stated that since the report was written he has become more involved with other agencies on ACOEP’s behalf as well as with our members. He will continue to visit other emergency medicine agencies and organization to ensure that ACOEP is involved with them at the appropriate levels and that their knowledge of our physicians and the equality of practice between DO and MD physicians.
**President-elect** – Dr. Giesa reported that she since began her tenure as President-elect she’s had quite the education. She and Dr. Prestosh attended the Advocacy for Healthy Partnerships and the AOA Board of Trustees Midyear Meeting.

At the Advocacy for Healthy Partnerships, the focus was how we as osteopaths can remain relevant, progressive and responsive in the changing environment with ACGME.

At the AOA Board of Trustees Midyear Meeting there were 19 resolutions which approved by the Board of Trustees. Resolution B-9 was of particular interest as the BOT agreed to appoint a task force to study the requirement of CME specialty credits for AOA board certification. The task force would include representatives from the Society of Osteopathic Specialty Executives (SOSE), specialty colleges, as well as representatives from other groups within the AOA.

**Secretary** – Dr. Acosta reported that during the last quarter of 2015 and the first quarter of 2016, he has worked with the Executive Director worked on the corrections to and implementation of the policies adopted by the Board at its meeting in October. These are now incorporated into the Board Manual and are on the Board Portal for review.

The staff has continued to work on the Strategic Plan that will be acted on at this Board meeting. Goals have had objectives extracted from them and staff has completed the first goals on member services. Other goals and objectives will be distributed to the Board and Committees for input by June to ensure that any items requiring new or additional funding will be included into the Budget.

This year the employee evaluation forms have been changed to align with the standards of the industry. Previous forms had both the employee and evaluator completing the same forms. This year the employee will complete a form meant to learn their motivational self, while the supervisors will evaluate things like task completion, workplace cooperation and so forth.

And, while we are on the topic of evaluations we have redone the Executive Director’s Evaluation form and are developing Board and Committee evaluations at the request of the AOA’s Healthy and Viable Association Act. These evaluations will be goal based and will not be available for the Board to review until mid-summer, after the Strategic Plan and its goals and objectives are adopted.

During the summer, we will again be developing needed administrative policies as well as reviewing the operational policies of the committees to ensure they are up to date and accurate.

**Treasurer** - Dr. Koch that the audit for the fiscal year of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 has been completed. The findings of the Audit were that the College’s total assets decreased by $549,102 during the last fiscal year when compared to the previous fiscal year. The assets include cash, credit card and check income, investments, accrued interest, prepayments, furniture and equipment and amounts owed to the ACOEP by FOEM and other non-profits. Currently the ACOEP is carrying a $2469 invoice from the Society of Osteopathic Specialty Organizations. This is a four-year old debt that should have been written off in this audit, but was not. Currently SOSE has insufficient funds to pay this amount and has had insufficient funds to pay the debt.
The total liabilities of the College also decreased by $447,298, during the last fiscal year when compared with FY 2013-2014. This large jump in liabilities was caused by the paying down of our Line of Credit and the larger amount of prepaid bills that were paid prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

Overall, the ACOEP’s net assets, dropped by $549,102 (19.4%), which was caused by paying down the College’s line of credit by $50,068 (15.5%) and having more in outstanding bills and expenses on September 30th than the previous year. This is not an indicator that the College is losing money it indicates that the College is losing its debt from the build-out of the office. Additionally, the College’s investments lost money for the first time in a long time.

Current Budget Update: The budget through mid-March indicates that the College will meet its stated goals of a profitable fiscal year. The College has collected over $80,000 of free rent with the renewal of its lease with the AOA and will begin to pay lesser rent in February 2017.

As of March 11th, the College’s budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015 through March 11th indicates that the College has collected 83.48% of its anticipated revenue and has spent approximately 51% of its anticipated expenditures.

Immediate Past President - Dr. Mitchell reported on the status of the nominations for the upcoming year. The College’s membership is getting younger and fewer people feel they have the time to serve on the Board. Many still think it’s the proverbial ‘good ol’ boys’ board, but this is totally untrue. The people serving on the Board and active and invested in moving the College forward into a new era and work hard for the membership. In the past, the Board was a closed shop, people got on the board and stayed a lifetime; now there are term limits which prevent the member from serving more than 9 total years, unless he or she is elected president at which time the term is extended through the time it takes to be President-elect, President and Past President.

Dr. Mitchell continued his report saying the only problem with the Board is it does not truly reflect the membership of the people in the College. It needs more women, more ethnic diversity and younger members. But mostly it needs to have people interview for Board membership and members vote. By not voting the members are losing their right to choose their Board members. The College is too big and the times are too tenuous to have members forego their own future by not voting for their future leaders.

Executive Director – Ms. Wachtler asked the members present to go on a trip with her to assist the Board and Staff look at the ACOEP now and how they’d envision the College in the future. She challenged the audience to view the College as if it were a snow globe, gazing inside to identify the good parts as well as the bad; propose ideas to her that would help the College cross the bridge to the future. What will look like, how will we operate, what difference will we make in the lives of our members. It will be the only way that we will be relevant in the future.

The remainder of her report was as written, informing members of the activities of the ACOEP Office.

Student Chapter – Student Dr. Timothy Bikman, President of the National Chapter presented the report of the Student Chapter. He reported on the first six months of activities of the Chapter including the
growth of their Facebook™ presence and the Chapter member participation in various journal clubs at the various schools. This is a great way to learn about research and to hone their skills as they move to residency.

The publication of the *Fast Track* has been going smoothly as the students and residents work side by side on this publication with the staff in the Media Service Department at the ACOEP. This collaboration has brought the quality of publication to new highs.

**Resident Chapter** – John Downing, DO, President of the National Resident Chapter reported on the activities of the Chapter. Included in his report was that the Chapter has been very involved in redesigning the bylaws to adjust the board and include the student chapter to provide seamless leadership.

### Affiliate Organization Reports

**Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine** – Dr. Acosta provided the report for the Foundation, informing the members present, that Dr. Turner and Ms. Whitmer had to leave the conference on Thursday evening. He briefly touched on the financial status of the Foundation, stating that they appreciate the support given. He also announced the winners of the Poster Competition and the FOEM Run for Research.

**American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine** – Dr. Phillips presented the report of the certifying board providing statistics on the pass rates for parts 1 and 2. Dr. Phillips informed members that anyone who graduated in 2009 or 2010 and has not participated in the board examinations must do so by the end of the year as their eligibility will not extend past this date. Anyone who allows their eligibility to expire will have to re-enter the certification process from the beginning.

He announced that the Board has become extremely aware of potential breaches of security in the testing process; therefore, test-takers will no longer be allowed to leave testing sites to go into an unsecured area where they could speak with fellow test-takers. Should a test-taker leave the testing site, it will mean immediate failure.

### Summary Comments

Dr. Prestosh thanked everyone for participating in the membership meeting and wished them safe travels as they traveled home either later today or tomorrow. He asked all members to review the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan and to please give feedback to him or Jan at their email addresses.

He asked for a motion to adjourn and hearing one, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan F. Acosta, DO, MS, FACOEP-D
Secretary