Ohio State Medical Association Annual Meeting

The Ohio State Medical Association Annual Meeting was held April 6-7 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to your delegate and alternate, a number of OAFP members were present for the meeting as representatives from their geographic districts. These members include: Drs. Brian Bachelder, M.D. (member of OSMA Council from 12th district), Ken Bertka, M.D., Denise Bobovnyik, M.D., Robyn Chatman, M.D., Louito Edje, M.D., Pat Jonas, M.D., Gary LeRoy, M.D., Carl Wehri, M.D., Donna Woodson, M.D.

Resolutions of Interest to Family Physicians

01-13 Council Restructuring

Currently, OSMA representation to the House of Delegates and to the Council is structured around 12 geographical districts along with members representing the Organized Medical Staff Section (OMSS), Resident and Fellow Section (RFS), Medical Student Section (MSS) and the 4 OSMA officers. In addition, 5 non-voting ex-officio councilors represent International Medical Graduates, Academic Medical Center Physicians, Health System Physician Executives, Practice Managers, and Large Group Physicians.

Adoption of this resolution will restructure the OSMA districts to number 8 instead of 12. In addition, 6 at-large council seats will be created. The Nominating Committee will hold an important role in nominating members for these slots based on the composition of the membership and the strategic plan of the OSMA. In addition, members were concerned to have the nominating committee selecting these council members so language was added that required the Nominating Committee to put forth a slate of nominees of at least one more than the number of positions available. As always, nominations from the House floor will be allowed if the membership is not satisfied with the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Significant conversation was given during the task force meetings that recommended these changes and in the House of Delegates regarding the OAFP re-structuring that occurred in the past few years and how this has worked for our Board.

05-13 New Education Loan Repayment Program for Ohio Physicians

Asked the OSMA to establish and support legislation to create a new loan repayment program that would have a private entity buy physician loans and allow the physician to repay at a lower interest rate over a longer period of time. This would be a program available for those in underserved and academic areas and would have no restrictions on specialty. Because of the controversy of this new legislation, questions on the details of how it would be run and debate around the eligibility for the program, this resolution was referred to council for study.

06-13 Crafting Innovative Ways of Funding Graduate Medical Education

Support legislation to create state-based taskforce to study GME financing in Ohio and investigate creative alternatives to GME funding that rely less on the federal resources

ADOPTED

07-13 Support for Physician-Led Patient-Centered Medical Home
The OSMA encourages the formation and ongoing support of physician-led patient-centered medical homes by calling for insurance providers to (1) recognize and reimburse the staffing needed for a medical home and (2) increase reimbursements for primary care physicians.

**AMENDED AND ADOPTED** (added the words Physician-Led)

08-13 Support for More Primary Care Physicians

**RESOLVED**, That the Ohio State Medical Association take steps to increase the number of medical students and residents going into primary care by calling for an increase in the number of residency positions in primary care.

**ADOPTED**

26-13 Virtual Pharmacy Server as an Adjunct to Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System and Reporting of Information to OARRS

**RESOLVED**, That our Ohio State Medical Association work with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy (OBP) to improve the prescription monitoring program to achieve the following goals:

- To develop a system whereby only the address of the practice location/hospital system where the prescription was written is reported.
- That the OBP utilize a central secure "server" to handle all prescriptions being reported to the OARRS database, such that the information flow process resemble the following: Eprescription → Central secure server → Pharmacy filling prescription marks prescription as "in process" when patient requests prescription be filled. (No other pharmacy can access rx at this point, to avoid duplicate prescriptions → Pharmacy marks prescription as "complete" once the patient picks up the prescription.)

**REJECTED**

27-13 Establishing Standards for State Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

**RESOLVED**, That our Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) work with the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy to identify inefficiencies in Ohio Automating Rx Reporting System (OARRS) and solutions to these inefficiencies; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That our Ohio State Medical Association work with the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy to establish Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) standards describing an ideal PDMP system which may serve as a guide for all states in establishing or refining their own PDMP systems; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That our Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) report these standards back to the OSMA annual meeting in 2014; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That a resolution be forwarded to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates and Medical Student Section to disseminate the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) standards developed by Ohio in 2013 to all states and encourage the AMA to increase interstate operability of PDMP systems.

**REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

30-13 Medicaid Expansion in Ohio

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA rescind its support for expansion of the Medicaid program in Ohio as called for by the Affordable Care Act.

**REJECTED**

40-13 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Medicaid Relative Value Scale Payment Modifier

**RESOLVED**, That the Ohio State Medical Association make every effort to eliminate the use of an adjustment modifier in setting Relative Value Scale (RVS) payment rates by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services; and, **be it further**
RESOLVED, That Ohio delegation to the American Medical Association advocate the elimination of the use of an adjustment modifier in setting Relative Value Scale (RVS) payment rate for national educational consideration at its next meeting. REFERRED TO COUNCIL

OSMA Leadership

Neal Nesbitt, M.D. – Surgeon from Athens was installed as President
Immediate Past President – Deepak Kumar, M.D. – Colon and Rectal Surgeon from Dayton
President-Elect – Mary Wall, MD, JD – Radiologist from Bellevue
Secretary/Treasurer – Vincent Gioia, MD – Ophthalmologist from Steubenville

Council Members
2nd District – Evangeline Andarsio, MD – OB/GYN from Dayton
4th District – Anthony Armstrong, MD – OB/GYN from Toledo
6th District – Carl Foster, MD – Anesthesiologist from Alliance
8th District – John Lloyd, MD – Family Physician from Lancaster
10th District – Andrew Thomas, MD – Internist from Columbus
11th District – Harris Schild, MD – Ophthalmologist from Sandusky
12th District – Brian Batchelder, MD – Family Physician from Akron

AMA Delegation
Delegates
Luito Edje, MD – Family Physician from Toledo
Gary Katz, MD – Emergency Physician from Columbus
Molly Katz, MD – OB/GYN from Cincinnati
Richard Nelson, MD – Emergency Physician from Columbus
Donna Woodson, MD – Family Physician from Toledo

Alternate Delegates
Denise Bobovnyik, MD – Family Physician from Canfield
Richard Ellison, MD – Ophthalmologist from Akron
Melissa Jefferis, MD – Family Physician from Columbus
Carl Wehri, MD – Family Physician from Delphos

The 2014 OSMA Annual Meeting will be held April 4-6, 2014 at the Hilton at Easton in Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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