



1 **Elections**

2 Dr. McCarty called upon Boyd Buser, DO, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, to conduct the  
3 annual elections. Dr. Buser explained that the President-elect automatically ascends to the presidency as  
4 stipulated in the AAO Constitution and Bylaws. Therefore, Guy A. DeFeo, DO will be installed as  
5 President at the Banquet on Saturday, March 29.

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7 *President-elect:*

8 Dr. Buser announced that the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the names of George J.  
9 Pasquarello, DO, FAAO and Michael A. Seffinger, DO for the office of President-elect.

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11 **Motion:** Move to close nominations for the office of President-elect.  
12 Approved

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14 Dr. Buser invited Drs. Pasquarello and Seffinger to the podium to deliver brief remarks about their  
15 candidacy for President-elect and plans for the future if they should be elected to that office.

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17 Dr. Buser called attention to the written ballots that were at the tables and reiterated the eligibility criteria  
18 of those who could participate in the elections. He instructed members to vote for only one candidate for  
19 this office and appointed a number of AAO active members to collect written ballots and tally the votes.

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21 Following completion of the tally of votes, Dr. Buser announced that George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO  
22 was elected to serve a one-year term as AAO President-elect.

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24 *Board of Trustees*

25 Nominating Committee had placed the following names in nomination: Lisa A. DeStefano, DO; George J.  
26 Pasquarello, DO, FAAO; Michael P. Rowane, DO, FAAO; Michael A. Seffinger, DO; and Michael J.  
27 Warner, DO.

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29 **Motion:** Move to nominate Michael L. Kuchera, DO, FAAO as a candidate for Trustee.  
30 Approved

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32 Dr. Kuchera was present and agreed to serve if elected.

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34 **Motion:** Move to close nominations for the Board of Trustees  
35 Approved

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37 Dr. Buser instructed members to strike Dr. Pasquarello's name from the ballot since he was just elected to  
38 the office of President-elect. He also advised members to vote for only two candidates for Trustee, each  
39 of whom will serve three-year terms. Dr. Buser reiterated the voter eligibility criteria for AAO members.

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41 After completion of voting, Dr. Buser announced that the membership had elected Lisa A. DeStefano, DO  
42 and Michael A. Seffinger, DO to serve three-year terms (2008-2011) on the Board of Trustees.

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44 *Board of Governors:*

45 The Nominating Committee had placed the following names in nomination: John E. Balmer, DO; Brian  
46 F. Degenhardt, DO; Nate DeLisi, DO; Lisa A. DeStefano, DO; Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO; Ann L.  
47 Habenicht, DO, FAAO; Jeanne Heyser-Easterly, DO; Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, FAAO; John M. Jones,  
48 III, DO; Natalie A. Nevins DO; Judith A. O'Connell, DO, FAAO; George J. Pasquarello, DO, FAAO;  
49 Ross E. Pope, DO, FAAO; Laura T. Rampil, DO; Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO; Sonia Rivera-Martinez,  
50 DO; Michael A. Seffinger, DO; and Stephanie Waecker, DO. Dr. Buser advised the membership to strike  
51 the names of Drs. DeStefano, Pasquarello and Seffinger from the ballot since they had already been

1 elected to the AAO Board of Trustees and also will serve as AAO Governors.

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3 **Motion:** Move to nominate Mindy Barratt, DO as a candidate for Governor.  
4 Approved

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6 **Motion:** Move to nominate John G. Hohner, DO, FAAO as a candidate for Governor.  
7 Approved

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9 **Motion:** Move to nominate Daniel Kary, DO as a candidate for Governor.  
10 Approved

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12 **Motion:** Move to nominate James C. Laub, DO as a candidate for Governor.  
13 Approved

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15 All of the nominees were present and agreed to serve if elected.

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17 **Motion:** Move to close nominations for the Board of Governors.  
18 Approved

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20 Dr. Buser instructed members to vote for only 10 candidates to serve three-year terms.

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22 After completion of the vote tallies, Dr. Buser announced the election of ten new members of the AAO  
23 Board of Governors to serve three-year terms (2008-2011): Brian F. Degenhardt, DO; Dennis J. Dowling,  
24 DO, FAAO; Ann L. Habenicht, DO, FAAO; Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, FAAO; John M. Jones, III, DO;  
25 Judith A. O'Connell, DO, FAAO; Laura T. Rampil, DO; Paul R. Rennie, DO, FAAO; Sonia Rivera-  
26 Martinez, DO; and Stephanie Waecker, DO.

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28 *Nominating Committee*

29 The Nominating Committee had placed the following names in nomination for one-year terms on the  
30 2008-2009 Nominating Committee: Boyd R. Buser, DO; Dennis J. Dowling, DO, FAAO; John C. Glover,  
31 DO, FAAO; Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, FAAO; Judith A. O'Connell, DO, FAAO; Karen M. Steele, DO,  
32 FAAO; and Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAAO. He advised that Claudia L. McCarty, DO, FAAO will  
33 serve ex-officio as the Immediate Past President.

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35 **Motion:** Move to close nominations for the Nominating Committee.  
36 Approved

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38 Dr. Buser instructed members to vote for only four candidates.

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40 Following completion of the voting process, Dr. Buser announced that Boyd R. Buser, DO; John C.  
41 Glover, DO, FAAO; Karen M. Steele, DO, FAAO; and Melicien A. Tettambel, DO, FAAO were elected  
42 to one-year terms on the Nominating Committee. He asked that these four members join him at the close  
43 of this meeting to select a chairperson of the committee.

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45 **New Business**

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47 AAO Component Societies

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49 Dr. McCarty advised that all 17 of the existing component societies filed an annual report in accordance  
50 with the *AAO Manual of Procedures*.

1           **Motion:**       Move to recertify the following Component Societies of the American Academy  
2                           of Osteopathy: Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan-Great Lakes, New  
3                           England, New Jersey, New York, Northern California, Ohio, Oklahoma,  
4                           Pennsylvania, Puget Sound, Rocky Mountain, Texas, The Cranial Academy, and  
5                           the Sutherland Cranial Teaching Foundation.

6           Approved

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8   Dr. McCarty also advised that the Board of Trustees had received and approved three applications from  
9   groups of AAO members wishing to establish AAO component societies, and bylaws from three new  
10   UAAO Chapters. These groups fulfilled all the requirements for creating component societies that are  
11   outlined in the AAO Bylaws and *Manual of Procedures*.

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13           **Motion:**       Move to approve a charter for the following groups as new component societies  
14                           of the American Academy of Osteopathy: Northwest Academy of Osteopathy;  
15                           Presque Isle (OH) Academy of Osteopathy; and Upper Mississippi River  
16                           Osteopathic Study Group; and for three new UAAO Chapters: Lincoln Memorial  
17                           University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Rocky Vista University College of  
18                           Osteopathic Medicine; and Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine in  
19                           Harlem, NY.

20           Approved

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22   *Amendments to AAO Constitution and Bylaws*

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24   Dr. McCarty turned the meeting over to AAO Secretary-Treasurer Mark S. Cantieri, DO, FAAO, whose  
25   job description designates him as the Academy's official parliamentarian for this meeting. He noted that  
26   the Academy had published the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws in the November  
27   2007 electronic *AAO Newsletter*, by a US Postal Service mailing to all AAO members in January 2008,  
28   and two additional notices sent to AAO members via e-mail within the past 30 days. Dr. Cantieri then  
29   reviewed the process to be followed at this meeting in considering the proposed amendments.

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31   Dr. Cantieri first recognized AAO Immediate Past President Kenneth H. Johnson, DO, FAAO.

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33           **Motion:**       Move to refer the proposed amendments to the AAO Constitution and Bylaws to  
34                           the Board of Trustees for further review.

35           Seconded

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37   Dr. Johnson advised that the AAO Board of Governors discussed the proposed amendments at their  
38   meeting on March 26 and were unable to come to agreement on the changes. The Governors had received  
39   e-mail communications from a number of AAO members, expressing their opposition to the amendments  
40   and concern that they were unable to be present for the vote at this meeting. The consensus of the  
41   Governors in their meeting was that it would be prudent to refer the proposed amendments to the Board of  
42   Trustees so that the matter could be assigned to appropriate committees and/or a task force to further  
43   review the matter prior to resubmitting changes at a future Annual Business Meeting.

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45   Dr. Cantieri then recognized a number of members who expressed either support for or opposition to the  
46   motion to refer.

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48           **Motion:**               Move to call the question.  
49           Approved by more than two-thirds of those present

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51   Dr. Cantieri then restated the original motion.

1           **Motion:**           Move to refer the proposed amendments to the AAO Constitution and Bylaws to  
2                                   the Board of Trustees for further review.

3           Approved  
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5    An Educational Matter  
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7    Dr. Cantieri then recognized Dr. Jones to present his new business item. Dr. Jones suggested that there is  
8    widespread misunderstanding as to whether the Academy would suffer legal exposure if the AAO denied  
9    access to a non-physician for one of its continuing medical education programs. He acknowledged that  
10   the AAO's 2001 policy on "Who may attend" and the AOA's 2002 position paper on teaching osteopathic  
11   philosophy and OMT to non-physicians both specify an open enrollment policy. However, he noted that a  
12   Component Society had received a legal opinion from an attorney experienced in restraint of trade issues,  
13   which advised them that it would be permissible to limit enrollment to physicians with unrestricted  
14   licenses and international osteopaths.  
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16           **Motion:**           Move that the AAO Board of Trustees seek a written legal opinion from the  
17                                   American Osteopathic Association's legal counsel as to whether the American  
18                                   Academy of Osteopathy is required to allow non-physicians to attend the AAO's  
19                                   continuing medical education programs.  
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21   Dr. Cantieri then called upon a number of members who expressed support or opposition for the motion.  
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23   Mark Rosen, DO offered an amendment to the original motion:  
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25           **Motion:**           Move to amend the motion to include an opinion as to whether the AAO could  
26                                   legally set prerequisites for enrollment in CME programs.  
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28   Dr. Cantieri then called upon a number of members who expressed support or opposition for the motion.  
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30   Hallie Robbins, DO offered an amendment to Dr. Rosen's proposed amendment.  
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32           **Motion:**           Move to amend the amendment to include setting standards for faculty.  
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34   Dr. Cantieri then called upon a number of members who expressed support or opposition for the motion.  
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36           **Motion:**           Move to call the question on the amendment to the amendment.  
37           Approved by more than two-thirds of those present  
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39   Dr. Cantieri then restated the amendment to the amendment.  
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41           **Motion:**           Move to amend the amendment to include setting standards for faculty.  
42           Defeated  
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44           **Motion:**           Move to call the question on the amended motion.  
45           Approved by more than two-thirds of those present  
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47   Dr. Cantieri then restated the amendment to the original amendment.  
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49           **Motion:**           Move to amend the motion to include an opinion as to whether the AAO could  
50                                   legally set prerequisites for enrollment in CME programs.  
51           Defeated

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2 **Motion:** Move to call the question on the original motion.  
3 Approved by more than two-thirds of those present  
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5 Dr. Cantieri then restated the original motion introduced by Dr. Jones.  
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7 **Motion:** Move that the AAO Board of Trustees seek a written legal opinion from the  
8 American Osteopathic Association's legal counsel as to whether the American  
9 Academy of Osteopathy is required to allow non-physicians to attend the AAO's  
10 continuing medical education programs.

11 Approved  
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13 Dr. Cantieri then turned the podium back to President Dr. McCarty.  
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### 15 **Old Business**

16 Acting on the Investment Committee's recommendation, the Board of Trustees voted to recognize the  
17 outstanding generosity of Golden Ram Society donors by awarding cumulative giving awards, a lapel pin  
18 with depiction of the AAO's mascot – the Ram. Donors who have reached the \$5,000 career giving level  
19 received a pin embedded with a ruby, and the \$10,000 level a pin embedded with a diamond. AAO  
20 Executive Director Stephen J. Noone, CAE presented a one-diamond pin to Dr. McCarty. Dr. McCarty  
21 then presented a one-diamond pin to Dr. DeFeo. Finally, Dr. McCarty recognized new ruby pin award  
22 winners John P. Goodridge, DO, FAAO; Robert E. Kappler, DO, FAAO; G. Bradley Klock, DO, FAAO;  
23 Richard L. Van Buskirk, DO, PhD, FAAO; and Damon Whitfield, DO.  
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25 In appreciation for their expiring terms of service as AAO board members and/or committee chairpersons,  
26 Dr. McCarty presented to each of the following members a resin plaque of A.T. Still: Kenneth H.  
27 Johnson, DO, FAAO (six years of service on the AAO Board of Trustees, including President in 2006-  
28 2007); Eileen L. DiGiovanna, DO, FAAO (completion of several decades of service on the AAO Board  
29 of Governors); Murray R. Berkowitz, DO (outgoing chairperson of the Informational Technologies  
30 Committee); Stephen D. Blood, DO, FAAO (outgoing chairperson of the Investment Committee); and  
31 Raymond J. Hruby, DO, FAAO (outgoing chairperson of the Publications Committee).  
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33 Dr. McCarty invited all AAO members to consider volunteer service on one of the Academy's 17 committees.  
34 She called attention to the description of committee charges that were published in the Annual Business  
35 Meeting section of the Convocation workbook. Interested members should communicate their interests  
36 directly either to incoming President Dr. DeFeo or to one of the AAO staff members.  
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### 38 **Announcements**

39 Dr. McCarty announced that the next Annual Business Meeting of the membership is scheduled for  
40 Thursday, March 26, 2009 at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, AR. Lisa A. DeStefano, DO, who will  
41 serve as Convocation Program Chairperson, has chosen the theme "What's Happening: The impact of  
42 osteopathic manipulative medicine on neural modulation."  
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### 44 **Adjournment**

45 With business concluded, Dr. McCarty adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.