This is a publication to keep you informed of issues and events pertaining to the osteopathic profession in Washington State. We invite you to submit topics or articles of interest to your colleagues for consideration. Submissions may be emailed to executivedirector@woma.org.

Registration for WOMA’s Annual Convention Available!

Registration is now open for the 106th Northwest Osteopathic Convention. The convention will take place June 6-9, 2019 at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, WA.

Join fellow osteopathic physicians from across the state for thought-provoking presentations, valuable networking opportunities, and ample time to share best practices. Plus, by attending the convention you can earn up to 25.5 CME credit hours.

Topics include:

• Bariatric Medicine: Medical and Surgical Approaches – Peter Billing, MD
• Pearls in Pulmonary Imaging – Wade Justice, DO
• OP&P: Diagnosis and Treatment of Head and Neck Problems – Crystal Marsin, DO
• Washington State New Opioid Prescribing Rules – Lynda Williamson, DO
• The Opiate Reporting Tool – Katina Rue, DO and Mr. Jeb Shephard
• The Science and Art of Prescribing Long Acting Opioids – Bill Dickinson, DO
• Suboxone – John Asriel, MD
• Nephrology: Diuretic Resistance – Mark Baldwin, DO
• Challenges in Uro-Gynecology – Matthew Uhlman, MD
• Urologic Controversies: PSA and BPH – Matthew Uhlman, MD
• Making the Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus – Ken Cathcart, DO and Greg Heinicke, DO
• Diabetic Group Visits – Katina Rue, DO and Kim Wadsworth, DO
• Classes of Diabetic Medications – William Elliott, MD, PhD
Members may register online or download the registration form and send it in. If you are a Non-Member, you can email hgriffin@woma.org to request a non-member account for online registration, or JOIN WOMA NOW and save $250 on the registration fee.

Vendors of products and services that our members may enjoy are encouraged to participate in the WOMA Convention as an Exhibitor and/or Sponsor. For more information here is our EXHIBITOR PROSPECTUS & SPONSOR FORM.
is Wednesday May 1st at 5pm PDT. Reservations received after this date will be accommodated on a rate and space availability basis only. Rate categories are subject to availability. If requested category is unavailable at time of reservation, the next available category and rate will be confirmed. All rates are subject to state and local taxes of 8.7%. The resort fee of $20 has been waived for this meeting, though it will appear on your confirmation. Please check your bill upon departure to make sure you are not charged for it. Reservations made through third-party sites will not waive the $20 per night resort fee.

Early Departure: If you leave prior to your reserved departure date, you must advise the hotel at or before check in if any change to avoid a $50 early departure fee. RV’s are not permitted overnight on Semiahmoo property. Nearby campgrounds are Beachside RV (360) 371-5962 or Birch Bay State Park (888) 226-7688.

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**AOA Announces New CEO**

AOA President William Mayo, DO has announced the selection of Kevin Kauer, DO, EJD, FACEP as AOA chief executive officer who will begin on or before May 31.

As CEO, he will have primary responsibility for strategy, operating results, continued organizational growth and advocacy for the osteopathic profession. Working with the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, regional associations and staff, Dr. Klauer will advance the organization’s strategic vision and execute the programs and activities of the AOA.

Dr. Kauer joins the AOA from TeamHealth, a leading clinician services organization, where he most recently served as chief medical officer for hospital-based services, chief risk officer and executive director for the patient safety organization. He also is an assistant clinical professor at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and a clinical assistant professor at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine.

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*Do you have member news to share with your osteopathic colleagues?*

Please send it and a related photo, if available, to executivedirector@woma.org