

# American Osteopathic Association

## Board of Trustees

### Finance Committee

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**The Finance Committee met on Sunday, February 24, 2019 and acted on the following resolutions:**

1. ADDICTION MEDICINE CAQ

Mr. President, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-215 – A/2018 and the Committee recommends that it be POSTPONED DEFINITELY, until the Finance Committee meeting to be held on April 24, 2019:

WHEREAS, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved the Addiction Medicine conjoint CAQ in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in March 2016, ABMS recognized Addiction Medicine as subspecialty under ABPM, which opened the doors for physicians to become ABMS board certified, followed by the development of Addiction Medicine fellowship programs that accepted mix-discipline applicants; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2016, the AOA passed a resolution that will provide DOs who are ABAM diplomats with a process to attain an AOA subspecialty certification in Addiction Medicine; and

WHEREAS, by way of single accreditation in 2020, ABMS addiction medicine certification will be an option for DOs; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health & Human Services, The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services have acknowledged a severe shortage of Addiction Medicine specialists to treat the epidemic of opioid and alcohol addictions; and

WHEREAS, the AOA has committed to assisting in providing more physicians trained in substance use disorder (SUD); and

WHEREAS, Hospitals and insurance companies are increasingly requiring certification for the treatment of addiction; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AOA allow DOs who have completed an AOA-approved fellowship in Addiction Medicine to take the CAQ exam in Addiction Medicine; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that AOA reopen a practice pathway for a period of time to be determined, and in discussion with AOAAM; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that AOA approach AOAAM for an investment towards shared financial responsibility for the reopening of the Addiction Medicine CAQ that could be paid back over a period of time assuming we have candidates that will take advantage of this exam; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that AOA set a price point that is comparable to ABPM, and determine the ROI.

Explanatory Statement:

As per policy, resolutions with financial implication must be submitted to the AOA Finance Committee for review, consideration and recommendation prior to consideration by the AOA House of Delegates.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$

**The CBS/BOT Task Force recommends that we determine what the ask will be financially from AOAAM, and that we carry that analysis out in the month of March and April.**

**Current estimates suggest the first year cost for reopening the Addiction Medicine CAQ to be \$212,150, including all indirect and direct costs (assuming 40 candidates sit for the exam). Subsequent years are estimated at \$170,900 per year, including all indirect and direct costs (assuming 40 candidates/yr.).**

**It is expected that the actual total costs will be less than these projections, for which further analysis will be completed. Specific items targeted for a cost reduction include those relating to, JTA and Item and Content Development through Exam Developer (Remote vs. In-person), meeting costs, etc.**

And I so move. **POSTPONED DEFINITELY** (*until April 24, 2019 Finance Committee Mtg*)

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2. 2018 OMED SPECIALTY COLLEGE SPECIAL ONE-TIME BONUS DISTRIBUTION

Mr. President, I present for consideration FC Resolution No. 1 – January/2019 and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED:

WHEREAS, at the Finance Committee meeting conducted on January 23, 2019, management was directed to provide three scenarios for distribution of a one-time OMED specialty college bonus distribution; and

WHEREAS, OMED is the American Osteopathic Association's annual medical conference that brings together thousands of osteopathic physicians, medical students and other health professionals from across the country; and

Mr. President, this concludes the Committee's report. I would like to thank the following members of the Finance Committee for their collaboration and hard work.

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