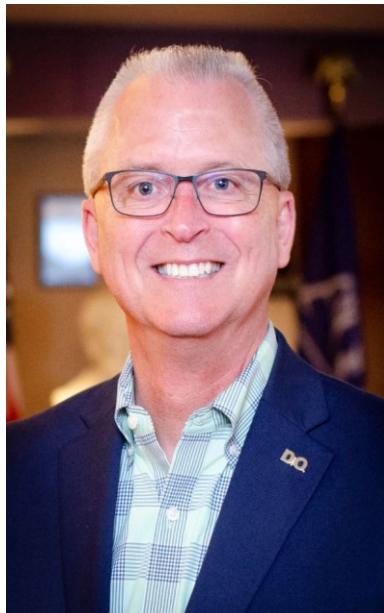




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## A Letter from the Chair...



*Dear Colleagues,*

*It is a beautiful, sunny springtime day in my hometown of Columbus, Ohio, and I can already feel my spirits lifting and my energy renewed! Hopefully each one of us are continuously revitalized through the contact we have with the patients we are given the privilege of treating.*

*Since we last communicated, we have rolled out new OIA member logos,*

*held a Board meeting, and organized for the International Osteopathic Healthcare Week, among other, more standard activities. The logos were developed after we realized both a demand for members to be able to identify themselves as OIA colleagues, and as a way to more easily identify - and curb - improper use and claims of OIA affiliation. We hope you find them helpful, and we have already enjoyed seeing some of our members use these on their websites and social media pages.*

*In March the Board met in Chicago and spent a considerable amount of time discussing membership issues and the WHO projects. Progress with the WHO has been slow - you'll read more about the process of working with them below. We are unable to formally start working on either the Benchmarks in Practice or the Glossary of Osteopathic Terms until we sign an MOU with them, however, we've received assurances that this document will be developed some time this year. In the meantime, the working groups have made informal progress on the different projects.*

*IOHW was a big success this year, thanks in no small part to your participation. We reached 7,400 people on our social media platforms and had 1,600 engagements! We especially hope that you found the video messaging we posted from colleagues around the world helpful - we had a lot of fun making them!*

*Looking towards October, where I hope to see you all in Germany, we will be voting on open Board seats at our Annual General Meeting. The Board nominations have opened and are due by June 6th. If you have a qualified colleague to nominate, we welcome all submissions.*

*Thank you for all you do to support the OIA, your individual organizations and the osteopathic profession across the globe.*

*With gratitude,*



*William J. Burke, DO*



## Working with the World Health Organization

In order to develop any WHO technical document (such as benchmarks or terminology documents) we are bound to WHO procedures for document development.

According to these procedures, a contract or agreement must be signed between the WHO and the OIA before starting any activities related to the development of materials. Such an agreement outlines the terms and conditions, including the roles and responsibilities of the WHO and of the OIA, budget, timelines, interim progress reports, and annual reporting.

This agreement must then be cleared by various teams within the WHO , including the Legal Unit, after which it is signed by a senior WHO official and the OIA Chair.

Signing the agreement with the WHO is thus a necessary requirement before we can mutually begin any activity or process related to the development of the Benchmarks in Practice of Osteopathy and Osteopathic Medicine, and the Glossary of Osteopathic Terms.

## **Reminder: Board Nominations are open**

Two (2) seats on the Board of Directors will be filled at the Bad Nauheim, Germany AGM on Friday, 4 October. Each seat's term is three years, limited to two consecutive terms, which begins immediately following the OIA's AGM.



The allocated seat reserved for the largest full member osteopath organization (iO), will be filled by that organization's designee, according to the bylaws. The Full membership organizations will fill the other seat by ballot, from the approved nominees.

You can find the nomination guidelines and form on our website, [here](#). **Nominations are due by June 6, 2019.**

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When every part of the machine is correctly adjusted and in perfect harmony, health will hold dominion over the human organism by laws as natural and immutable as the laws of gravity.

— A. T. Still MD, DO



Osteopathic Healthcare Week 2019 was a huge success thanks to YOU! Check out our social media pages and [website](#) to see all of the terrific ways our colleagues around the globe engaged with audiences to share osteopathic principles and educate people about our profession. We look forward to an even more successful IOHW 2020!

# Will we see you in Germany?



October 4-6, 2019

Annual General Meeting and Conference

Hotel Dolce

Bad Nauheim, Germany

Register and book your hotel room!



The OIA has achieved the Gold Seal of Transparency from [Guidestar](#), an

## Our Strategic Initiatives

## Access

to

Care

*The OIA will facilitate patient choice by:*

- Informing and engaging national and international healthcare authorities to provide access and eliminate barriers to osteopathic care for their citizens.
  - Providing responsible, accurate and transparent public communication about osteopathy and osteopathic medicine.

## **Capacity to Serve**

*The OIA supports global collaboration and commitment to osteopathic:*

- Professional organization development and improvement.
  - High quality educational standards and delivery.
  - Research to inform best practices.
  - Standards, regulation and legislative recognition distinct to the profession.



Our Vision: To ensure that every person worldwide has access to

high-quality osteopathic healthcare.



### Our Core Values:

- Uphold the stewardship of osteopathic philosophy and practice.
- Acknowledge and respect both streams of osteopathic healthcare.
- Encourage and support collaboration.
- Uphold transparency and integrity.
- Embrace altruism and person-centeredness.
- Commit to good governance and accountability to ensure organizational sustainability



Our Mission: To encourage systems of education and regulation that will ensure high standards for safe and effective health care from osteopaths and osteopathic physicians.



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