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With the continued restrictions for in-person events and meetings, we will not be able to hold the annual AOMA DO Day at the State Legislature.

But we are still committed to keeping you informed and engaged in advocacy efforts here in Arizona.

Join us online on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** for an advocacy workshop for osteopathic physicians and students wanting to

understand the legislative process, review current proposed Arizona legislation, and learn the best ways to connect with your elected officials.



- Understand the legislative process
- Review current proposed Arizona legislation
- Learn the best ways to connect with our elected officials

For more information, contact AOMA at communications@azosteo.org or call 602-266-6699.

Register

[FRAUD ALERT: Medical Licenses](#)

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners has become aware of a scam occurring in other states regarding Medical and Osteopathic Boards.

All physicians are advised to be aware and cautious when opening emails, clicking on links, and/or answering unknown phone calls.

Individuals posing as Special Investigators from the Licensing Boards or from the DEA are contacting physicians demanding payment for fines and threatening to have their license suspended.



Any suspicious emails or letters received from an Arizona Law Enforcement or Licensing Agency should be verified with the originating agency BEFORE clicking on links, responding to unusual emails, or sending payment. The Arizona Osteopathic Board will not

demand payment for fees or fines over the phone.

Please report all suspicious contact to the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners at licensing@azdo.gov, the Police Electronic Crimes Division (Non-Emergency) at 602-262-6151, and the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at <https://www.ic3.gov/Home/ComplaintChoice/>.

IC3 reviews each complaint and refers it to the appropriate federal, state, local, or international law enforcement or regulatory agency.

2021 Legislative Session

The legislature has been in session for 46 days. After last week's deadline for bills to be heard in their originating chambers' committees, more than 1,000 of the 1,822 pieces of legislation introduced this year died — at least until they are resurrected as strikers or amendments. Governor Ducey signed 31 bills thus far, and another five are ready for his signature. AOMA staff and lobbyist Steve Barclay, JD have been working closely with health care stakeholders.

Here are some of the outcomes:

SB1016 – physicians; naturopathic medicine. Passed Senate; ready for the House.

SB1060 – chiropractors; laboratory procedures. Passed Senate; ready for the House.

SB1078 – medical student loan program. Passed Senate; ready for the House.

SB1088 – controlled substances; schedule designation. Passed Senate; ready for the House.

SB1250 – overdose; disease prevention; programs. Passed Senate; ready for the House.

SB1270 – insurance; prescription drugs; step therapy. Passed House Health Committee.

SB1271 – associate physicians; licensure; collaborative practice. Passed Senate Health, Committee, Senate Rules Committee and Committee of the Whole.

SB1300 – outpatient facilities; standards; discharge requirements. Passed House Health Committee.

SB1377 – civil liability; public health pandemic. In the Committee of Whole.

SB1416 – health professionals; off-label use; medications. Passed House Health Committee; Ready for House Rules Committee.

SB1482 – professions; therapy ban prohibition. Failed in Senate Health Committee.

SB1505 – health information; disclosures; prohibition. Passed Senate Health Committee.

SB1680 – newborn screening program; testing. Passed Senate Health Committee.

HB2311- laboratory procedures; chiropractors. Passed House; ready for the Senate.

HB2392 – ahcccs; graduate medical education; reimbursement. Passed House; ready for the Senate.

HB2454 - telehealth; health care providers; requirements. Passed the House; ready for the Senate.

HB2620 – health care workers; assault; prevention. Passed the House; ready for the Senate.

HB2621- prior authorization; uniform request forms. Passed the House; ready for the Senate.

For more information about how to get involved in advocacy, please visit the [Advocacy Resource Center](#) on the AOMA website or call the office at 602-266-6699.

[AOMA 99th Annual Convention - Early Registration Deadline is March 6, 2021](#)

We are very excited to announce that **Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration**, will present a lecture on Vaccine Development During the COVID-19 Pandemic as part of the AOMA 99th Annual



1921-2021 Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
100 Years of Healing

99th Annual Convention
April 7 - 10, 2021
LIVESTREAMING WITH
ON DEMAND PLAYBACK
37 HOURS OF CME.
THREE TYPES OF CREDITS.

LIVE  **STREAMING** 

Convention. The Convention will be livestreamed on April 7-10, 2021 and available for on demand playback.

Other topics include lung cancer, breast cancer, headaches, concussions, diabetes, anxiety, bipolar depression, cervical radiculopathy, and liver transplantation. [Download the full agenda here.](#)

Two programs are available for you to choose, whichever one fits your schedule and needs:

- [37 Hours](#)
- [20 Hours](#)

Save \$140! Early registration is now open at www.az-osteo.org/2021Convention.

AOMA designates this activity for a maximum of 37 hours of Category AOA 1-A credits. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Application has been submitted for AAFP Prescribed credits. Determination of credits is pending.

Register Today!

100th Anniversary Moment

The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners was established in Arizona in 1941 and originally had three board members.

[Call for Resolutions](#)

The AOMA is accepting resolutions for the upcoming Virtual AOMA House of Delegates meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

The deadline to submit resolutions is March 17, 2021. Resolutions will be posted for review on the AOMA website no later than on March 22, 2021.

You must be an AOMA member in order to submit resolutions, review the resolutions, and to participate in the resolution process on the floor of the AOMA House of Delegates. Please review the [House of Delegates Primer and Resolution Process](#) document before submitting a resolution and attending the House of Delegates meeting.

This is your opportunity to have a direct say in the direction and policies of the AOMA.

Key Dates for House of Delegates

March 17, 2021 – Deadline to submit resolutions

March 22, 2021 – Resolutions posted on AOMA website

April 17, 2021 – Virtual Board of Trustees meeting to review resolutions and make recommendations to the House of Delegates

April 17, 2021 – Virtual House of Delegates

Click [here](#) for more information about the [AOMA House of Delegates](#), or if you have questions or need assistance, please contact AOMA at 602-266-6699 or send an email to communications@azosteo.org.

Silent Auction Items Needed for Arizona Osteopathic Charities

The annual Arizona Osteopathic Charities Silent Auction will be online beginning **April 7, 2021**. Proceeds from the auction help the Charities achieve its mission in building a healthier community through the support of osteopathic medical education and community health improvement projects in Arizona.

Can you help us with a donation? Your contribution can be something as simple as a gift certificate from a local business, a bottle of wine, or vintage jewelry, artwork, or other items from your personal collections. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Contact Sharon Daggett at charities@azosteo.org or 602-316-9304.



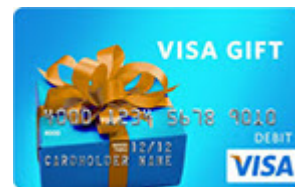
Cost Savings on PPE

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association has entered into partnership with Trivicti Health Corp, a local Arizona manufacturer of personal protective equipment (PPE), to offer preferred pricing on N95 masks and synmax medical grade gloves. The N95 masks are manufactured in Arizona and usually ship within 48 hours. Check out the website at www.trivictiaoma.com.



And the Winner is....

Congratulations to Robert Shuch, DO, a psychiatrist practicing in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Shuch updated his member profile on the AOMA website and was entered into the member drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card. Update your profile by May 31, 2021 for a chance to win! You could be our next winner.



Feeling stuck with your current private student loans?

Members can access a **0.25% rate discount** through SoFi.

SoFi

Learn More



Patients are Looking for YOU! Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the **Find a Physician** public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.



COVID-19 Tracking Resources

www.covidactnow.org

<https://91-divoc.com>

**Arizona COVID-19
Vaccination Distribution**
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Departments](#)

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