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Thank YOU

To paraphrase Jerry Garcia and The Grateful Dead, "What a wild, strange trip it's been."

Thank you to the physicians on the front lines caring for patients. Thank you to the physicians doing quadruple duty as partners, parents, employees/bosses, and home-schooling teachers. Thank you to the physicians contributing your time, talents, and treasures to your communities. Thank you all for your patience, commitment, and heart.

A special thank you to the AOMA Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the Succession Planning Task Force Committee. Your support of the AOMA staff, generosity of your time and wisdom, and staunch commitment to the organization is extraordinary.

AOMA members are the best!

AOA Statement on COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Guidelines

Recently, members have raised concerns regarding statements made in the media either minimizing the seriousness of COVID-19, suggesting the lack of necessity to follow current CDC guidelines, and/or suggesting misrepresentation of professional credentials during peaceful assembly. The following statement is the AOA's official response to these concerns.

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) strongly supports the [COVID-19 guidelines](#) provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

[Read more.](#)

Arizona COVID-19 Response and Resources

Governor Ducey has issued dozens of Executive Orders in the past six weeks, many impacting physicians and patients. A partial list is included here:

- [Proactive Measures To Protect Against COVID-19](#)
- [Expansion Of Telemedicine](#)
- [Increasing Hospital Capacity For COVID-19 Preparedness](#)
- [The "Good Samaritan Order" — Protecting Frontline Healthcare Workers Responding To The COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [Increased Telemedicine Access for Workers' Compensation](#)
- [Requesting Exemption From Executive Order 2020-10 — Elective Surgeries](#)

To access all the Executive Orders go to <https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>

For the most up-to-date information for Arizona about the COVID-19 visit the AzDHS [website](#).

[AOMA Virtual Convention](#)

Within a few days, the AOMA 98th Annual Convention morphed from a live event at a hotel in Scottsdale to a livestreaming virtual program. More than 600 physicians participated in the [AOMA Virtual Convention](#) as attendees and speakers. While sheltering in place, people participated from across the U.S. From Hawaii to Massachusetts and everywhere in between. We even had a visitor from the 24th Century! [Watch it now!](#)



Tremendous thanks to our [sponsors and advertisers](#) who supported this first-ever undertaking. While we missed the social aspects of the Convention - the meals, the Exhibit Hall, the hugs! - those who logged on were part of a fabulous learning experience.

ONLINE ATTESTATION REMINDER: For those of you did attend, please remember the deadline to submit your online attestation and receive your CME credits without incurring additional charges is May 15, 2020. Go to <https://fs30.formsite.com/AzOMA/2020CME/>.

[Congratulations 2020-2021 AOMA Officers](#)

AOMA is proud to announce the election of the AOMA Executive Officers for 2020-2021. President Richard Dobrusin, DO, MS, FACOFP; Immediate Past President Christopher Labban, DO, HPF; President Elect Danielle Barnett-Trapp, DO; Vice President Brandon Abbott, DO, MPH, FAAP; Secretary/Treasurer James Keane, DO, MEd; Speaker of the House of Representatives Jeffrey Morgan, DO, MA, FACOI, CS; Vice Speaker of the House Charles Finch, DO, FACOEP. The officers were approved by electronic vote by the AOMA House of Delegates and sworn in at the April 18th Board of Trustees Meeting.



Richard Dobrusin, DO
President



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Brandon Abbott, DO, MPH
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Secretary/Treasurer

AOMA thanks Dr. Christopher Labban for his outstanding service as AOMA President in 2019-2020.

Legislative Session Update

In response to Gov. Ducey's Stay at Home Executive Order, the Fifty-Fourth Legislature - Second Regular Session was suspended on March 23, 2020 and as of today will continue indefinitely.

Before suspending the session, a record number of bills and proclamations were introduced, but only seven bills were passed and enacted. It remains to be seen if and when the Legislature will reconvene and finish the work that was begun - but not finished - January through March, or if this session will end with all the bills dead.

The Governor could call a special session to address budget issues and pressing state business. Stay tuned.

Thank You to Retiring Board Members

The AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting on April 18, 2020 marked the end of the terms of four Trustees. Thank you to Angela DeRosa, DO, a longtime board member and past president; Marissa Jacobs, DO, Resident Trustee; and Student Doctors Kelly Champlin, MS and Darien Kinne, for their tenure. Your time and commitment to AOMA are genuinely appreciated.

Online CME

Missed the AOMA Annual Convention? Still need CME hours? AOMA's online CME platform, developed in partnership with osteopathic associations across the country, offers all categories of AOA CME credit, including 1-A! [DOCME](http://www.docme.org) boasts a catalog of more than 160 different lectures in a wide variety of specialties. New content is added regularly and AOMA members receive a \$10 discount on each AOMA-produced CME program. Contact the office for the promo code. Go to www.docme.org to view the entire catalog of ondemand offerings



[AOA Distinguished Service Award](#)

Do you know a deserving physician or other member of the osteopathic community who has advanced the science and art of osteopathic medicine, education, philanthropy, or other fields of public service? [Nominate](#) them for the AOA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Certificate. The nomination deadline is May 31 and awards will be presented at OMED 2020.

[Free Telemedicine Platform for Arizona Physicians](#)

As Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread in the United States and around the world, CompuGroup Medical (CGM) is providing the company's telemedicine platform, CGM ELVI, for free to Arizona physicians for six months. The level of uncertainty in dealing with this acute situation among doctors, practice staff, and patients is high. CGM ELVI is a highly secure, web-based video-consultation solution that is designed for situations just like this. Video consultations can help protect physicians and slow the expansion of the virus across the wider patient population.

As a web-based product, CGM ELVI works regardless of the EHR system a practice uses. This innovative form of telemedicine is easy and quick to implement, and the CGM ELVI app is also conveniently available for patients who prefer to use their mobile devices.

The use of this service was ultimately made possible by Governor Doug Ducey's recent public health emergency declaration and corresponding executive order, which not only promotes the use of telemedicine in Arizona but also requires that co-pays for telemedicine visits be lower than co-pays for typical in-person visits, among other things.

Download the CGM ELVI brochure [here](#).

To learn more about this offer, click [here](#) and/or call CGM at (602) 680-2255.



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Join today and be a part of the 98-year tradition of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association!

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive a \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit



AzDHS

[Immunization Program Website](#)

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

[AOMA Calendar of Events-\[www.az-osteo.org\]\(http://www.az-osteo.org\)](#)

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - June 13, 2020



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