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2020 Legislative Session Update

It has been a wild month of activity at the Legislature with bills dying, new ones emerging, and marathon hearings lasting late into the evening. AOMA staff and lobbyist Steve Barclay, JD have spent considerable time on defense opposing scope of practice expansions and the nationally publicized vaccine legislation. More than 1,700 bills and resolutions were introduced this session - a new record!

Last week was the last week to hear bills in Committee. Here are some of the outcomes:

- **HB 2419:** Assistant Physicians House HHS Chair Nancy Barto held this bill in her own committee, after plans to offer a striker amendment to require the Arizona Medical Board and Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners, in consultation with a state medical association to submit a sunrise application by November 1, 2020 to seek Associate Physician licensure thwarted the proposed legislation. She said she intends to pursue another option, so we will need to stay vigilant against something else emerging yet this year.
- **SB 1523** and its counterpart, **HB 2764**, comprehensive mental health omnibus bills, were given unanimous approval in Senate and House HHS Committees last week.
- **SB 1057** and **HB 2254**, Lyme disease bills: SB 1057 passed the Senate unanimously after a floor amendment was added HB 2254 comes up for a House vote next week.
- **HB 2260**, a bill to require emergency resuscitation and other medical assistance by staff for patients at nursing homes and residential health facilities, passed House HHS over strong objections from the facilities; an amendment is likely on the House floor.

- **HB 2420**, A bill reform on how health insurers handle step therapy requirements may be in trouble, due to all the insurer opposition.
- **HB 2529**, a bill to extend the current law on non-retaliation against health professionals by hospitals to third party contractors, is now awaiting House floor action; we have been working on a clarifying amendment.
- **HB 2532**, the uniform prior authorization form will likely pass.
- **SB 1152**, the Medical Student Loan Board revamp bill has been approved by the Senate Committee of the Whole.
- **SB 1168**, a bill to address Arizona's nursing shortage passed the full Senate last week, 59-0.
- **SB 1334**, a bill that went through the Sunrise process that expands the types of immunizations that pharmacists can administer, passed Senate HHS over the objections of the anti-vaccination advocates.
- **SB 1400**, a tobacco and vaping-related striker amendment, failed to pass Senate Commerce last Thursday after the anti-smoking advocates decided to oppose it.
- **SB 1439**, which creates informed consent requirements for breast implant surgery, passed Senate HHS unanimously.

Stay tuned for future AOMA Action Alerts on critical legislation and visit the [AOMA Advocacy Resource Center](#) for more information.

AOMA Annual Convention - Early Registration Ends March 8th!

The early registration deadline for the AOMA 98th Annual Convention **has been extended to March 8, 2020**. This is the largest annual medical conference in Arizona and will be held April 1 - 5, 2020 at our **NEW LOCATION** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton. Save \$100 and register today at www.azosteo.org/2020Conv. The theme of the 2020 Convention is Finding Health. The AOMA designates this five-day CME event for 38.25 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit and has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Application has been filed for AAFP Prescribed credits. Determination of credits is pending.



Thank You to Everyone Who Attended DO Day

More than 80 osteopathic medical students and physicians joined forces and descended upon the Arizona state capitol on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 to get an up-close view of government in action. Attendees learned about the ins and outs of the legislative process from AOMA President Christopher Labban, DO; AOMA Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Kit McCalla, DO; and contract lobbyist Steve Barclay, JD. DO Day at the Legislature Host State Treasurer Kimberly Yee shared advocacy advice and explained the role of the treasurer's office.



It was the last week of hearing bills in the various Senate and House Committees. The legislators who were scheduled to speak were tied up in their respective caucuses, so a lively game of Arizona legislative trivia kept everyone engaged. DOs and students met one-on-one with their state legislators to discuss issues important to the medical profession. Plan to join us for DO Day next year.

AOMA House of Delegates Call for Resolutions

The AOMA is accepting resolutions for the upcoming AOMA House of Delegates meeting on Friday, April 3, 2020 during the [AOMA 98th Annual Convention](#) in Scottsdale.

The deadline to submit resolutions is February 27, 2020. Resolutions will be posted for review on the AOMA website no later than on March 3, 2020. 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 Annual Convention House of Delegates

- February 27, 2020 – Deadline to submit resolutions
- March 3, 2020 – Resolutions posted on AOMA website
- April 1, 2020 – Board of Trustees meeting to review resolutions and make recommendations to the House of Delegates
- April 3, 2020 – House of Delegates meeting at Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort, 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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@az-oste.org.

Celebrating Pete Wertheim, MS, DHL

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, family and friends gathered to celebrate former AOMA Executive Director Pete Wertheim.

There was lots of love in the room as Pete was awarded a Doctorate of Human Letters from A.T. Still University and received Honorary Life Membership in the AOMA.



Many thanks to Robin Bibb and Lindsey Post from Summit Healthcare Services for providing the delicious food, John McElligott and the staff at Maricopa County Medical Society for the venue and logistics, and the AOMA Board of Trustees and Staff for creating a memorable day.

We love you Dr. Wertheim!

27th Annual Arizona Immunization Conference

Registration is now open for the 27th Annual Arizona Immunization Conference sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

When: April 22 & 23, 2020

Where: Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 E Cotton Center Blvd, Phoenix, Arizona 85040

Early Bird Registration By March 6, 2020: \$25

Register: <https://azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/immunization/index.php#annual-conference>



Rare Disease Briefing: Access to Healthcare

The State of Black Arizona is encouraging the increased awareness, early diagnosis, and access to quality care specifically highlight rare diseases that disproportionately impact the African American population. Join providers, patients, experts, and law makers for a community conversation with Rep. Amish Shah, MD (LD 24) on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 3 to 5 pm in the Copper Conference Room in the Offices of the Arizona House of Representatives, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Registration is available at https://stateofblackarizona.org/cc_rarediseases

For more information, call 602-888-4675 or email info@stateofblackarizona.org

Choices in Continuing Medical Education

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association is a premier provider of continuing medical education (CME). Accredited as a sponsor of AOA Category 1A credit, AOMA offers more than 50 hours of CME each year. Additionally, the [AOMA Annual Convention](#) and Fall Seminar are submitted for American Academy of Family Physicians prescribed credits. Now you have a third choice for your CME hours: *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Through an agreement with Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine, an ACCME-accredited provider of continuing medical education, you may earn either AOA or AMA credits when you attend an AOMA-sponsored CME event.



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And don't forget DOCME offers on demand CME online at www.docme.org.

The choice is yours.

Silent Auction Items Needed for Arizona Osteopathic Charities

The annual Arizona Osteopathic Charities Silent Auction will be held Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Scottsdale Resort. 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 tickets to an athletic or theatrical event. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Contact Sharon Daggett at charities@az-osteo.org.



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Not an AOMA Member?

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,

Arizona Vaccine News

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.

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 at \$100 credit. Go to www.az-oste.org/Recruit



[AzDHS](#)

[Immunization Program Website](#)

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

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

AOMA 98th Annual Convention - April 1-5, 2020
AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - April 1, 2020
AOMA House of Delegates Meeting - April 3, 2020
AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - June 20, 2020



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