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Lobbyist Steve Barclay, JD, and AOMA leadership about the whys and hows of advocacy.

Reserve your spot at www.az-osteop.org/AdvocacyWorkshop.

**Join us Tuesday, March 16, 2021
from 6:00 to 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM**

100 Years of Healing - AOMA 99th Annual Convention

The largest annual medical conference in Arizona is just around the corner. The AOMA 99th Annual Convention will be livestreamed on April 7 -10, 2021 and available for on demand playback.

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

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

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) is accredited

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) is accredited by ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. AOMA designates this live activity for a maximum of 37.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Application has been submitted for AAFP Prescribed credits. Determination of credits is pending.

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THREE TYPES OF CREDITS.



**Register before April 7, 2021 and
save \$40!** Register today
at [www.az-
osteology.org/2021Convention](http://www.az-osteology.org/2021Convention).

[Register Today!](#)

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.trivicitiaoma.com.



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Legislative Update



Eight weeks into the 2021 Legislative Session and things are moving briskly when it comes to bills advancing or dying. Here are updates on some of the legislation we are monitoring:

SB1016– physicians; naturopathic medicine. Passed House Health Committee; ready for House Rules Committee.

SB1078– medical student loan program. Passed House Appropriations Committee.

SB1088– controlled substances; schedule designation. Passed House; transmitted back to the Senate.

SB1250– overdose; disease prevention; programs. Passed Senate; awaiting House action.

SB1270– insurance; prescription drugs; step therapy. Passed in the Senate; awaiting House action.

SB1271– associate physicians; licensure; collaborative practice. Passed Senate; ready for House.

SB1300- outpatient facilities; standards; discharge requirements. Passed Senate; ready for House.

SB1377– civil liability; public health pandemic. Ready for House Judiciary Committee.

SB1416 - health professionals; off-label use; medications. Passed Senate; ready for House.

SB1505– health information; disclosures; prohibition. Passed Senate; ready

for House.

SB1680- newborn screening program; testing. Passed Senate; ready for House.

HB2311- laboratory procedures; chiropractors. Passed House; Passed Senate Health Committee; Ready for Senate Rules Committee.

HB2392- ahcccs; graduate medical education; reimbursement. Passed Senate Health Committee; Ready for Rules Committee.

HB2454- telehealth; health care providers; requirements. Passed the House; sent to Senate Finance Committee.

HB2620- health care workers; assault; prevention. Passed the House; ready for the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB2621- prior authorization; uniform request forms. Passed the Senate Finance Committee; ready for Senate Rules Committee.

Policy Updates

Under a new Executive Order Governor Ducey issued on March 3rd, schools must provide in-person instruction by March 15, 2021, or after spring break. Schools must still use physical distancing “to the greatest extent possible,” and will be required to provide virtual instruction for students whose parents or guardians wish to continue using that option.

Last week, the Governor repealed occupancy limits for bars, restaurants, gyms and theaters, though his new Executive Order does not remove local mask mandates or physical distancing requirements. Spring Training and Major League Sports will have the ability to operate upon submission and approval of a plan to the Arizona Department of Health Services that

demonstrates implementation of safety precautions and physical distancing.

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.



[Telemedicine Education Events](#)

The Arizona Telemedicine Program is offering two upcoming webinars:

- **Telemedicine Applications (Training)**

Monday, March 15, 2021

9:00 am to 2:00 pm MST

[Register](#)

- **Care by Video? Telephone? Email: Remote Monitoring?**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

11:00 am to 12:00 pm MST

[Register](#)

To view the full calendar of events for the Arizona Telemedicine Program, visit telemedicine.arizona.edu.

Save the Date: American Osteopathic Association
Annual Business Meeting

The 2021 Annual Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) and Annual House of Delegates (HOD) of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) will be held **July 12 -18, 2021**.

The AOA Board of Trustees will convene for its annual business meeting from **July 12 - 15**. The New AOA BOT will meet on **July 18**. The BOT meeting agenda and all other meeting-related information will be available on the AOA BOT portal at least ten (10) business days prior to the start of the meeting.

The AOA House of Delegates will convene its annual meeting **Friday, July 16, and conclude on Sunday, July 18**. All resolutions must be submitted electronically to resolutions@osteopathic.org by **Friday, May 7**. The HOD meeting agenda and all meeting-related materials will be posted to the AOA Annual Business Meeting website 21 days prior to the start of the HOD Meeting.

***A final determination on meeting format (in-person or virtual) for both the BOT and HOD will be made and publicized in early April.**

[Click here](#) to review the Call to Meeting.

100th Anniversary Moment

The first woman to practice as an osteopathic physician in the state of Arizona was Lillian Green Balance, DO.

[NBOME Temporary Eligibility Pathways for COMLEX](#)

The NBOME has announced temporary eligibility pathways for COMLEX-USA Level 3 for the Classes of 2020 and 2021.

These pathways have been endorsed by the Special Commission on Osteopathic Medical Licensure Assessment and approved by the NBOME Board of Directors. The pathways will provide access to the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination for those members of the Classes of 2020 and 2021 who were unable to access the Level 2-PE examination due to the pandemic. **Please read more about these pathways on our [COVID-19 microsite](#).**

The NBOME appreciates the responsive and dedicated work of the Special Commission to carefully consider the implications of alternative pathways for Level 3 eligibility for DO graduates in the Classes of 2020 and 2021.

Look for more updates on the [Special Commission's webpage](#) in the future. NBOME is targeting release of Level 3 eligibility requirements for the Class of 2022 by April 30, 2021.



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? Some ideas of silent auction items include a gift certificate from a local business, restaurant, or attraction; sports tickets or sports memorabilia; theater or special event experiences; spa day; bottles of wine; jewelry; artwork; unique gift basket items; or a product donation from a local business. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Receipt of donations is requested **by March 19, 2021**. Contact Sharon Daggett at charities@azosteo.org or 602-316-9304.





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COVID-19 Tracking Resources

www.covidactnow.org

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Arizona COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution

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