**AMAOPS 2022-2023**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Welcome to the \*88th *Auxiliary to the Missouri Association of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons* Annual Membership Meeting.

As President, it has been a pleasure to preside at all AMAOPS Board Meetings and attend as many virtual meetings as possible, and events, representing our organization.

We completed a successful face to face membership meeting in Kansas City with

encouragement and hope for the future. It was inspirational to see our DO family.

The executive board decided that a summer meeting was not needed, due to

so many personal issues among our members. We had a zoom meeting in the fall and a face-to-face meeting this past March in St. Charles, MO.

On October 6, 2022, AMAOPS was invited to attend the MSMA Alliance (Missouri State Medical Association Alliance) Fall Conference. After consulting with our board, it was decided that it would be a good idea for us to be in attendance. The Conference was held in Kansas City at our KCU Medical School campus/ Butterworth Alumni Center. This was a perfect opportunity to address the group with a brief history of Osteopathic Medicine and welcome all to our medical school. Sandra Novinger and Julie Williams attended the conference as well.

It was nice that Julie won the attendance prize. Also in attendance is the AMA

Alliance National President, Jacqueline L Nguyen, President, from Las Vegas.

At the conference we had two excellent speakers on the topic of Children/

Human sex and organ trafficking in the Kansas City area and Drugs in America.

On the agenda, a tour of the Innovation Center and Sim Lab at the KCU Campus.

We learned about the MSMA Alliance; their motto is Physician Families Advocating for a Healthy Missouri. They designed bookmarks for schools about

“Don’t Let Drugs Choose Your Own Future”.

For National Doctor’s Day, March 30th they gave each of the physicians a card with a red carnation pin and a link to learn the history of National Doctors Day.

MAOPS and MSMA together agree on the legislation that is now a concern

For the physicians and health care in Missouri. We were invited to attend

On DO Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City. Spouses are invited. MSMA

Were to have refreshments for all attending.

For general Information, MSMA Alliance President, Sana Saleh is from Kansas City and is Married to George Saleh, DO, an OB-GYN, was a classmate of Dr. Yasso and Dr. Spezia in 1976 at KCUMB.

Dr. James DiRenna, DO from Liberty, MO was the first DO to serve as President of MSMA in 2019-20. At present, 2023-2024, Dr. Lancer G. Gates, DO is President of the MSMA, formally in Kansas City, MO.

Since our MSMA Alliance introduction in October of 2022 the SLMSMA has invited me to a Christmas party in St. Louis, but I could not attend. I did attend the

Installation of new officers at Sunset Hills Country Club, Near SIU in Edwardsville, ILL. It was welcoming and a very nice affair with President, Sana Saleh, installing.

Chris Yasso, Convention Chair, reported that MOAC will be at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson, MO. We will finally be celebrating our 85th Anniversary with MAOPS 125th Anniversary. We will be using our center pieces that we decided on for our 85th as our celebration was put on hold due to no convention in 2020 -2021, at the joint luncheon on Saturday of the convention. Friday, evening will be free of MAOPS activities, but on Saturday evening there will be a Luau.

It was decided that we would design a post card for all the members to be sent out to announce the AMAOPS Annual Membership Meeting and Raffle and

It was to be announced in the MAOPS Newsletter. I was unable to follow through

with this need.

Concerning the SAAs in Missouri, it seems I report the same content: Our focus continues to be to organize a Student Advocate Associations (SAA) at our medical schools here in Missouri. After, much consideration this endeavor will be put on

hold.

I am confident and excited to report the re-established St. Louis Auxiliary. The members are ready and in the planning stages of another Holiday Party. This past December’s Holiday Party was a wonderful success with Physicians, Residents and Medical Students, wives and dates attending. It was appreciated that we were able to offer to the Residents/Students that their cost would be covered by AMAOPS from the SIRA funds. This was communicated within the invitation, RSVP card and on the tables at the holiday party itself. Many physicians requested to have the Holiday Party every year if possible.

No Band, no Dancing, just eating, drinking, and visiting Is what most of the physicians requested.

At ASLAOPS holiday party, I had the honor of installing the newly elected officers of the St. Louis District (ASLAOPS). They were Jilanne Barnes, President; Sue Miriani, Vice President; Millena Marler, Secretary; and Jana Abbadessa, Treasurer.

Committees:

Melissa Jennings: DO Holiday Party, Spring BBQ Chair and Membership.

Lisa Haithcock, Courtesy Committee and Social Media Manager

Mark Campbell, Legislative

Joyce Spezia, AMAOPS Liaison from the State and Bylaws

and Pat Molnar, Past AAOA President – Mentor as an experienced and trusted advisor.

In March we had our winter board meeting in St. Charles, MO at Bogey Hills

Country Club. It was a 5 PM meeting including dinner. Local hotel listing

were given if spending the night. A little different plan but it was successful

In attendance and a good time. St. Louis District was invited and was well attended.

It is my belief that our Web Site needs a major change. Have been in discussion

with our VP Millena Marler on this possibility.

I have not attended any of the virtual MAOPS Board Meetings this year. May and August 2021, January, and April 2023 MAOPS Board meetings. I forward a report on behalf of AMAOPS to be read, as I made sure AMAOPS was on the agenda. I received a copy of MAOPS minutes and much of the discussion is the annual meetings and CME concerns.

AAOA Delegates included Chris Yasso, Julie Williams, Sandra Novinger, and me.

The AAOA was a virtual meeting this year, our delegates that attended, Julie Williams, Sandra Novinger, Joyce Spezia. My AAOA report will follow this report.

We will be having our annual Membership meeting at 10 AM on June 2, 2023, at Chateau on the Lake in Branson, MO. It was decided we would take the entire membership body in attendance, to lunch after our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Spezia, AMAOPS President**