



Fall House of Delegates Minutes

October 7th, 2017

09:00 - 11:00 EST

Philadelphia Convention Center

On the morning of the eighth of October in the year two thousand seventeen the SOMA House of Delegates met in regular session at the Philadelphia Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA. The Speaker of the House, Simran Behniwal, presiding and in the presence of the President Katie Cassella and the rest of the Board of Trustees, roll was taken, delegate counts were confirmed, and a review of the procedures of the House was held.

A motion was made by Mr. Ward to approve the charters for Rocky Vista University - Southern Utah Campus and Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine and was seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

As the first order of business elections were conducted for 2018-2019 Board of Trustees elected officers. The candidates were each invited to address the House.

Ms. Sarah Cottrell Cumber and Ms. Kate de Klerk each addressed the House as candidates for the office of President.

Ms. Sarah Friedrich addressed the House as candidate for the office of Speaker/Vice President.

Mr. Harris Ahmed and Mr. Brandon Chavez each addressed the House as candidates for the office Parliamentarian

Ms. Tori Bogen, Mr. Zachary Gottlieb, and Mr. John Rajala each addressed the House as candidates for the office Treasurer.

Ms. Sarah Bechay and Ms. Katey McCabe each addressed the House as candidates for Region I Trustee

Mr. Christian von Gizycki, Ms. Elizabeth Pinkason, and Ms. Jessica Frazelle and Mr. Cory Alexieff each addressed the House as candidates for Region II Trustee.

Ms. Annalissa Kammeyer addressed the House as candidate for Region III Trustee.

Mr. Tyler King, Ms. Valeriya Korchina and Ms. Lauren Drake addressed the House as candidates for Region IV Trustee.

Ms. Megan McCord addressed the House as candidate for Region V Trustee.

After votes were cast by online ballot the 2018-2019 Board of Trustees were announced:

SOMA Foundation Chairperson - Sara Kaskowitz, OMS III

Region V Trustee - Megan McCord, OMS II

Region IV Trustee - Tyler King, OMS II

Region III Trustee - Annalissa Kammeyer, OMS II

Region II Trustee - Christian Von Gizycki, OMS II

Region I Trustee - Sarah Bechay, OMS II

Treasurer - John Rajala, OMS II

Parliamentarian - Harris Ahmed, OMS II

VP/Speaker- Sarah Friedrich, OMS III

President - Kate de Klerk, OMS III

At 9:34 AM The Parliamentarian, Ms. Jenni Adams, acting in her role as chair of the Resolutions Committee was granted the floor by Madam Speaker Simran Behniwal to introduce the Resolution Committee Report.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-01 QPR CERTIFICATION TRAINING AMONGST OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SCHOOLS with the committee recommendation that the resolution be approved as amended by striking from page 1, lines 24-25 the words “tell their medical school friends that they were depressed,” and by inserting to line 24 the words “report depressive symptoms to their colleagues,” so lines 24-25 now read “WHEREAS, one study found that 38.3% of medical students would report depressive symptoms to their colleagues”;

and further by striking from page 2 the lines 5-7 “encourage chapters to organize,” and “event for,” and “campus,” and by inserting to lines the words “support the establishment of,” and “each College of Osteopathic Medicine,” so lines 5-7 now read “RESOLVED, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) encourage chapters to support the establishment of a Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention at each College of Osteopathic Medicine campus”;

and further by adding to page 2 the lines 8-10 “RESOLVED, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) implement a Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention at leadership conferences as an optional workshop for chapter leaders, providing them with resources to bring back to their campus”. After no discussion the motion to pass resolution as amended carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-02 CANNABIS RECLASSIFICATION: EFFECT ON RESEARCH with the committee recommendation that the resolution be approved as amended by striking from page 5, line 2 the word “reclassification,” and by inserting to line 2 the words “the classification of,” and by striking from page 5, lines 3 and 4 the words “well-controlled,” and “research,” so lines 1-4 now reads

“RESOLVED, the Student Osteopathic Medical Association and American Osteopathic Association support a review of the classification of cannabis under the Controlled Substance Act of 1970, to facilitate advancement in clinical, public health, patient safety, and health policy research involving medical cannabis use”. After no discussion the motion to pass resolution as amended carried unanimously

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-03 PHYSICAL HEALTH: INTRINSIC ASPECT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS with the committee recommendation that the resolution be referred back to author. After brief discussion the motion to refer resolution back to author carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-04 STANDING AGAINST RESTRICTIVE HOUSING AND SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR JUVENILE INMATES OF PRISON SYSTEMS IN THE US with the committee recommendation that the resolution be approved as amended by by striking from page 11, lines 8-14 “While the ultimate objective of youth incarceration is meant to be rehabilitation, the use of juvenile solitary confinement and/or restrictive housing is punitive, imparting serious psychological and physical harms; and be it further RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association stand against the use of solitary confinement and/or restrictive housing of juveniles in prison systems. While the ultimate objective of youth incarceration is meant to be rehabilitation, the use of juvenile solitary confinement and/or restrictive housing is punitive, imparting serious psychological and physical harms”; and inserting to line 7 the words “RESOLVED, that the official position of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) is that youth incarceration is meant to be rehabilitation and that the use of juvenile solitary confinement and/or restrictive housing imparts serious psychological and physical harms”; and inserting to line 14 the words “RESOLVED, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association recommends the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) adopts these or equivalent positions”;

so it now reads “RESOLVED, that the official position of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) is that youth incarceration is meant to be rehabilitation and that the use of juvenile solitary confinement and/or restrictive housing imparts serious psychological and physical harms; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association stand against the use of solitary confinement and/or restrictive housing of juveniles in prison systems; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Student Osteopathic Medical Association recommends the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) adopts these or equivalent positions”. After a brief discussion the motion to approve the resolution as amended carried unanimously .

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-05 ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE/HEALTH INSURANCE with the committee recommendation that the resolution be approved. Mr. Alexioff moved to amend line 3 and line 0 of the resolved clause by striking “advocates for and” and was seconded. After discussion Mr. King called the question and the amendment failed to carry. Mr. Chaves proposed an amendment to lines 7-14 to strike “residents” and replace with “citizens” and the proposed amendment was seconded. After discussion Mr. Cowan called the question and the amendment failed to carry. After further discussion on resolution as written the Mr. Wolbreueck called the question and the resolution carried.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-06 CHANGE TO NATIONAL STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BUDGET FISCAL YEAR with the committee recommendation that the resolution be approved. After no discussion the resolution carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-07 CHANGE TO NATIONAL STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BUDGET PUBLICATION with the committee recommendation that the resolution be approved as amended by striking from page 17, line 14 the word “Summer,” and by inserting “Fall”, and by inserting “by June 1st” to line 11, so that lines 11-16 read “The National Treasurer shall submit, by June 1st, a National SOMA Budget Proposal to the Board of Trustees, who may accept, reject, or amend the budget proposal. After the budget has been accepted, it shall be distributed to each constituent chapter at the annual Fall Convention to the chapter leaders and available to all chapters upon request. All funding policies shall be outlined in the Governing Policies”. After no discussion the resolution carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-08 URGE CONGRESS TO RETAIN DACA PROTECTIONS with committee recommendation that the resolution be approved. Mr. Zelaya moved to amend the resolution by striking lines 17-18 and adding “ and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)” be added after (SOMA) in lines 13-14 and 15-16 and was seconded. After a discussion Mr. Zelaya called the question and the amendment failed to carry. A motion to pass the resolution as written carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-09 INCREASING THE EDUCATION AND PREVENTATIVE PRESCRIBING OF NALOXONE USE FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE with the committee recommendation that the resolution be approved as amended by striking from page 21, line 26, “family, caregivers, and” and adding “and training of its use for” and “family members, and caregivers,” to line 26 so lines 25-26 now read “RESOLVED, the American Osteopathic Association supports preventative prescribing of Naloxone and the education and training of its use for of family, caregivers, and patients at risk of overdose, family members, and caregivers, in order to prevent opioid related deaths”. After a brief discussion the motion to approve the resolution as amended carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved to open Resolution F-17-10 for discussion as a late submission and was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-10 REGULATING TUITION INCREASES IN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGES with the committee recommendation that the resolution not be approved. After some discussion Mr. Spiratos made a motion to refer back to author and was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Albadawi moved to open Resolution F-17-11 for discussion and was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Resolution F-17-11 MANDATE NUTRITION EDUCATION AND LIFESTYLE COUNSELING IN THE MEDICAL CURRICULUM with the committee recommendation that the resolution not be approved. Mr. Cohen made a motion to refer back to author and was seconded. The motion to refer back to author carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams concluded the committee report at 10:54AM and thanked the members of the resolution committee for their service.

Mr. Wolbreueck moved to adjourn the House and was seconded. The vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Fall 2017 SOMA House of Delegates adjourned at 10:55AM.