

## Education:

### Resident Research Scholarship Forum

Members of the Kent Hospital Residency Programs and Kent Hospital based UNECOM medical students attended the Northeast Osteopathic Medical Education Network's (NEOMEN) 15th Annual research and scholarship forum. The forum was held on Thursday, May 19th in Biddeford, Maine. The forum serves as a national meeting of osteopathic training programs and student teaching sites throughout the Northeast region and 115 posters were presented.

In the resident original research category, 7 residents from our Internal, Emergency and Family Medicine Residency programs were selected to present. **Dr. Brian Lehnhof**, a current third year Emergency Medicine resident, was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the resident research category for his project titled *Electrocardiographic Manifestations and Clinical Outcomes of Severe Hyperkalemia: Can the Electrocardiogram Predict Short Term Adverse Events?* **Dr. Colin Woodard**, a current third year in our Internal Medicine Residency

Program, partnered with members of the Women and Infants Hospital Center for Women's GI Health for his project titled *Inadequate Antiviral Use in Pregnant Women with Chronic Hepatitis B at High Risk for Vertical Transmission*, and he was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

In the resident case report category, 26 residents representing all three of our residency training programs were selected to present. **Dr. Edward Medeiros**, a current intern in the Internal Medicine Program was awarded 1st place for his case *Infective Endocarditis with Severe Neurologic manifestations: A Case Report*. Second place was awarded to **Dr. Alyssa Bennett**, a 3rd year Emergency Medicine Resident, for her case of *Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome Following Treatment with Nivolumab*. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was **Dr. John Sullivan**, a second year Internal Medicine Resident, with a

case of *Radiofrequency Ablation for Cushing's Syndrome Due to an ACTH-secreting Bronchial Carcinoid Tumor*.

Kent Hospital serves as a core site for third year students from the University of New England College Of Medicine. Thirteen of our sixteen students were selected to present at the forum in the student case report category. Student Doctor **Allison Piper** was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for her report on *Endovascular Repair of a 16.7cm Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm*. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Student Doctor **Caitlin Farrell** for her poster titled *A Case of Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection*.

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*From left to right: John Sullivan, DO, Ed Medeiros, DO, Alyssa Bennett, DO, Colin Woodard, DO, and Brian Lehnhof, DO*



# MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT



At the time of this writing plans for ROME NE 2016 are being finalized, a process which started from a

rough draft of ideas to a carefully planned out final program. Unfortunately, **what is less certain now is the fate of RISOPS itself.** I say this because most of our current Board has already served multiple terms and their term limits are either expired or close to expiring. I personally have been on the RISOPS Board since 1999 and have served as President since 2012. This was an undertaking which I have found to be thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable. The camaraderie, networking, professional development, and the satisfaction of giving back to the profession that I owe my livelihood to are just a few of the benefits that I have experienced by serving on the Board. Nevertheless, due to escalating obligations

related to my practice and other professional organizations, I will

no longer be able to continue serving as President after our annual meeting at ROME NE in August. With this looming void in our future leadership, dissolution of our society in the very near future becomes a very real possibility!

**At this time, unless we have members of our profession willing to serve on the Board and as Officers, this essential organization which has existed since the turn of the last century will cease to exist as we know it, and this would be tragic.**

Our society organizes educational meetings, collaborates with UNECOM and our osteopathic residency programs, and provides crucial legislative, regulatory, and

## A Call to Action

professional advocacy for osteopathic physicians. Notably,

the importance of our osteopathic voice was made quite evident very recently with reports of **ongoing systemic discrimination against AOA certified DOs attempting to obtain privileges within the Lifespan health system** (this is currently being investigated by RISOPS and the AOA.)

RISOPS is also critically important in helping to **preserve our osteopathic identity** and community, and *this has never been more important* given the recent osteopathic graduate medical education merger with ACGME.

**Everyone** has unique talents, experiences and perspectives that are desperately needed

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## Call for Applications: Student Interviews for UNECOM

Each fall the RISOPS Student Recruitment & Placement Committee provides Rhode Island students an opportunity to interview for recommendation for admission to the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) and other Osteopathic schools. Last year, seven students were interviewed and 2 were accepted into UNECOM. This year interviews will be held on **September 17<sup>th</sup>** at Kent Hospital in Warwick, Rhode Island at 9:00 AM; the location is pending. Interviews are about thirty minutes in length and are conducted by several Osteopathic physicians in the state. It is an excellent opportunity for a Rhode Island resident to obtain an interview and possible recommendation for entrance to an Osteopathic medical school. Interested students must submit their materials to RISOPS by **August 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Our website has a list of the required information, as follows:

- MCAT Scores
- Copy of completed AACOM Application
- Two (2) letters of recommendation; at least one must be from an undergraduate professor. The other letter may be from a physician, supervising clinician, or employer.
- Proof of Rhode Island residency or Rhode Island origins
- Personal Statement (the personal statement from your AACOM application may be used)
- College transcripts

To be scheduled for an interview all materials should be sent to our address by **August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Information can be mailed separately, but the envelope should clearly indicate the name of the student to which the contents apply. **Please mail to:** RISOPS, 142 East Ontario Street, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611-2864. Please call (800)454-9663 or email [risops@osteopathic.org](mailto:risops@osteopathic.org) with questions.



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**4-7 August 2016**

The Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society, Massachusetts Osteopathic Society, and Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (ROME New England co-sponsors) are accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to provide osteopathic continuing medical education for physicians.

The ROME co-sponsors designate this program for a maximum of **25 AOA Category 1-A credits** and will report CME and specialty credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity.

Visit [osteopathic.org/ROME](http://osteopathic.org/ROME) for more . . .



# PROGRAM

## ROME New England August 4–7, 2016

at the Providence Marriott, Providence, RI

PLEASE NOTE: Program details are subject to change without notice. *Last revised: 6/22/16*

Thursday, Aug. 4	PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS	SPEAKER	SPECIALTY
4–10 pm	<i>Registration Open</i>		
4–7 pm	<i>Exhibit Hall Set-Up</i>		
6:45–7 pm	Welcome & Introduction to Conference		
<b>TRACK: Medicine</b>			
7–8 pm	Preparing for the Wave of Biosimilars	Sanjiv S. Agarwala, MD	IM, Hem, Med Onc
<b>TRACK: Practice Management</b>			
8–9 pm	Osteopathic Advocacy: Partnering to Advance Sound Health Policy	Nick Schilligo, MS	
9–10 pm	Practice Management Pearls from the AOA	Cindy Penkala, CMM, CMPE	
Friday, Aug. 5	PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS	SPEAKER	SPECIALTY
6:45 am–4:30 pm	<i>Registration Open</i>		
6:45–8 am	<i>Breakfast in Exhibit Hall</i>		
6:45 am–7 pm	<i>Exhibit Hall Open</i>		
<b>TRACK: Medicine</b>			
8–8:45 am	Strategies to Prolong Survival in COPD	Thomas Raimondo, DO	IM
8:45–9:30 am	Interventional Approach to Varicose Veins	Jason D. Iannuccilli, MD	DR, V/I Rad
9:30–10 am	<i>Exhibitor Break</i> <i>Concurrently: MOS Membership Meeting</i>		
10–11 am	Updates in Bariatric Weight Loss	Pavlos Papasavas, MD	S
<b>TRACK: OB/GYN</b>			
11–noon	Pelvic Floor Disorders	Adam Steinberg, DO	OB/GYN, FPM/RS
Noon–12:15 pm	<i>Break – Buffet Luncheon served</i>		
<b>TRACK: Keynote Presentation</b>			
12:15–1:45 pm	<i>Luncheon Presentation: State of the Osteopathic Profession</i>	Boyd Buser, DO	OMM, FOM

<b>TRACK: Medicine</b>			
1:45–2:30 pm	Atrial Fibrillation & New Agents for Anti-Coagulation	TBD	
2:30–3 pm	<i>Exhibitor Break</i> <i>Concurrently: RISOPS Membership Meeting</i>		
<b>TRACK: OB/GYN</b>			
3–3:45 pm	Breast Imaging Updates – Dense Breasts	Robert Ward, MD	DR
3:45–4:45 pm	Approach to Menopause	David Adelstein, DO	OB/GYN
4:45–5:30 pm	Changing Again? Update on New PAP Recommendations	David Adelstein, DO	OB/GYN
5:30 pm	<i>Reception in Exhibit Hall</i>		
<b>Saturday, Aug. 6</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>SPECIALTY</b>
6:45 am–4 pm	<i>Registration Open</i>		
6:45–8 am	<i>Breakfast</i>		
6:45–10:15 am	<i>Exhibit Hall Open</i>		
<b>TRACK: Pain/State Mandates</b>			
8–10 am	REMS: Extended-release and Long-acting (ER/LA) Opioid Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS): Achieving Safe Use While Improving Patient Care	Pamela L. Grimaldi, DO	FOM, NMO
10–10:15 am	<i>Exhibitor Break</i>		
10:15–11:15 am	Pain Medicine Case Studies: When to Prescribe	Haipeng “Mark” Zhang, DO	IM
11:15 am–12:15 pm	Update on Medical Marijuana in New England	Dean Mariano, DO	A, PMed
12:15–12:30 pm	<i>Break – Buffet Luncheon Served</i>		
<b>TRACK: Luncheon Presentation</b>			
12:30–1:30 pm	The Person Within the Data: Exploring the Digital Phenotype	Jared Hawkins, MMSc, PhD	
<b>TRACK: OMM</b>			
1:30–3:30 pm	An Osteopathic Approach to Female Patients with Chest Pain	Laura Griffin, DO	NMO, FOM
3:30–3:45 pm	<i>Refreshment Break</i>		
3:45–5:30 pm	OMT Workshops	Guy DeFeo, DO Jodie Hermann, DO Michael Waddington, DO	OMM, FOM IM, NMO NMO
6 pm	<i>Dinner on own, or</i> <i>Concurrently: COMS Membership Meeting</i>		

<b>Sunday, Aug. 7</b>	<b>PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>SPECIALTY</b>
6:30–11:30 am	<i>Registration Open</i>		
6:30–8 am	<i>Breakfast Served</i>		
<b>TRACK: State Mandates</b>			
7–8 am	Behavioral Medicine: Resilience for Osteopathic Professionals—Practical Approaches to Avoid Burnout	Robert D. Smith, DO	FOM
8–9 am	Ethics in Forensic Psychiatry	TBD	
9–10 am	AOA Dementia/Alzheimer's Diagnosis & Detection Project – Part 1	TBD	
10–10:15 am	<i>Break</i>		
10:15–11:15 am	AOA Dementia/Alzheimer's Diagnosis & Detection Project – Part 2	TBD	
11:15 am–12:15 pm	Palliative Care	Anthony Thomas, DO	IM, MedOnc
12:15 pm	<i>Conference Concludes</i>		

**SPECIALTIES :**

- A** Anesthesiology
- DR** Diagnostic Radiology
- FOM** Family Medicine/OMT
- FPM/RS** Female Pelvic Medicine/Reconstructive Surgery
- Hem** Hematology
- IM** Internal Medicine
- MedOnc** Medical Oncology

- NMO** Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine/OMM
- OB/GYN** Obstetrics & Gynecology
- OMM** Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- PMed** Pain Medicine
- S** Surgery
- V/I Rad** Vascular/Interventional Radiology

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# Incoming Interns, 2016

## Emergency Medicine

Meredith Garvin	Lincoln Memorial-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>LMU-DCOM</i> )
Kathryn Kelly	University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>UNECOM</i> )
Chelsea Laber	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>PCOM</i> )
Matthew Lambton	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>PCOM</i> )
Vincent Sicari	West Virginia School Of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>WVSOM</i> )
Landon Wood	Western University of Health Sciences/College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific ( <i>COMP</i> )

## Internal Medicine

Rachael Black	Oklahoma State College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>OSUCOM</i> )
Dmitry Drozhzhin	New York Institute of Technology, College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>NYIT</i> )
Ilna Goukassian	University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>UNECOM</i> )
Matthew McMullen	University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth ( <i>TCOM</i> )
Asmani Patel	University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth ( <i>TCOM</i> )
Tri Quoc Pham	Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University ( <i>AZCOM</i> )
Roshan Shah	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, PA ( <i>LECOM</i> )
Jameel Shareef	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine ( <i>PCOM</i> )

## Family Medicine

Zhi Peng Dai	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, PA ( <i>LECOM</i> )
Eric Joo Hyung Lee	A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Osteopathic Medicine, AZ ( <i>ATSU-SOMA</i> )

## GI Fellowship

Colin Woodard, DO	Kent Hospital, RI ( <i>Internal Medicine</i> )
Lindsey Merritt, DO	Stamford Hospital/Columbia University of Physicians & Surgeons, CT ( <i>Internal Medicine</i> )

## Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine

Kyle DuBose, DO	Broward Health Medical Center, FL ( <i>Family Medicine</i> )
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# Graduating Residents, 2016

## Emergency Medicine

Nicholas Billings, DO	Novant Health Center Brunswick Medical Center, Bolivia, NC
John Budi, DO	Adena Regional Medical Center, Chillicothe, OH
Adam Levin, DO	South County Hospital, Wakefield, RI
Stacy Page, DO	Lutheran and Good Samaritan Hospital, Lafayette, CO
Anil Tahiliani, DO	Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, Houston, TX

## Internal Medicine

Desirae Budi, DO	ThedaCare Regional Medical Center, Appleton, WI
Mark Salmon, DO	Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI
Colin Woodard, DO	G.I. Fellowship, Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI

## Family Medicine

John Andersen, DO	North Attleboro Medical Center, North Attleboro, MA
Justin Etter, DO	Hawthorne Medical Associates, North Dartmouth, MA
Mark Oien, DO	Hyannis Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Hyannis, MA

## Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine

Todd May, DO	Louisiana State University Health, New Orleans, LA
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# Bits&Pieces

## Resident Updates

The Kent Family Medicine Residency will have 3 graduates this upcoming June: Mark Oien, DO, Jonathan Andersen, DO, Justin Etter, DO. Kara Kopaczewski, DO won Resident of the Year at RIAFP conference. Yumi Aikawa, DO won best poster presentation for her case study on End of Life Care in a Complex Patient. We also will be having two new residents joining our program this year.

### Forum Winners (cont'd from page 1)

We would like to congratulate all of the participants and winners from the forum and we are very proud of the academic tradition Kent Hospital has established in the New England Region.

*At right: Student Doctors Farrell and Piper*



## Dr. Polly Leonard Elected to AAO Board

**Polly E. Leonard, DO, MS, FNAOME**, of Warwick, Rhode Island, was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) on March 17 at the AAO's Convocation in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Leonard was one of three osteopathic physicians from around the country to be newly elected as a governor of the AAO, the largest medical society in the United States devoted to fostering osteopathic manipulative medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine (OMM-NMM). She will serve a one-year term.

Dr. Leonard is a clinical professor of family medicine and OMM at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) in Biddeford, Maine, where she was the 1996 Graduate of

Distinction and an undergraduate fellow in OMM. She is board certified in OMM-NMM

and in osteopathic family medicine.

In 2011, Dr. Leonard earned a master's degree in medical education leadership at UNECOM, and she has earned two fellowships in the National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators: Medical Education Leadership in 2012, and Teaching and Evaluation in 2014.

In her candidate statement, Dr. Leonard wrote, "[The AAO] should take every opportunity to intelligently integrate OMM into patient care and education venues. We should increase and diversify our educational programs to provide a much needed resource for the profession."

Dr. Leonard is the president of the Northeast Osteopathic Medical Education Network. In addition, she chairs the Society of Osteopathic Medical Educators, and she is a master teacher for Training the Osteopathic Professions Core Educators (TOPCE).

Dr. Leonard is in private practice in Warwick.

## Volunteer Opportunities: Board and Committee Members Needed!

The Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons is seeking open nominations for the board. Candidates must be a current active member of RISOPS to be considered. More information about the duties and responsibilities of the positions can be found in the bylaws at <http://www.risops.org>.

### Positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, 2 Trustees

**Appointment Term:** 3 years, no more than 4 terms.

**Time Commitment:** 1 to 3 hours every month to prepare and participate in board meetings.

Participation can be in person or via conference call. Any communication or voting needs outside of board meetings are done via email.

**Respond by: Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Elections will take place at the General Membership Meeting during the ROME New England conference, Friday, Aug. 5th at 2:30pm.

Interested individuals can submit a letter of interest and a CV to [risops@osteopathic.org](mailto:risops@osteopathic.org).



# A LOOK BACK IN HISTORY

photograph courtesy of the NEOHC



## Cranston General Hospital Staff, circa 1950

**1st row:** Dr. Chisholm (Gilmore), [unidentified\*], Dr. Marsella (Augustus), [unidentified\*], Dr. Cobb (Terrance), Bill Durham (Lab), Luck Durham (Lab), Marion True, Dr. F.E. True (Last) (Foster Caldwell). **2nd row:** [unidentified\*], Dr. Celia Craig, Dr. Ralph Craig, Mrs. Rosenthal, Dr. Rosenthal (Ellis), Miss Florence Penniwell, R.N. Director of Nursing, [unidentified\*], [unidentified\*], Dr. Gentile

(Herman), [unidentified\*], [unidentified\*].

**3rd row:** [unidentified\*], [unidentified\*], Mrs. Barland, [unidentified\*], Dr. Donald T. Bortle (Bow tie), Pauline Bortle, [unidentified\*], Dr. Siniscalchi? (Frank).

**4th row:** [unidentified\*], Dr. Kokolski (Ged), Dr. Garland (Leroy), Dr. Steve McDaniel, [unidentified\*], [unidentified\*], [unidentified\*], [unidentified\*].

*\* Please contact RISOPS if you can put a name to any of the unidentified faces in this photo.*

## Dinner Meeting — June 15<sup>th</sup>

RISOPS held a dinner meeting on Wednesday June 15th, and it was sponsored by Legally Mine. It took place at the 1149 Restaurant in Warwick, RI. The topic was "Stop Lawsuits, Lower Taxes (The Power is in Your Hands)" and it was delivered by Art McOmber who is a veteran of the FBI!



# R.I. Legislative Update

Summer 2016

## It's been a busy quarter for RISOPS in legislation!

In March, the AOA and RISOPS sent a letter requesting inclusion of RISOPS on the collaborative practice committee for **Senate Bill 2498**, which relates to collaborative practice agreements between pharmacists and physicians. The House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommended passage of the bill on 05/18/16.

The AOA and RISOPS sent a letter of requesting an amendment to **House Bill 7474** that insurers update provider directories monthly be changed to every fifteen working days to ensure patients are able to receive the care that they need without interruptions or delays. House Bill 7474 creates the Meaningful Access to Accurate Provider Directories Act. The House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommended the bill be held for further study on 03/23/16.

The AOA and RISOPS sent a letter of support on **Senate Bill 2497**, which enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended the bill be held for further study on 03/22/16.

The AOA and RISOPS sent a letter of support and requested inclusion on **Senate Bill 2697**, which establishes the Rhode Island Behavioral Health Care Reform Act of 2016 and promotes delivery of behavioral health care services as well as provides for increased coverage for these services. The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended bill be held for further study on 03/15/16.

In May, the AOA and RISOPS sent a letter of support for **House Bill 7849** and for **Senate Bill 2874**, which allow the electronic prescribing of Schedule V drugs. **Senate Bill 2874** was recommended for passage on 05/25/16.

The AOA and RISOPS sent another letter of support in May for **House Bill 7160**, which would promote the appropriate use of telemedicine and ensure payment for services provided to patients in need. It was referred to Senate Health and Human Services on 05/19/16.

The AOA and RISOPS sent two letters of support regarding **Senate Bill 2465**, which requires provider directories to be updates monthly. They asked that updates be made within 15 business days which would ensure that patients receive the care they need without any interruptions or delays. As of 5/26/2016, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee recommended the measure be held for further study.

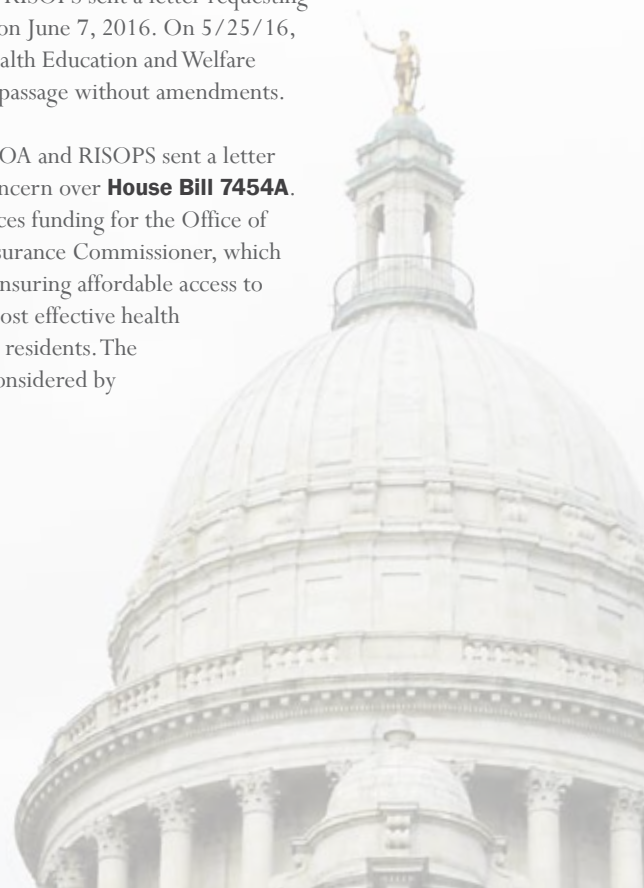
Finally, in May, the AOA and RISOPS requested an amendment to **Senate Bill 3029**, which addresses the opioid overdose crisis by ensuring patient access to alternative means of pain management. The bill also provides insurance coverage for chiropractic services. The AOA and RISOPS requested that OMT be covered as a treatment option for patients who suffer from pain. The Senate recommended the measure be held for further study.

## June

In June, the AOA and RISOPS signed on in support of **Senate Bill 2577**, which promotes appropriate use of telemedicine and ensures payment of services provided to patients in need. The Senate HHS Committee recommended passage on June 7, 2016.

**Senate Bill 3013** enacts the Health Care Accessibility and Quality Assurance Act which requires health insurers to adhere to certain network adequacy standards and provides for enrollee access to out-of-network providers for covered services at the same rates when in-network access is insufficient. It does not specify the rate at which out-of-network providers are paid. It also does not require that provider directories be made available to the public free of charge, nor does it establish a mechanism for reporting and correcting inaccuracies. The AOA and RISOPS sent a letter requesting amendments on June 7, 2016. On 5/25/16, the House Health Education and Welfare recommends passage without amendments.

In June, the AOA and RISOPS sent a letter expressing concern over **House Bill 7454A**. This bill reduces funding for the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner, which is integral in ensuring affordable access to high quality, cost effective health care for all RI residents. The bill is being considered by the House.



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## 2016 MEMBERSHIP RATES

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- New Member – 1<sup>st</sup> Year ..... FREE
- New Member – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year ..... \$ 100
- Associate Membership ..... \$ 150
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Return completed application & payment to:

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I agree that I will comply with the Bylaws of the Society and the Code of Ethics of this Profession			
Signature: _____		Date _____	

Your dues payments to the Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (RISOPS) may be deductible as business expenses up to the amount of \$325.00. (No portion of the dues are used to pay for costs of lobbying.) Please consult with your tax advisor concerning the extent to which you may deduct business expenses. RISOPS would be happy to respond to any questions that you or your tax advisor may have.

Questions? Please call RISOPS at 800-454-9663.





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right now, and the time commitment (1 to 3 hours every other month) is minimal. The question is, how much are you willing to do for the profession that you owe your livelihood to?

**This is a call to each and every DO in the state to consider carefully the consequences of continued inaction. If you don't step up now, who will?**

**Don't let apathy snuff out the breath of our society!**

Resolve *now* to call RISOPS @ 1(800) 454-9663 or email (*risops@osteopathic.org*) and **be part of the solution.** Your Rhode Island colleagues and the entire osteopathic profession will be greatly indebted to you for answering this urgent call to action at a time we need you most.

With thanks and appreciation,

James Griffin, DO



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