

SUBJECT: AOA Specialty Board Certification
SUBMITTED BY: Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
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RESOLUTION NO. 6

- 1 WHEREAS, in 2014 the American Osteopathic Association's House of Delegates passed
2 Resolution H-800 supporting the American Osteopathic Association's decision to
3 create a single accreditation process for graduate medical education; and
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5 WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians traditionally trained in an Accreditation Council for
6 Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) residency program have found it very
7 challenging to obtain osteopathic board certification due to their training not being
8 recognized by their osteopathic specialty board; and
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10 WHEREAS, these osteopathic physicians often feel abandoned by the osteopathic
11 profession due to their postgraduate training program choice and the difficulty they
12 experience in trying to gain osteopathic approval for their allopathic training, and
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14 WHEREAS, it is important to offer every osteopathic physician the opportunity to be a
15 member of their osteopathic organizations and the opportunity to obtain
16 osteopathic board certification; and
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18 WHEREAS, the AOA is looking at options for offering allopathic physicians options for
19 obtaining membership in the AOA due to the Single Accreditation System for
20 postgraduate medical education programs; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Single Accreditation System under the ACGME offers an opportunity for the
23 AOA to offer board certification to allopathic physicians; now, therefore be it
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25 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) work with
26 the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Bureau of Osteopathic
27 Specialties (BOS) to develop the necessary strategies to ensure that any osteopathic
28 or allopathic physician who has completed the necessary requirements for board
29 eligibility be allowed to sit for osteopathic board exams.