

SUBJECT: Student Involvement in State Societies
SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians
REFERRED TO: 2018 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 13

- 1 WHEREAS, osteopathic medical students make up roughly 21% of the osteopathic profession;
2 and
- 3 WHEREAS, Student Association of the American College of Osteopathic Medicine (SAACOFM)
4 Chapters provide a direct means of communication between state societies and
5 osteopathic medical students; and
- 6 WHEREAS, collaboration with osteopathic medical students can provide additional
7 perspectives regarding health care policy and the future of osteopathic medicine; and
- 8 WHEREAS, state societies can engage students through advocacy, resolution writing,
9 mentorship, conference attendance, and committee membership; and
- 10 WHEREAS, all state societies with a College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) in their state
11 receive one voting student delegate for the Congress of Delegates; and
- 12 WHEREAS, state societies are encouraged to create and maintain a resident member position on
13 their state board; now, therefore be it
- 14 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFM) state
15 societies with a College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) in their state be encouraged to
16 create and maintain a student member position on their board; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, that it will be at the discretion of the state societies if this student member is a voting
18 member and if the student member receives the same benefit as other members of the
19 state board; and, be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFM) state societies be
21 encouraged to include student member involvement on committees.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of MARCH 22, 2018

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