

## PAST PRESIDENTS SPOTLIGHT: A Legacy of Women

THIS NEW FEATURE  
HIGHLIGHTS THE  
LEGACY OF ACOFP  
PAST PRESIDENTS.

### Jan D. Zieren, DO, MPH, FACOFP *dist.*

**TERM OF PRESIDENCY:** 2009-2010

**THEME OF PRESIDENCY:** TIME

I made "time" the theme. My focus was on relationships, connections, and collaboration.



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Had the ACOFP Board meet with AOBFP to improve the relationship between us
- Invited Dr. Karen Nichols (incoming first female elected president for the American Osteopathic Association) to the ACOFP Board retreat to strengthen our connection while we discussed several AOA topics that impacted the ACOFP
- Attempted collaboration efforts over the year by meeting with Dr. Lori Heim (incoming second female elected president for the American Academy of Family Physicians), as our organizations had several mutual goals

### Nicole Heath Bixler, DO, MBA, FACOFP *dist.*

**TERM OF PRESIDENCY:** 2020-2022

**THEME OF PRESIDENCY:** We Can D.O.

It! This theme did not really come to fruition because of COVID, showing that a theme isn't the most important thing, but rather adaptability to what is needed at the time for the organization.



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- COVID response and the adaptability of our organization to, not only survive, but thrive
- Formulating the Task Force on Racism and Health that eventually morphed into the DEI Advisory Group, which helped formulate the blueprint for our organization's efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusivity
- Leading the initiative to reflect on our board and committee structure and spearhead change to modernize our governance to more adequately reflect our diverse membership
- Being a role model to other female physicians to demonstrate that you can DO it all . . . physician, mother, spouse, daughter, mentor, and leader!

### Carol L. Henwood, DO, FACOFP *dist.*

**TERM OF PRESIDENCY:** 2014-2015

**THEME OF PRESIDENCY:** Enhanced state society and student chapter services and enhanced support for quality reporting and reimbursement



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Task-force work leading to new state chapters in Alabama and Oregon and a regional society for Pennsylvania/Delaware and Maryland, development of distressed state society programs for financial support for state societies in need, and four national calls/webinar "conversations with the president," in which state society and student chapter leadership were invited to attend
- Regular CME education for members on quality improvement and enhanced reimbursement and continued work with the ACOFP Quality Metrics program (EHR-based quality reporting)
- Represented the ACOFP and other specialty societies and AOA affiliate state societies bringing forward concerns with the single accreditation system proposal. Our united efforts resulted in improved communication and assurances that DO training, residency programs, and program directors would continue to be respected and osteopathic distinctiveness would continue to thrive