

PAST PRESIDENTS SPOTLIGHT

Paul A. Martin, DO, FACOFP *dist.*

TERM OF PRESIDENCY: 2012-2013

THEME OF PRESIDENCY: Innovation

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Upgraded ACOFP informational technology capabilities to produce 16 webinars. Additionally, the In-Service Examinations (ISE) for residents moved from a written format to electronic.
- "I was in Washington, DC, at least every 2 months advocating for sustainable growth rate (SGR) reform and equitable physician reimbursement, especially for cognitive family physician clinical work. There was very limited space in the Washington office, and as a result, I had to displace an employee from their desk to utilize their computer and phone. Consequently, plans for a National Osteopathic Advocacy Center (NOAC) were drafted with a visiting physician's office and large space for meetings and committee work. The NOAC project was in part funded by ACOFP and many ACOFP members."
- The idea of a single accreditation system (SAS) for osteopathic and allopathic residencies was brought forth informally to ACOFP leadership during OMED 2012. ACOFP leadership proposed a Memorandum of Understanding, which included the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and Accreditation Council for graduate medical Education (ACGME) on a SAS. From that point, the SAS for residencies evolved over 5 years, to where it is today.



Kieran P. Knapp, DO, FACOFP *dist.*

TERM OF PRESIDENCY: 2002-2003

THEME OF PRESIDENCY: Common sense

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Established the liaison with the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) through meetings with Dr. Pugno, and participated as first ACOFP and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) representative at their Future of Primary Care Summit.
- Assigned a task force that completed the standards for the rural care residency program.
- Began and established the Center for Procedural Medicine.



THIS NEW FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS THE LEGACY OF ACOFP PAST PRESIDENTS.

Glenn G. Miller, DO, FACOFP

TERM OF PRESIDENCY: 2005-2006

THEME OF PRESIDENCY: Our country was in a malpractice insurance crisis and we had to address it.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Accomplishments are made by a team, not an individual. I am extremely grateful to have had an excellent board who helped in every way.
- Malpractice was a tremendous problem for all doctors. I reached out to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), who invited me to address their convention on this and other issues. The response was positive, and working together, we were able to make significant improvements.
 - One problem with reimbursement for family doctors was that insurance payments were weighted more on procedures than on cognitive visits. With the tremendous help of Dr. Tom Told, we began workshops at the convention to train our members to perform in-office procedures.
 - As our osteopathic medical schools grew in number, we knew that there would be a need for additional residency positions. During that year, we had a significant increase in residency slots.

