The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society held its annual Board of Directors meeting October 1 in Chicago. At the conclusion of the meeting the Board installed its new officers for 2017, and welcomed two new Board members.

**Officers**

President—**Joseph W. Stubbs MD, MACP** (AΩA, Emory University, 1978) joined the AΩA Board of Directors in 2008 as a Member at Large. In 2011, he became the Board Treasurer, and served in that role until being elected President Elect in 2016. Dr. Stubbs is a private physician in Albany, Georgia. He is past president of the American College of Physicians (2009-2010), and currently the Medical Director of South Georgia Accountable Care Organization. His specialty is internal medicine/geriatrics.

President Elect—**Eve Higginbotham, SM, MD** (AΩA, Morehouse School of Medicine, 2011, Faculty) is the inaugural Vice Dean for Inclusion and Diversity at the University of Pennsylvania, Senior Fellow of the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics, and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania. She is Secretary of the Ascension Board. Dr. Higginbotham is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Defense Health Board, and Visiting Committee of the Institute of Medical Engineering and Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is an Associate Editor of the American Journal of Ophthalmology, and Vice Chair of the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study. She serves as the AΩA Leadership Committee Chair, and was active in developing the new Fellow in Leadership Award. Her specialty is ophthalmology, and glaucoma.

Immediate Past President—**Robert G. Atnip, MD, FACS, RPVI** (AΩA, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 1976) has served on the AΩA Board of Directors since 2006, first as a Councilor Director, and most recently as a Member at Large. He has been the Councilor at the Eta Pennsylvania Chapter at the Pennsylvania State University Milton S. Hershey Medical Center since 2002, and is a Professor of Surgery and Radiology. He is a Test Development consultant for the National Board of Medical Examiners, and a long-standing member of his hospital’s Ethics Committee. He is American Board of Surgery certified in surgery, vascular surgery, and surgical critical care. His specialties are vascular surgery, vascular ultrasound, wound care, and hyperbaric medicine.

Secretary Treasurer—**Wiley “Chip” Souba, MD, ScD, MBA** (AΩA, University of Texas Medical School at Houston, 1978) joined the AΩA Board of Directors as a Member at Large in 2013. He has most recently served as Vice-President for Health Affairs, and Dean of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, where he maintains a faculty appointment as Professor in the Department of Surgery. He is nationally known for his innovative approaches to developing leaders and leadership. His specialty is surgical oncology.

**New members**

Councilor Director—**Kathleen Ryan, MD** (AΩA, Hahnemann University, 1994, Resident) has served as the AΩA Councilor at Drexel University College of Medicine since 2012. She is the Associate Dean for Medical Education-Simulation, and directs the simulation center at the College of Medicine. In January 2015, she was awarded the EMS Advocate Award in recognition of her role in advocating learning through simulation. In 2011, she was awarded the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. She was the Associate Editor for Postgraduate Medicine from 2008-2015. She has served on many national committees assessing performance at the National Board of Medical examiners, and developing...
In recognition of faculty members who have distinguished themselves in medical education, the Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards are presented annually to two basic sciences teachers and two clinical studies teachers. AΩA partners with the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) in the selection of each year’s award recipients.

This year’s awards were presented during the AAMC 2016 Awards Dinner, Sunday, November 13, in Seattle, Washington.

The 2016 AΩA Distinguished Teachers are:

**F. Stanford Massie Jr., MD, FACP**—As a professor of medicine, Dr. Massie has helped thousands of medical students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine find their passion for clinical care. He also assists those who teach, and in 2011, he co-founded the professional organization Directors of Clinical Skills Courses, which has participants from nearly every U.S. medical school. Dr. Massie’s commitment to students is evident in his scholarship, which has served as a framework to identify interventions that can mitigate medical student burnout.

**Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards**

Student Director—Sean Chris-tensen, MSIV (AΩA, University of South Carolina, 2016) is a fourth year medical student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He intends to enter a psychiatry residency program later this year. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley with a double major in Neurobiology and Mass Communications. He participated in research at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory before moving to Southern California to work at a home medical equipment manufacturing company. In preparation for medical school, he acted as a Kaplan MCAT instructor, and volunteered at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California. As a medical student, he has served as Class President, started a company focused on aiding patients with neurocognitive disorders, and became involved in psychiatry interest groups both locally and nationally, serving as the chair of his region for PsychSIGN. In his senior year of medical school, he has taken an active role in chairing the Black Tie White Coat Gala, an event to raise funds for the Free Medical Clinic in Columbia, South Carolina, and provide scholarships for medical students.

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Karl Patrick Ober, MD (ΩΩA, Wake Forest School of Medicine, 1995)—For more than 38 years, Dr. Ober has influenced the lives of thousands of medical and physician assistant students, residents, and fellows. In return, learners at Wake Forest School of Medicine have honored the professor of internal medicine with more than 30 teaching awards, including establishing a leadership award that bears his name. In addition to his proficiency as a clinical educator, Dr. Ober is an internationally recognized expert on Mark Twain, with a focus on the author’s commentaries on medicine. Like Twain, Dr. Ober relies on storytelling to make the most complex material understandable.

Dean X. Parmelee, MD (ΩΩA, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, 2008, Faculty)—Dr. Parmelee has been an early pioneer of team-based learning and medical education innovation for more than three decades. In 2001, he joined Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine as Associate Dean for Medical Education, where he partnered with colleagues to transform the passive curriculum into one that engages learners. Dr. Parmelee has advanced active learning techniques nationally and globally, has served as the inaugural president of the national Team-Based Learning Collaborative, and was instrumental in establishing a medical school in Saudi Arabia.

Thomas L. Pazdernik, PhD—Dr. Pazdernik has developed a reputation as an educational innovator at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. More than four decades ago, Dr. Pazdernik led the creation of a computer-assisted teaching system for pharmacology, coordinating efforts with dozens of domestic and foreign medical schools. Upgraded as technology advances, the system continues to aid students today. Dr. Pazdernik has received many honors for exceptional teaching and mentoring, including the Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring Award, and selection as a University of Kansas Chancellor’s Club Teaching Professor.

Past AΩA Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teachers

2015
Gupepreet Dhaliwal, MD (ΩΩA, Northwestern University, 1998), Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine
Jonathan Kibble, PhD, Professor, Assistant Dean for Medical Education, University of Central Florida College of Medicine
Thomas Kwasigroch, PhD (ΩΩA, James H. Quillen College of Medicine of East Tennessee State University, 1988, Faculty), Professor, Biomedical Sciences/Anatomy, James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University
David Muller, MD (ΩΩA, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, 1995, Resident), Professor, Dean for Medical Education, the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

2014
Charles L. Bardes, MD (ΩΩA, University of Pennsylvania, 1986), Associate Dean of Admissions, Professor, Clinical Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College
Bernard Karnath, MD (ΩΩA, University of Texas Medical Branch, 2007, Alumnus), Professor of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Randall King, MD, PhD, Harry C. McKenzie Professor, Department of Cell Biology, Harvard Medical School
Emma A. Meagher, MBCh, BAO (MD), Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

2013
Cynthia Lance-Jones, MA, PhD, Assistant Dean for Medical Student Research, Associate Professor, Department of Neurobiology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Stuart Slavin, MD, MEd (ΩΩA, Saint Louis University, 1984), Associate Dean for Curriculum, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Saint Louis University School of Medicine
Mikel Snow, PhD (ΩΩA, University of Southern California, 1988), Director, Medical Education, Professor and Chair, Department of Cell and Neurobiology, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
Roy Ziegelstein, MD, MACP (ΩΩA, Boston University School of Medicine, 1986), Vice Dean for Education, Sarah Miller Coulson and Frank L. Coulson, Jr., Professor of Medicine, Executive Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2012
Bruce F. Giffin, PhD, MS, Field Service Professor, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD (ΩΩA, University of Chicago, 1992), Professor of Radiology, Pediatrics, Medical Education, Philosophy, Liberal Arts, Philanthropy, Indiana University School of Medicine
Brian Hodges, MD, PhD, FRCP, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine
Amy Leigh Wilson-Delfosse, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
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2003

Joel M. Felner, MD (AΩA, Emory University, 1980, Faculty), Professor, Cardiology, Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Emory University School of Medicine

Barry D. Mann, MD (AΩA, Drexel University College of Medicine, 1999, Faculty), Associate Professor, Surgery, Drexel University College of Medicine

Gabriel T. Virella, MD, PhD (AΩA, Medical University of South Carolina, 1989, Faculty), Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Medical University of South Carolina

Lawrence D.H. Wood, MD, PhD (AΩA, University of Chicago, 1993, Faculty), Dean of Medical Education, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

2002

Lewis R. First, MD (AΩA, University of Vermont, 1997, Faculty), Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Vermont College of Medicine

Faith T. Fitzgerald, MD (AΩA, University of California, San Francisco, 1969), Professor of Medicine, University of California, Davis School of Medicine

Aviad Haramati, PhD, Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Georgetown University School of Medicine

Ralph F. Jozefowicz, MD (AΩA, Columbia University, 1979), Professor of Neurology and Medicine, Associate Chair for Education, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

2001

Walter J. Bo, PhD, Professor, Neurobiology and Anatomy, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

J. John Cohen, MD, PhD (AΩA, University of Colorado, 1992, Faculty), Professor, Immunology, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Douglas S. Paauw, MD (AΩA, University of Michigan, 1983), Associate Professor, Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine

Steven E. Weinberger, MD (AΩA, Harvard Medical School, 1973), Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

2000

Frank M. Calia, MD (AΩA, Tufts University School of Medicine, 1961), Professor, Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Cyril M. Grum, MD (AΩA, University of Michigan, 1998, Faculty), Professor, Medicine, University of Michigan School

Ronald J. Markert, PhD, Robert J. Kergereis Distinguished Professor of Teaching, Wright State University School of Medicine

Jeanette J. Norden, PhD (AΩA, Vanderbilt University, 1998, Alumnus), Professor, Cell Biology and Neuroscience, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

1999

Susan Billings-Gagliardi, PhD (AΩA, University of Massachusetts Medical School, 2001, Faculty), Professor, Cell Biology, University of Massachusetts Medical School

L.D. Britt, MD (AΩA, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 1993, Faculty), Henry Ford Professor, Edward Brickhouse Chairman, Department of Surgery, Eastern Virginia Medical School

Patrick Duff, MD, Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Florida College of Medicine

John Theodore Hansen, PhD, Professor, Neurobiology and Anatomy, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

1998

Bruce M. Koeppen, MD, PhD (AΩA, University of Chicago, 1977), University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Daniel H. Lowenstein, MD (AΩA, University of California, San Francisco, 1983), University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine

Hugo Rudolf Seibel, PhD (AΩA, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1990, Faculty), Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University

Mark H. Swartz, MD (AΩA, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, 1972), Mount Sinai School of Medicine

1997

George Libman Engel, MD (AΩA, Johns Hopkins University, 1938), University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

William H. Frishman, MD (AΩA, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, 1978, Faculty), Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD (AΩA, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, 1975), University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio

Michael S. Wilkes, MD, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine

1996

Ruth-Marie Fincher, MD (AΩA, Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University, 1976, Faculty), Medical College of Georgia

Edward C. Klatt, MD (AΩA, Loma Linda University, 1976), University of Utah School of Medicine

Steven R. McGee, MD (AΩA, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, 1980), University of Washington School of Medicine

1995

Pamela C. Champe, PhD (AΩA, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 1996, Faculty), University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Phyllis A. Guze, MD, University of California, Los Angeles

1994

Jose I. Choca, MD, PhD, University of Illinois College of Medicine

Jane F. Desforges, MD (AΩA, Tufts University School of Medicine, 1945), Tufts University School of Medicine and the New England Medical Center

William E. Erkonen, MD, University of Iowa College of Medicine

Guido Majno, MD, Massachusetts Medical School

1993

Kelley M. Skeff, MD (AΩA, University of Colorado, 1970), Stanford University School of Medicine

Parker A. Small Jr., MD (AΩA, University of Florida, 2001, Faculty), University of Florida College of Medicine