



## Montana Osteopathic Medical Association, Spring 2022 Newsletter

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Greetings from MOMA. This newsletter contains updates and other information for our DO's, students, and others in Montana. By subject:

- 1) **CME:** MOMA's Primary Care Roundup will be held in Billings, August 4-7, both onsite and virtual, for a total of about 25 credit hours. AOA 1-A and AAFP prescribed credits will be applied for.

For the first time, the conference will take place on the Billings Clinic campus. The Billings Clinic's CME department has been contracted and has co-sponsored this program the last 12 years. We will work to help with accommodations with nearby hotels.

The event starts at noon on Thursday, August 4, all day Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, and ends at noon on Sunday August 7. Again, this can be attended live, virtually. By June 15, you can visit MOMA's website: [montanaosteopaths.org](http://montanaosteopaths.org) (montana osteopathic medical association) or the Billings Clinic's website, under CME, for the agenda. We do look at previous program attendee requests as much as possible to pick our subject material. As I have stated before, we have done a CME program once or twice a year for all but one of the last 32 years and have developed a quality primary care CME program for physicians and other providers. Please also visit MOMA's website for other information about our organization.

- 2) **MOMA membership:** Historically, our membership year has run from July 1 to June 30. This cycle we have chosen to change to a calendar year to coincide with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA's) membership year change. With this change in mind, annual dues will be anticipated by July 1, 2022 (this year). This will cover an 18-month period ending December 31, 2023. Our yearly dues have been \$200.00 for many years and will be \$300.00 this year to accommodate the extended time frame. If you are receiving this newsletter by email, you can visit our website and download the dues form. If you also receive this newsletter by snail mail, a form and return envelope are included.

We have kept our dues relatively low, and these funds help MOMA greatly continue its efforts to promote the distinctiveness of Osteopathic medicine and the influence this distinctiveness has on the practice of medicine in this country. **We sincerely appreciate you becoming a dues-paying member of MOMA.** We have always strived to make the best use of these funds and will continue to do so for years to come.

- 3) **Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation (NWOMF) scholarship program:** The NWOMF has supported the five NW states of MT, ID, OR, WA and AK over 25 years, including a scholarship program for DO medical students. The foundation's policy for the Shirley Carpenter Endowment scholarship is that it will go to an osteopathic medical student from Montana as Montana has donated a great majority of the funds for this scholarship over its's 20-plus years existence. You can visit the NWOMF website: <https://www.nwesteo.org/what-we-do/scholarship> on instructions on how to donate to this tax-deductible fund. The rising cost of medical education has become much more of an issue, and all we can do to help our students will be most appreciated. There is an application process that is intended to look at backgrounds and student passion for osteopathic medicine, that is well-organized, objective and fair with many DO's involved in reviewing applications.
- 4) Thank you for all you DO, please email us at [montanaosteopathic@gmail.com](mailto:montanaosteopathic@gmail.com) for any questions about us and our efforts to promote the osteopathic approach.

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