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Once again, Hello from the Montana Osteopathic Medical Association (MOMA)! We hope all of you enjoyed all the weather that the four distinct seasons in Montana has to offer. So, some updates on what we have done this last year, and what we plan for this year.

1. **CME** - We had a very successful CME event last August. We engaged a professional vendor, expanded our mailing lists, and saw excellent attendance. As you may know, CME has focused on virtual learning since before the pandemic, but this approach intensified during and after the pandemic. We offered live/onsite, live virtual, and a 60-day enduring option that attendees could access after the live event ended. About two-thirds of our attendees participated virtually. While live and onsite events are ideal, they do not meet the needs of everyone. Many larger associations now have limited live/onsite venues due to increased costs and decreased demand.

Our Primary Care Roundup this year will follow the same format: live/onsite, live virtual, and 60 days enduring. The dates are August 9-11, 2024, at the Billings Clinic's campus in Billings. Billings Clinic has once again co-sponsored our conference on contract with MOMA. We offer 24 credits for all attendees, with an additional 2 hands-on OMT credits for those attending live/onsite. [You can view the specifics and register at mtosteopaths.com/events-cme](http://mtosteopaths.com/events-cme). We hope to see you, or at least be seen by you, this year. We are confident we have another great, high-quality CME event for you.

2. **Two new colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (COMs) here in Montana are ending their first-year classes soon.** Having visited both campuses, I am impressed with the students and faculty and believe this endeavor is extremely promising for the practice of medicine in Montana. MOMA will be involved in any way we can with these COMs to promote the distinctiveness of Osteopathic medicine, our long-term mission.
3. **Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation (NWOMF):** David Tate, the long-term executive director of the foundation has retired as of January 1, 2024, and the foundation board is hard at work looking forward to how the foundation should be structured to involve the 5 northwest states who make up the foundation, and in other ways carry out its mission (same as MOMA's) to promote the distinctiveness of Osteopathic medicine. The Shirley Carpenter scholarship from the foundation is designated to go to an osteopathic medical student from Montana. It's one of the foundation's scholarships that is provided to the northwest region (5 states) every year.
4. **MOMA has been actively participating in the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) policy meeting (House of Delegates - HOD)** for many years, striving to be proactive on resolutions that highlight the profession's contributions. This year, we will continue our efforts at the July meeting in Chicago. We are pleased to announce that student delegates from the two Montana schools will join our delegation this year. Their interest and involvement are greatly appreciated.
5. Please visit our website (mtosteopaths.com) for information on our CME, the Shirley Carpenter fund, previous newsletters, a video presentation link on osteopathic distinctiveness, and a link to becoming a member of MOMA.



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Our dues year is now from January 1 to December 31. Please be assured we do all we can to use membership dues to promote, and explain, what the osteopathic profession has to offer the practice of medicine, which we all know may be lost if we are unable to promote, and explain, its distinctiveness. Visit our membership webpage at mtosteopaths.com/membership to pay your yearly dues. If you are willing, you can save us PayPal charges and provide us with more contact information by downloading our membership form and mailing it along with your dues payment to the address provided on the form.

MOMA has a very active board and welcomes any member who would consider being a board member to help us understand better what MOMA can mean to all of you.

Thanks for all you DO for your patients here in Montana and your involvement with MOMA in its mission.

Don Grewell, DO, FAAFP,
Executive Director, MOMA

A Message from the Montana Osteopathic Medical Association President

Hello everyone,

As Dr. Grewell noted in his letter, our annual CME event (The Primary Care Roundup) for 2023 was a success. The hybrid model of virtual and live education has allowed us to bring continuing education to folks across both the Mountain States and much of the country. We're hard at work organizing this year's event and have an agenda full of high-yield topics. You can find this at mtosteopaths.com/events-cme.

There is change coming to the Board of Directors. Three of our dedicated, long-term members are stepping down. Thank you to Drs. Cathy Holmes, Bruce Hayward, and Bil Holmes for their many years of guidance and service to MOMA. With this change, we are looking for at least one new volunteer board member. If you are interested, please reach out to MOMA at montanaosteopathic@gmail.com.

Drs. Palmarozzi and Grewell are working to adjust our organizational bylaws to allow for Osteopathic medical students and resident members to join our board as well. If you would like to nominate a medical student or resident to the board, again please send their information to montanaosteopathic@gmail.com. One of our goals for the next few years is to figure out how MOMA can add to medical student and resident education and engage them meaningfully in our organization.

We appreciate all our members and hope to hear from you about ways MOMA can best support you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Sizemore, DO
President, Montana Osteopathic Medical Association