

1 **REPORT OF THE MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION**

2 A-2011

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8 **INTRODUCTION:**

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10 The Oklahoma State Medical Association – Medical Student Section (OSMA-MSS) is the largest
11 extracurricular group at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and consists of the
12 Oklahoma City and Tulsa Chapters. The large membership and continued support from the OSMA
13 allows participation and sponsorship in many activities that appeal to a broad spectrum of medical
14 students. The purpose of the Medical Student Section is to introduce students to organized medicine
15 and the issues that affect the practice of medicine.

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17 The OSMA-MSS currently consists of 550 members from the OU College of Medicine. The
18 breakdown on the classes is as follows:

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20 • Class of 2011 – 148
21 • Class of 2012 – 124
22 • Class of 2013 – 128
23 • Class of 2014 – 147
24 • One Year Membership – 3

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26 **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:**

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28 **Officers elected for the Oklahoma City Chapter for 2010-2011 include:**

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30 President: R. Matthew Atkins, MSII
31 Vice President: Elizabeth Paddock, MSIII
32 Treasurer: Anant Singhal, MSII
33 AMA-MSS Delegate: Charles Gill, MSII
34 AMA-MSS Alternate Delegate: Jason Cook, MSI
35 AMA-MSS Alternate Delegate: Kimberly Beavers, MSI
36 Press Secretary: Ashiq Zaman, MSIII
37 Service Project Chair: Susan Ondak, MSI
38 Advocacy Chair: Munim Deen, MSII
39 Student Council Representative: Frank Wood, MSII
40 Student Council Representative: Jason Miner, MSII
41 Student Council Representative: Cassidy Williams, MSI
42 Officer-at-Large: Brett Fillmore, MSIII
43 Officer-at-Large: Michael Hemphill, MSIII

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45 The current year's activities for the OSMA-MSS began in August 2010 with a barrage of events at the
46 Oklahoma City campus designed to introduce organized medicine to the incoming first year medical
47 students. The Annual First-Year Medical Student Reception was held on Tuesday, August 17th at the
48 Oklahoma Zoo with the majority of the 2014 class, along with spouses and guests attending the event.
49 The evening program included an opportunity for medical student spouses to join the OSMA
50 Alliance, a welcome by OSMA President K.A. Mehta, MD; short presentations by Dr. Dewayne
51 Andrews, Executive Dean of the OU College of Medicine; Jack Beller, MD, OMPAC Chair; Mary
52 Anne McCaffree, MD, AMA Trustee; and Matt Atkins, MS-II, President of the OSMA-MSS
53 Oklahoma City Chapter.
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1 During the reception, there were numerous opportunities for medical students to have conversations
2 with physician members of the OSMA. This event continues to be a very popular way to greet the
3 incoming medical class. The event was sponsored by PLICO, Ratchiff's Medical Books, the OSMA
4 Foundation and the American Medical Association. The first-year medical student reception for the
5 Class of 2015 is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

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7 The Dues Sponsorship Program initiated in 1999, whereby the OSMA Foundation underwrites \$40 of
8 the \$68 dues for each student who joins for four years, was continued again for the Class of 2014.
9 Also continuing from previous years, each student who joined the AMA for a reduced four-year
10 student membership received a Netter's Anatomy Flash Card set. As a result, 147 first-year medical
11 students joined the OSMA/AMA from the Class of 2014 for the four-year membership program.

12 The Oklahoma City Chapter has hosted three meetings during this academic year. At the first
13 meeting of the fall, OSMA lobbyists Pat Hall and Jim Dunlap discussed what's on the agenda for the
14 OSMA for the legislative year 2011. They fielded questions on topics ranging from the Affordable
15 Care Act to local scope-of-practice issues. The second meeting of the fall saw Wes Glinsmann,
16 OSMA Director of State Legislative Affairs, come and give a more in-depth talk on scope-of-practice
17 issues. In February, Dr. Robert McCaffree gave a presentation and fielded questions on the recent
18 changes in national health care reform as a result of passage of the Affordable Care Act.

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20 The Oklahoma City Chapter is also in the midst of a Jump Rope Drive for the Oklahoma City Public
21 Schools. Susan Ondak, the MSS Service Project Chair, has been working for several months to plan
22 the project. The chapter has a goal of donating 200 jump ropes to OCPS.

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24 **The OSMA-MSS Tulsa Chapter is currently in its inaugural year. The Chapter's leadership**
25 **team includes:**

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27 President: Christopher Sudduth, MPH MSIII
28 Vice President: Christopher Slayden, MSIII
29 AMA-MSS Delegate: Jonathan Weaver, MBA MPH MSIV
30 AMA-MSS Alternate Delegate: Julia Edwards, MPH MSIV
31 AMA-MSS Resolution Chair: Christopher Wild, MSIII
32 Service Project Co-Chair: Kelly Mercer, MSIII
33 Service Project Co-Chair: Danielle Morgan, MSIV
34 Public Relations and Logistics Chair: Mira Georgy, MSIII
35 Chapter Constitution Chair: Lisa Ryan, MSIV
36 Liason Officer on Native American Affairs: Sara Shadaram, MSIII

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38 The OSMA and the Tulsa County Medical Society (TCMS) has supported efforts to increase
39 awareness of organized medicine among Tulsa medical students, especially as the school is
40 transitioning to become an independent four-year medical school beginning in the Fall 2014 semester.
41 The Chapter has engaged legislators locally in advocating for tort reform, Senate Bills 861-865, as
42 well as the restoration of local rights for governmental subdivisions to enact smokefree ordinances
43 that are stricter than state law, House Bill 2135. Under the leadership of Kelly Mercer and Danielle
44 Morgan, the Chapter is planning a service project with Habitat for Humanity to build a home this
45 spring. Additionally, OU-Tulsa Alumnus and Oklahoma Representative Doug Cox, MD has agreed to
46 come and speak to the OU-Tulsa student body this spring on the marriage of medicine and politics.
47 This event is highly anticipated by the Chapter as well as administrative and faculty members. Sara
48 Shadaram is currently representing the Chapter in reaching out to the Native American community of

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1 Eastern Oklahoma. Talks are underway to provide health education sessions on conditions and
2 illnesses that are particularly prevalent among the Native American community.

3 Three medical students, Matthew Atkins, Charles Gill and Elizabeth Paddock from the Oklahoma
4 City Chapter attended the AMA-MSS Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the AMA Annual
5 Meeting in Chicago in June 2010. In addition, Charles Gill, Oklahoma City Chapter, and Julia
6 Edwards and Jonathan Weaver, Tulsa Chapter, attended the AMA-MSS Interim Meeting in San
7 Diego in November 2010. Also, four students from the Oklahoma City Chapter and two students
8 from the Tulsa Chapter attended the AMA-MSS Region 3 Meeting in Little Rock in February 2011.
9 These students included Matthew Atkins, Charles Gill, and Elizabeth Paddock, and Christopher
10 Sudduth and Jonathan Weaver, respectively. The OSMA provided funds to partially offset their
11 expenses.

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13 All of these meetings included policy-making sessions as well as educational programs specifically
14 designed for medical students. Registration to the AMA-MSS portion of the meetings was free and
15 the OSMA partially subsidized students' traveling and lodging expenses. Funds will again be
16 available for medical students to attend the AMA-MSS Annual Meeting, June 16-18, 2011 in Chicago
17 and the AMA-MSS Interim Meeting in New Orleans in November 2011.

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19 On February 23, 2011, medical students from the OSMA-MSS participated in OSMA's Medicine
20 Day and joined Oklahoma physicians from around the state at the OSMA headquarters for the annual
21 legislative reception.

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23 The Class of 2011 will celebrate Match Day on March 17, 2011. Match Day has been a long standing
24 day of celebration for graduating medical students across the country when the future physicians are
25 simultaneously notified of their residency placements and specialty choices. The event will be
26 attended by the graduating medical student body as well as faculty, mentors, family, and friends of
27 the class and always proves to be a day filled with both tension and excitement. The OSMA will be a
28 sponsor for the event to be held at Gaillardia in Oklahoma City.

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30 The OSMS-MSS Oklahoma City and Tulsa Chapters continue to be an active part of the OSMA and
31 appreciate the support provided by the Association leadership and staff.

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33 Respectfully submitted,

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