

1 **REPORT OF THE OSMA ALLIANCE**

2 A-2010

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4 Subject: Annual Report

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6 Presented by: Gail Gillock, Co-President

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9 **Introduction:**

10 It has surely been a pleasure serving as OSMAA President this past year. We started the  
11 year planning to work as Co-Presidents, but due to unexpected complications in Donna's  
12 life, I have taken a more singular role. I have enjoyed working together with the board  
13 members, doctors, and staff, and have enjoyed meeting so many delightful people.

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15 **Activities:**

16 **Membership**

17 Although we've had significant drops in membership over the past few years, this year we  
18 should hold even or have a slight increase. This is due to two factors. First, our executive  
19 board worked to change several counties that were no longer functioning into MAL  
20 counties. Jeary Seikel, our VP of membership worked diligently to retain the members in  
21 those counties. We held even. Second, when Tulsa County changed to the new billing  
22 cycle and had their dues billing added to the TCMS billing, at first they lost members. This  
23 year they gained back about 25 members.

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25 Next year we hope to make more gains, as we are hoping to de-unify with the national  
26 AMAA. This will decrease the required amount for dues and should help us increase  
27 membership.

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29 **Health**

30 This year most of our health projects at the state level have involved arranging a variety of  
31 speakers on important health issues and inviting the public to listen to them give a lecture.  
32 These began on February 4<sup>th</sup>, with Terri Sullivan speaking on "Organize for a Healthier,  
33 Happier Life". April will bring, "Sleep, the Best Medicine, with Dr. Diana Chen, MD and  
34 "Mood & Nutrition", with Dr. Jill Warnock, MD. In late Summer or Fall, we will present  
35 "Breast Cancer, Early Detection", and Cyberknife, Treatment & Results", with Dr. Fred  
36 Willison, MD. We hope to get even more on the calendar and schedule some for OKC, as  
37 well.

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39 Both Oklahoma County and Tulsa County held their Kitchen Tours, raising \$25,000 and  
40 \$35,000 respectively, with the proceeds donated to health charities in each area.  
41 Considering how much our membership has decreased over the past few years, we are  
42 doing much work with few members. Our Norman county also held a bazaar which raised  
43 funds for a Norman shelter, and the MSS collected items for the Infant Crisis Center.

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46 The OSMAA's Health Education Foundation will be awarding a scholarship for a deserving  
47 nursing student this Spring. With declining interest from the CD, we are accepting  
48 donations and hoping to have some small fund raisers to help increase the amount  
49 available for scholarships.

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**Legislation**

We have been busy all year trying to keep up with the national and state legislative proposals that seek to strip our doctors of the livelihood. Ken King has been most helpful in sending updates which we pass on or summarize and pass on so our membership can understand what it's all about. We encouraged contact with legislators on a regular basis. We participated in the Legislative Reception on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and hope to have some legislative coffees in Tulsa this Summer and Fall.

We will not officially be attending the NAC in Washington DC, next week, as the Alliance portion of the program has been dropped. We will need a recommendation from the OSMA after this upcoming conference as to whether attendance next year would be recommended.

**Finance**

OSMAA's finances are sound and we sent seven members to the Leadership Training in Chicago. Their expenses weren't fully funded, but I intend to share some of my unused stipend with them at year's end. This is our first year to not have our plane fare reimbursed from AMAA, so traveling costs more. If OSMA would like our participation in the NAC in Washington DC next year, finances will be an issue. Our fundraising for the AMA Foundation was a 50% decrease from last year, bringing in about \$10,500. We believe it was due to the bad economy and the AMA stance on HR3200 this past summer.

**Communication**

We have moved the newsletter to e-mail except for the Spring Newsletter that includes the convention details. Also, Nancy Bennett sends a few newsletters to those without e-mail. We hope this is saving OSMA on printing expenses. I have communicated regularly with the AMAA and our AMAA Field Director, Emma Borders. I participated in a conference call with AMAA Leadership, AMAA staff, and other state presidents to discuss membership. Kathy Musson and Nancy Bennett also participated in a similar call. Hopefully we can implement some new ideas next year.

**Awards**

Although this is not technically an award, we were very proud of Barbara Jett for being initiated as national Southern Medical Association Alliance President. We certainly appreciated all the support from OSMA, financially and in kind, in making her initiation a lovely event.

**Nominated Slate of Officers for 2010-2011**

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| President           | Debbie Sutor      |
| President-Elect     | Diana Hampton, MD |
| Recording Secretary | Diane Brown       |
| Treasurer           | Kristi Prough     |
| Treasurer-Elect     | Mary Lou Casper   |
| VP-Membership       | Anne Edmonds      |

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**Nominating Committee for 2010–2011:**

- Marty Laughlin, Chair
- Diana Hampton, MD, President-Elect
- Lisa Porter
- Sheryl Chadd
- Angela Moses

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the following:  
Nancy Bennett—for knowing all the answers to all the detailed questions  
Kathy Musson—for knowing all the answers to all the big questions  
Stacie Sawvell—for making boring articles look exciting!  
Ken King—for making complex issues seem simple  
Wes Glinsmann—for making it easier to contact our legislators  
Mona Wright & Janie Higgins of TCMS—for opening the offices in Tulsa for some of our meetings

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Gillock  
OSMAA Co-President, 2009-2010