



Montana Osteopathic Medical Association
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Hello from the Montana Osteopathic Medical Association (MOMA)! This newsletter is going to physicians and DO medical students on our mailing list (email and snail mail with our dues notice).

Hope this long winter is coming to an end soon--still snow here in Billings today. Hope all managed to enjoy an old-fashioned Montana winter as best as you could.

Just an update on our state association's activities for the coming year:

1) Our CME conference will once again take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bozeman, MT, August 7-10, 2014. You can visit our website at www.mtoma.org for details as they become available. As usual, there will be about 25 CME credits; we apply for both AOA Cat 1A and American Academy of Family Practice prescribed credits. This is our 24th year or so of at least one annual CME event. We have had the benefit of the Billings Clinic co-sponsoring this meeting over the last 6-7 years, which has been most helpful, and we hope to continue to make this a positive for the Billings Clinic and MOMA for many years to come.

2) Our dues year is July 1st to June 30th, and any of you on our mailing list, including all licensed DO's practicing in Montana, will receive a snail mail dues notice in the next 6 weeks or so. The dues remain at \$100/year, which I know for certainty is on the low side for state associations, at least in the Northwest. Your dues will go a long way in helping MOMA be an advocate for Osteopathic Medicine in our state. Also, the AOA has sent us a list of DO's in North Dakota and Wyoming that might have an interest in MOMA and what we might do to help them. If you reside in North Dakota or Wyoming and we have your email address, this is the reason you are receiving our email. You save \$50 on our CME conference registration fee if you are a current dues-paying member of MOMA. I have had two physicians contact me recently to join MOMA and wondered why they were unable to go to our website to do this. I will try to update our website for this issue in the near future.

3) The Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation (NWOMF) continues to support MOMA in many ways, including financial support of our CME conference. NWOMF was formed with monies from the sale of Eastmoreland Hospital in Portland, Oregon, many years ago, with the mission of support of the Osteopathic profession in the Northwest, including awarding scholarships to DO students(mostly from the Northwest), and support of the states of Alaska, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Montana. Their website, www.nwesteo.org, contains info on how to apply for scholarships if you are a DO student, as well as how to donate to the foundation to support its efforts. The new director, David Tate, has done a great job, and we look forward to interacting with the Foundation in many ways in the future. One of the offered scholarships is the Shirley Carpenter Endowment Fund, mentioned because it gives preference to DO medical students from Montana, and to other states that Ms. Carpenter supported as the AOA's representative to state associations (mostly the northwest U.S.) for many years. MOMA was instrumental in setting up this scholarship and has been the major donor to it (about \$27,000 to date), which is why students from Montana have been given preference for this scholarship. I think it helps potential donors to know that their donation will stay as close to home as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at our CME conference! Any questions/correspondence that you have can be done thru our website. Hoping to interact with you and provide any support we can long into the future.

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