

# Annual Report 2022



## American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiologists

***Join us for CME. Stay for your career.  
The AOCA is your partner for every stage of your  
professional journey.***



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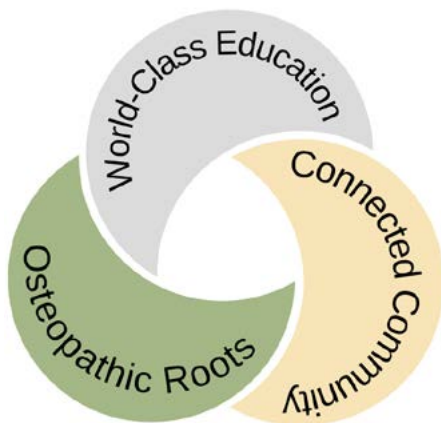
### MISSION STATEMENT

AOCA is the primary resource for clinical education and professional development for physician anesthesiologists, and facilitates networking, advocates and promotes the practice of osteopathic anesthesiology.

### VISION STATEMENT

AOCA is the professional home for physician anesthesiologists, advancing and promoting the distinctive philosophy and practice of osteopathic anesthesiology.





## AOCA is dedicated to our members

### **World-class education is the cornerstone of AOCA.**

Throughout the year, AOCA curates powerful educational offerings for those who want to hone their professional knowledge. With accredited CME programs, we provide unparalleled opportunities for enhanced individual achievement, peer relationships and candid idea exchanges. AOCA events are intimate—our education is curated for practitioners to engage with the best and brightest minds, allowing for deeper learning and thought-provoking conversations.

### **AOCA offers unparalleled opportunities for building connections and community with people who share your experience.**

AOCA provides enriching professional and personal experiences that spark new wisdom, inspire new friendships, and nurture your passion for medicine. Through education, peer relationships and candid idea exchange, AOCA members foster close relationships and have opportunities for leadership growth.

### **AOCA honors our osteopathic roots.**

While the differences between DO and MD anesthesiologists are minimal in everyday practice, the osteopathic ethos means we do not treat pain in a vacuum, but rather treat the whole patient in everything we do. AOCA honors our roots to drive conversations and advocacy on behalf of our community and patients, both inside and outside of the operating room.



#### Guiding Principles

*Principles that the AOCA incorporates into their programs, products, services, and overall organizational culture:*

#### **FINANCIAL**

AOCA is transparent regarding AOCA's financial status and fiduciary accountability while investing in strategic initiatives that are aligned with the strategic plan

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

AOCA provides crucial, relevant, and regular communication to the AOCA community to provide and encourage engagement

#### **INCLUSION**

AOCA encourages a culture that supports the osteopathic principles of equality and inclusion

# Incoming President's MESSAGE

Jennifer Hargrave, DO, FAOCA



You BELong in the AOCA is our theme for the upcoming year, and we are so excited to create a strong and vibrant place to call home.

As we mark the 70th year of the AOCA, the Board of Governors believes that we should celebrate in a BIG way. We want to give back to our loyal members, so we reduced our membership fees to align with a competitive value proposition. Every AOCA member was encouraged to “invite a friend” into membership and “bring a friend” to the live IN-PERSON events. We need to let other DOs know that we are here to support them on their professional journey. Often, we receive feedback that other osteopathic anesthesiologists do not know the AOCA exists, so the Board of Governors allocated some of our reserves to invest in a national marketing company to improve the AOCA’s visibility. We know you have seen the BE Engaged. BE Connected., and BE Educated campaign. We hope that you will follow us on our social media platforms and encourage DOs to become involved with our College.

Finally, we know the future is critical to the field of osteopathic anesthesiologists. Osteopathic medical student opportunities for residents remain a challenge. The AOCA has been critical to the support our emerging professionals and assisting with their overall success. This year, the AOCA membership was very generous and provided \$11,000 in donations to the Timothy D. Ernst Fund, which supports initiatives to provide opportunities for resident and student members of the AOCA.

Here’s to an outstanding 70th year,  
Jen



Click image ▲ to watch a highlight from the inauguration at AOCA VAPOR.

# Past President's MESSAGE

David Ninan, DO, FAOCA



2022 was an amazing year for the College and I appreciate the time I was able to serve our College. Here are a few things your Board of Governors accomplished in 2022

- Held two IN Person Meetings with an On Demand component
- Signed the AMR Management Contract for operational management & meeting planning services
- Conducted monthly Executive Committee and quarterly Board calls to keep the Board engaged and involved in College business
- Utilized the Strategic Plan to make informed decisions
- Participated in various related organization meetings (ASA, AOA)
- Hired Big Voice Communications to assist with the BE campaign. You BELong here. BE Educated. BE Connected. BE Engaged.
- Formed the following Task Forces to meet the mission and support the vision of the College:
  - Advocacy Task Force
  - Corporate Support Task Force
  - Governance Task Force
  - Legacy Task Force
  - Marketing Task Force

It was my honor to serve as the President of this organization and I look forward to remarkable things for our College.

# Membership

## Committee Report



Grace Liu, DO, FAOCA  
and  
Robert Vandergraaf, DO, FAOCA  
Membership Committee Co-Chairs

### Mission: Engagement

- Advocate for current member needs
- Provide feedback to other committees
- Engage with potential future members

### Mission: Recruitment/Retention

- Recruit potential active members
- Reviewing skill sets (CVs and current members)
- Monitor the retention of current members
- Support the students/residents task force

AOCA is where osteopathic anesthesiologists come together to engage in emerging research, challenge ourselves, support each other, and grow as physicians and as individuals. Members connect with peers and role models to find opportunities to get involved, present research and take on career-advancing leadership roles.

AOCA is a diverse community of practicing, early career, retired anesthesiologists, residents in training, and student members representing practices in academia, hospitals, private practice and more. We are thankful for all that our members do every day to advance the field of anesthesia.

The committee is pleased to note an increase in membership in 2022. Like many organizations, the AOCA's members were fully impacted by the pandemic. We are very excited to see the membership rolls improving!

The Committee encourages you to share, with your peers, information about membership, benefits, events, and meetings. The AOCA is your professional home. You can grow alongside peers and become life-long friends. You can learn from the absolute best practitioners in the field, hear different perspectives and, most importantly, extend a hand to the next generation by mentoring and welcoming students, residents, and young practitioners into the AOCA.



Click image ▲ to watch a highlight from the [AOCA membership video](#).

# Testimonials

What our Members Had To Say...

"American Osteopathic College of Anesthesiology is a great institution that combines anesthesiologists from the same backgrounds, providing them with the community that everybody is looking for these days."

- Rafal Kopanczyk, DO



"The thing that I love about the AOCA is that it's a formal informal organization that really is there to serve its members and help connect people, help career paths change if they need to, and really help promote DOs in anesthesiology."

- Rebecca Margolis, DO, FAOCA



"I think AOCA is an undervalued part of the anesthesiology world. It's been around for so long and helped develop so many anesthesiology careers."

There's so many opportunities for professional development and leadership and I hope that all of my colleagues know that and take advantage of it."

- Delano Proctor, DO

"The AOCA is just an amazing organization that delivers high-quality CME, opportunities to become a leader in the College, as well as develop long-lasting relationships with colleagues."

- Raymond Depa, DO, FAOCA



# BY THE Numbers

AOCA represents a diverse community of practicing, early career, retired anesthesiologists, residents in training and student members representing practices in academia, hospitals, private practice and more.



# 462

Active Members  
(including Military  
and Associate  
Members)

# 19

1st, 2nd and 3rd  
Year Practicing  
Members



# 688

Emerging Professionals (Students,  
Residents, Fellows)

# 84

Life Members



# Professional EDUCATION Committee Report



Jessica Goeller, DO, FAOCA  
and  
Karen Flotildes Romo, DO, FAOCA  
Professional Education Committee Co-Chairs

## Committee Mission

- Produce Mid Year/Annual Convention Programming
- Provide a national platform for osteopathic anesthesiologist education
- Produce online CME Content
- Maintain continuous educational engagement (year-round and from meeting to meeting)
- Provide content for members with needs for state and board certification
- Consider and be knowledgeable about expenses and revenue
- Promote attendance
- Maintain the AOCA status as AOA CME providers



# Mid-Year Seminar

## Chicago, Illinois



“The information about pediatrics was timely, appreciated, and immediately applicable to my outpatient ASC practice.”

“Great speakers. I have learned alternative approaches that have proven fruitful already.”

“Very timely and informative presentations and discussions.”

“All presentations were informative and interesting, with much clinical application to our practice armamentarium.”

“I brought some of the Obstetric Emergency information back to my group...very useful!”

“Excellent insight and data on how to do better!”

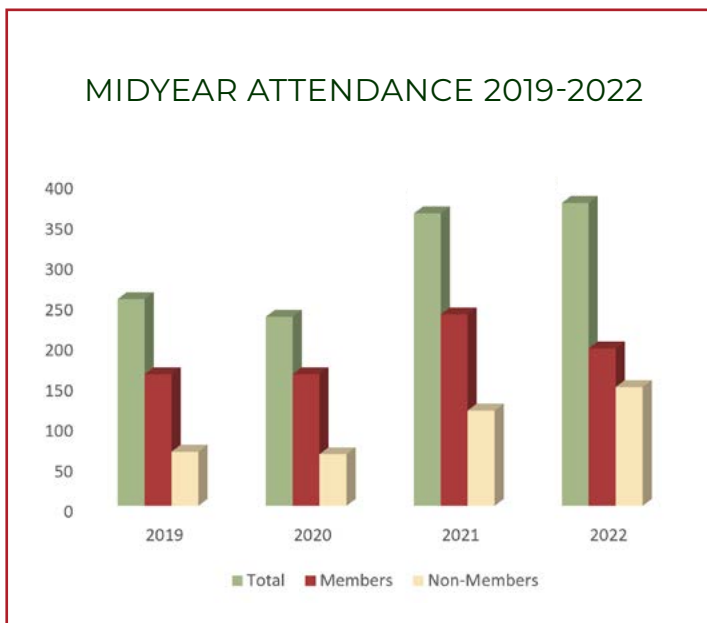


## Mid Year Seminar

March 25-27, 2022



Click image ▲ to watch a highlight from the AOCA Mid-Year Seminar.



21  
Speakers

289  
Registrations

16  
hours of CME

# Annual Convention & Conclave

## Vital Anesthesia Practice Optimization Review



Click here ▲ to watch the 2022 C M Esterline winning lecture



“I continue to be impressed with the high quality lectures provided.”

“Excellent speakers and up to date techniques and anesthetic considerations. Enhanced knowledge base for me.”

“As usual, all speakers were excellent and gave lots of insight into new and advancements in anesthesia practice.”

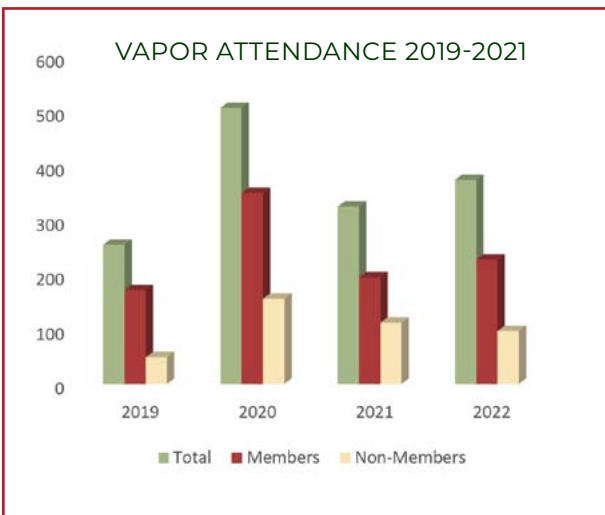
“POCUS workshop was awesome! Great group ratio , wonderful instruction.”

“All wonderful lectures. Very applicable to practice.”

“The 30 minute presentation format is wonderful. I have been attending this meeting since 1983. The quality just keeps getting better.”

“Very strong program. Excellent speakers and topics.”

“I especially enjoyed the keynote addresses and found all of them of high value to my practice.”



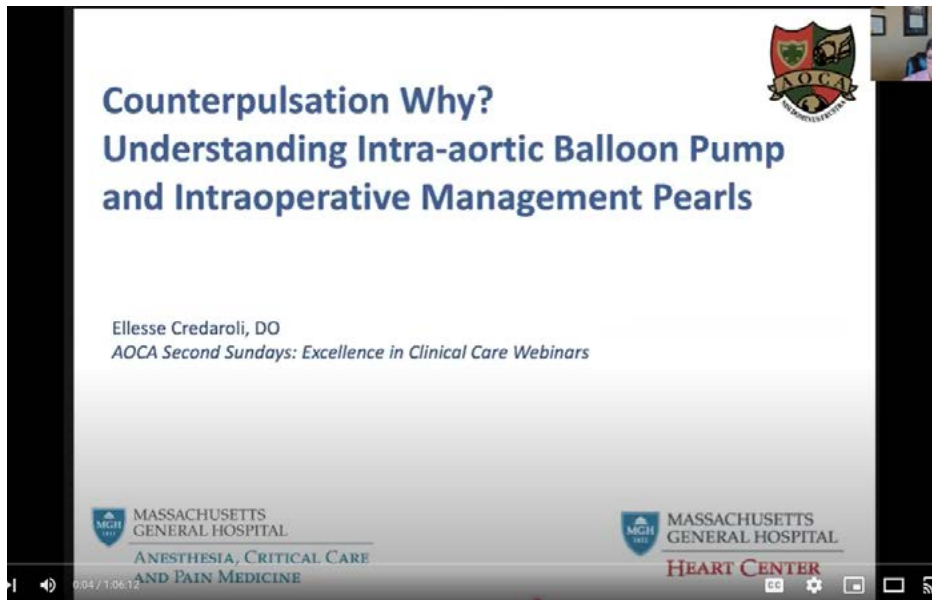
30 Hours of CME

327 Registrations

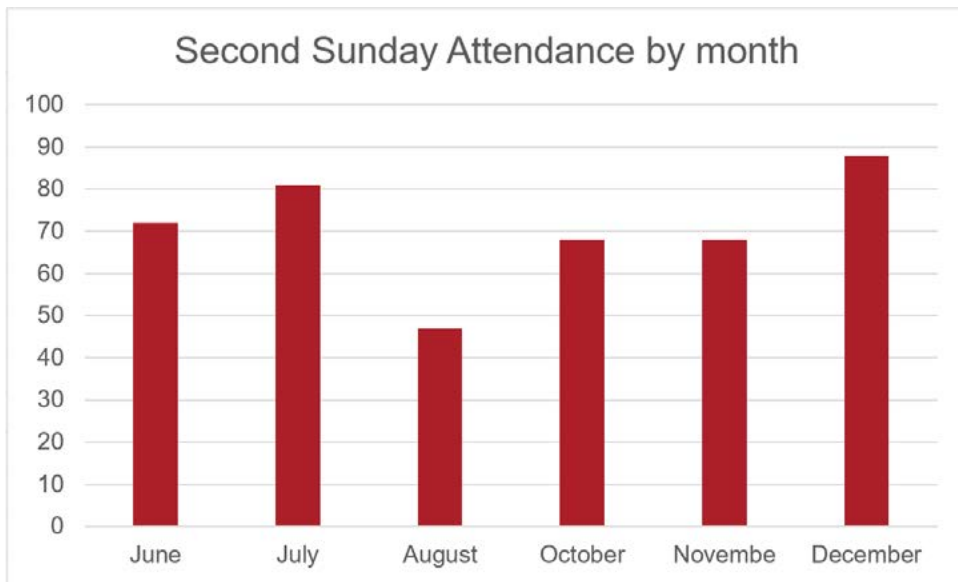
35 Speakers

# Second Sundays

## A new Webinar Series



Click here ▲ to watch  
the 2022 December Session



**Thanks to all the College members who attend our valuable CME events.** Whether in person or on demand, the College is here to help you stay on top of your CME requirements. Remember in 2023 to encourage your DO peers to join us for excellent content by top notch presenters.



“The lectures were wonderful. The Second Sundays Excellence in Clinical Care Webinars have been absolutely great. I hope to attend many more in the future.”

“Wonderful presentations about complicated topics”

“All three presenters were excellent, concise and to the point. I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations. The presentation was extremely important to my practice. Thank you for one hour worth spending.”

# Awards & HONORS Committee Report



Suzanne Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA  
Awards Honors Committee Chair

## Mission: Promotion & Engagement

- Acknowledge the success of DO anesthesiologists
- Support the promotion of DO anesthesiologists
- Awards allow for promotion of academic anesthesiologist
- Provide recognition for DO residents
- Promote awards to Program Directors
- Provide recognition for DO students entering anesthesiology
- Maintain and promote fellows of the AOCA
- Recruit qualified individuals to apply for AOCA awards

## 2022 Award Winners

### Fellows:

Dana Darwish, DO

Sponsored by Jennifer Hargrave, DO, FAOCA, FASA

Aaron Douglas, DO, MMM

Sponsored by Michael O'Connor, DO, MPH, MA, FAOCA

Jonathan Douglas Jaffe, DO

Sponsored by Jessica Goeller, DO, FAOCA, FASA

Walter Rose, DO

Sponsored by Raymond Depa, DO, FAOCA

Roy Skousen, DO

Sponsored by Jeremy Krock, DO, FAOCA

American Osteopathic Foundation Resident of the Year

Nicole Henry, DO, MPH

Timothy D. Ernst Memorial Scholarship Award

Katherina Grynshin DO

### [Scientific Investigation Abstract](#)

Matthew Sison, BS

### [Complex Case Abstract First Place](#)

Lauren Hammell, DO

### [Complex Case Abstract Second Place](#) –

Drew Michael Donnell, DO

### [Crawford Myles Esterline Lecture](#) –

Rebecca Margolis, DO, FAOCA

Distinguished Service Award

H. Jane Huffnagle, DO, FAOCA &

Robert Synder, DO, FAOCA

M. Adele King Professional Service Award

Karen Nichols, DO

Arnold P. Gold Humanism Award

Robert Vandergraaf, DO, FAOCA

# Finance & BUDGET Committee Report



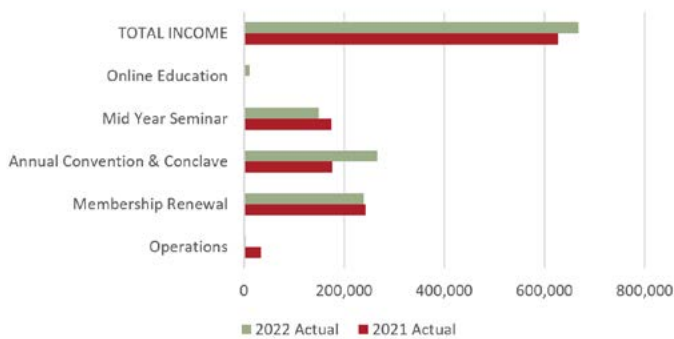
Ursula Landman, DO, FAOCA, Treasurer

### Committee Mission: Financial and Budget

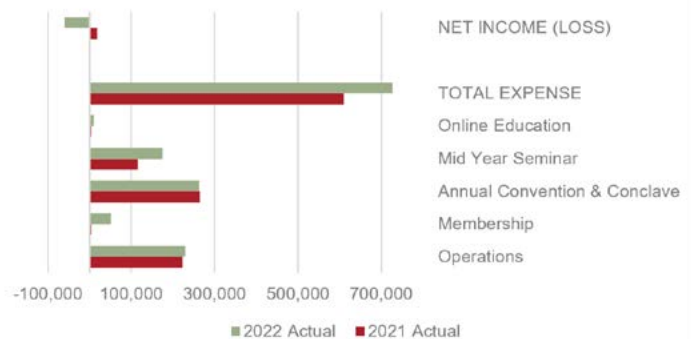
- Review monthly financial reports
- Create the annual budget for BOG approval
- Consider potential revenue streams

In 2022, the Board of Governors made a significant investment in the College. Using monies from the Reserves, they hired Big Voice Communications, a marketing firm, to help the College improve member retention and acquisition, meeting attendance, and corporate support. You have seen the BE campaign throughout the year and we expect to see positive results from this investment. The Finance & Budget Committee regularly review the College’s financial standing and make recommendations to the Board of Governors about the budget and the long term investments.

Expense & Revenue Analysis - INCOME



Expense & Revenue Analysis - EXPENSES





## BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2022

### OFFICERS

#### **President**

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Jennifer Hargrave, DO, FAOCA

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#### **Treasurer**

Ursula Landman, DO, FAOCA

#### **Immediate Past President**

Robert Vandergraaf, DO, FAOCA

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