

Bringing People Together

The Role of AACOM in Organizing American Osteopathic Medical Educators

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American DO's

- The problems of success:
 - Fully trained physicians
 - Licensed in all 50 states in the United States
- In search of identity and equality at the same time

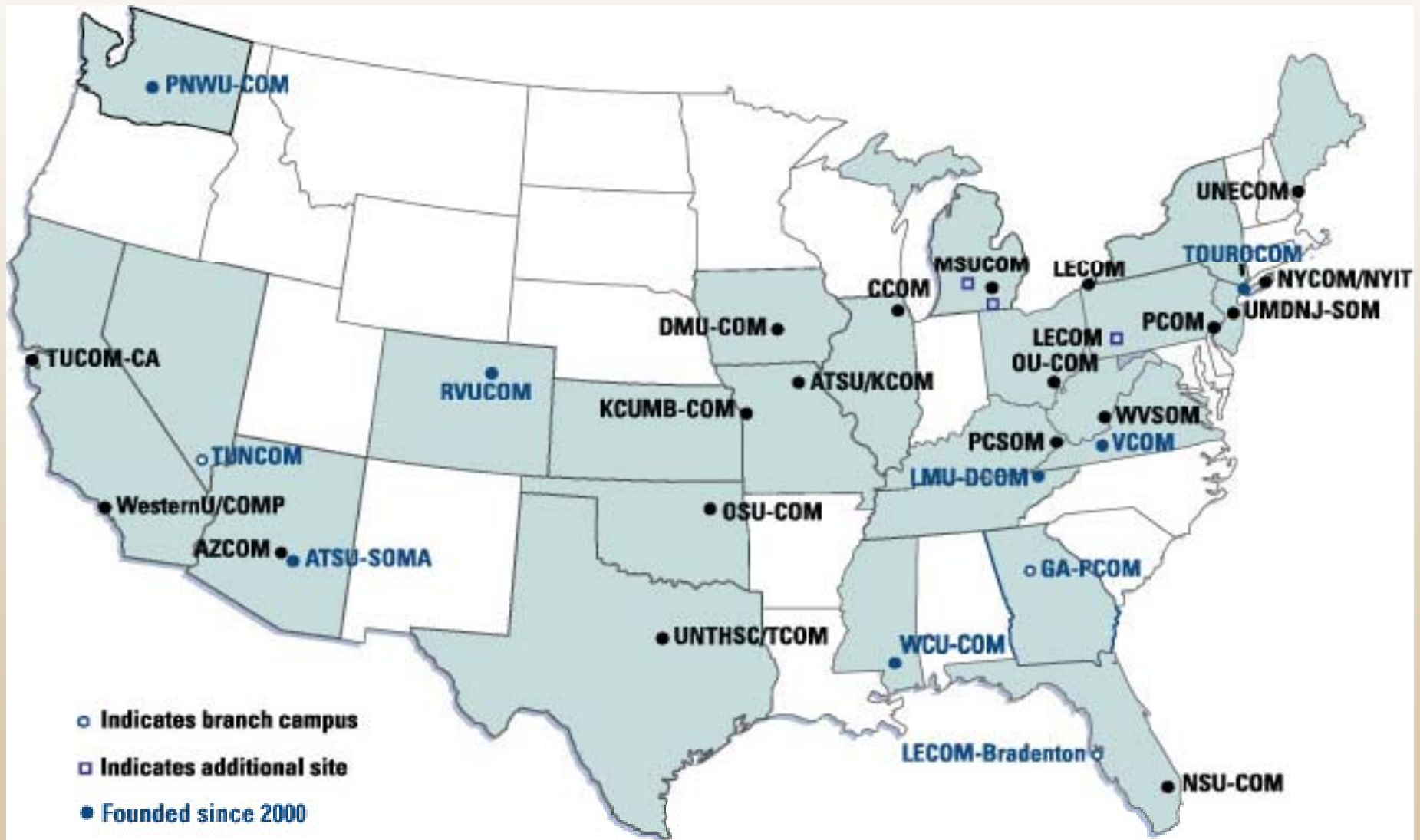
How did Osteopathic Medicine in America get to where it is?

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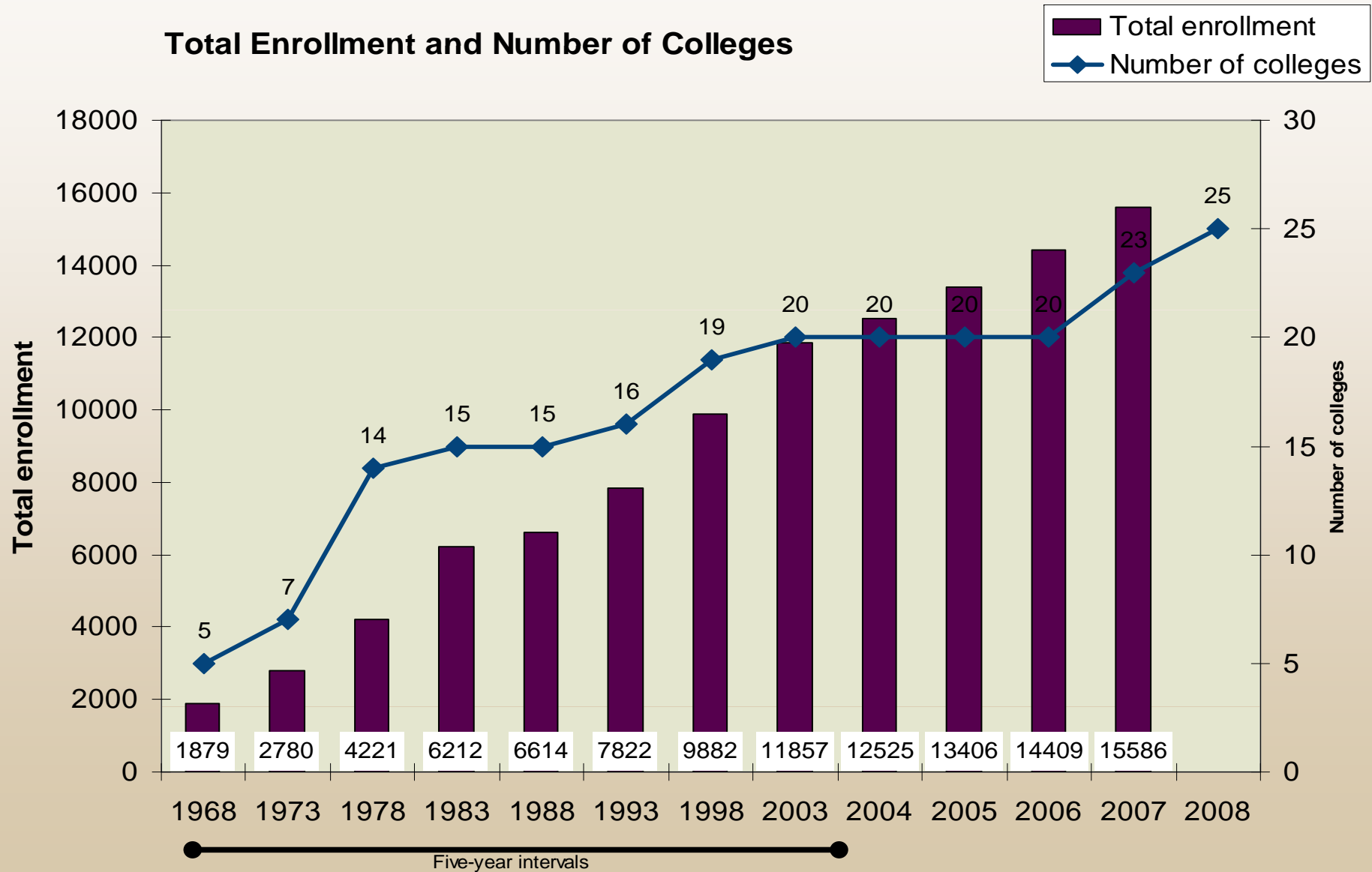


**"I just got promoted again.
It's easy to succeed if everyone likes you!"**

Location of Osteopathic Medical Schools



Total Enrollment and Number of Colleges



History of Osteopathy

- 1874 Principles of Osteopathy Published
- 1892 American School of Osteopathy opens
- 1896 Vermont Licenses DO's
- 1897 American Osteopathic Association founded
- 1898 Science established as guiding principle of osteopathy

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- 1898
 - Osteopathic schools were being started without capital, equipment, brains, experience, or purpose, except to make money.¹
 - Private Practitioners trained osteopaths in an apprentice model
 - Osteopathy training was being “boiled down” to a few “movements” with 300 treatments constituting complete training

1. Booth, ER History of Osteopathy and Twentieth-Century Medical Practice 1905 Press of Jennings and Graham page 271-272

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- The public face of osteopathy become advertisements that offended many practitioners.
- Many felt that a concerted effort would be necessary to establish and maintain a satisfactory standard.

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy-1898

- The American School of Osteopathy sent out a letter calling for other schools to join them in starting a college organization.
 - American School of Osteopathy (Kirksville)
 - Western Institute of Osteopathy (Denver)
 - Northern Institute of Osteopathy (Minneapolis)
 - Pacific School of Osteopathy (Los Angeles)
 - Milwaukee Institute of Osteopathy
 - Still College of Osteopathy (Des Moines)

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- 1899
 - Boston Institute of Osteopathy
- 1900
 - Southern School of Osteopathy (Franklin, KY)
 - Northwestern College (Fargo, ND)
- 1901
 - Philadelphia College of Osteopathy
 - Atlantic School of Osteopathy (Wilkes-Barre, PA)
 - California College of Osteopathy (San Francisco)

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- **Early Issue Addressed**
 - Uniform Curriculum at the colleges
 - Uniform rate of tuition
- Student Matriculation to be limited to once/ year
 - Training time increased from four terms of five months of three years of nine months

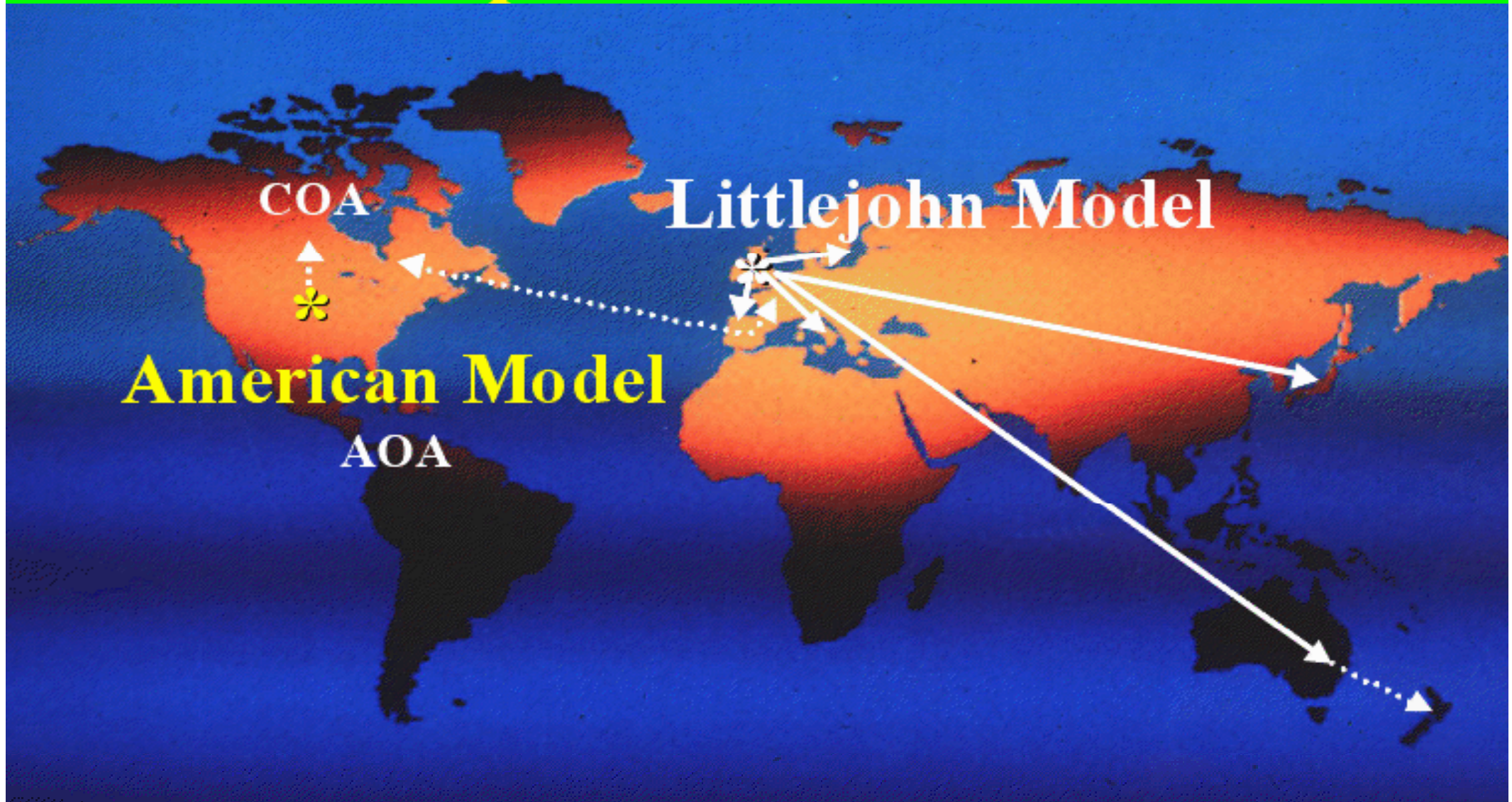
History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- 1904
 - Debate on length of study
- 1916
 - agreement on a need for a four year curriculum

John Martin Littlejohn

- 1901 Started the American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
- 1909 Name changed to the Littlejohn College and Hospital
- 1913 Littlejohn College goes out of business
- 1917 Started the British School of Osteopathy

Divergent Evolution: 2 “Osteopathic” Practitioners



History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- 1929-Pharmacology to be taught in osteopathic medical schools
 - Unclear on role of AOA vs AACOM

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- Standardized undergraduate requirements
 - 1938-One year of undergraduate education required
 - 1940-Two years of undergraduate education required (this was the requirement for allopathic medical school at the time)

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- 1951 Internship and Residencies for DO graduates started to become established

History of the Associated Colleges of Osteopathy

- 1960's American Medical Association opened up membership to DO's
- 1960's ACGME Internship and Residencies open to DO's

Present Growth

- 1985-Growth of Osteopathic Profession-rotations allowed in Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education hospitals
- 1992-National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners allows candidates to sit for boards even if they do first year in MD program
- 1998-2008 Second growth spurt in DO schools. Rotations become commodity

Cooperation to Advance Profession

- Represent the profession externally
 - Not to all, but to other national organizations
- Provide a neutral place for schools to meet and share information
- Reward Excellence: National Academy of Osteopathic Medical Educators and provide opportunity for national service

AACOM-Who we are?

- 26 Colleges at 33 sites in 23 states
 - Every college is a member
 - 25 use our common application process
- Centralized service for data collection and analysis
- Unifying voice for the profession to outside agencies
- Promote the development of academic leaders and medical educators

AACOM's Revenue Sources

- Dues from each college
- Income from Annual Meeting
- Application Fees

Applicant Data & Trends

Nearly one in five US Medical Students attend an Osteopathic Medical College



Projected that by 2019 one in four US Medical Students will be attending an Osteopathic Medical College

AACOM's Application Service

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AACOM's Annual Meeting

Health Care Reform & OME

Innovation & Transformation

AACOM 2010 Annual Meeting

April 7-10, 2010 ▼ North Bethesda, MD

Where do we cooperate?

- Meet once a year
- Councils across the colleges
- Impartial source to collect and share data on the profession.
- Representing the profession to political and funding organizations
- Create communities for people with similar experiences and concerns.
- Research grants that encourage collaboration

Collect and Share Data

- Making it work on a larger scale
- Tuition rates
- Applicant numbers
- Facilities information size, hours, resources

Conclusion

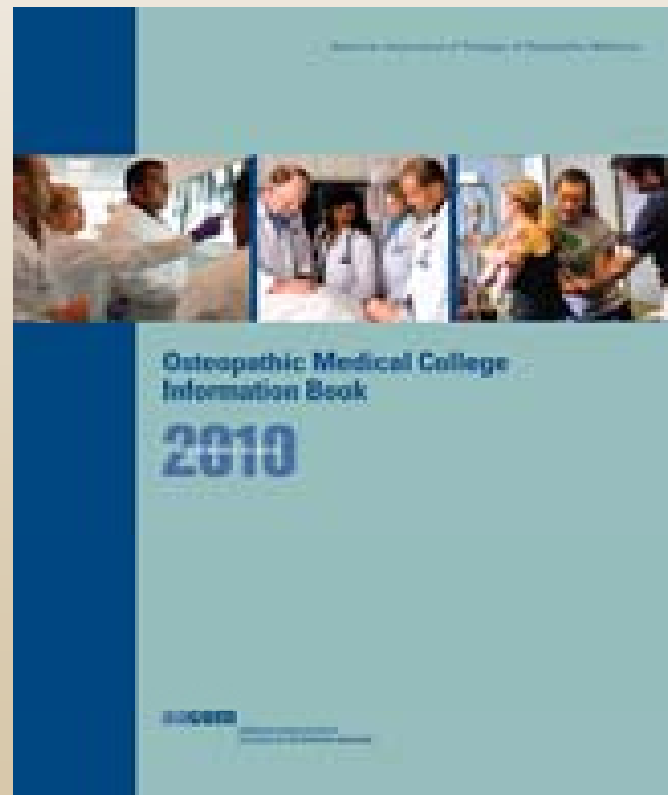
- If you're locked in a room with your clone, do you end up fighting or friending?
- It's easier to teach others what a DO is and does, rather than correct, retrain or argue.
- You have to stock the shelves with a product, and always have inventory, in order to be successful.

Osteopathic Medicine: A Profession in Transition

- Regional to National
- Separate hospital system gone
- Separate GME system changing
- Separate health care system to integrated systems and practices
- Primary care under challenge
- OMM specialization
- Private to public
- Implementing a research mission and culture

AACOM National Recruiting

- Regional Events
- Publication of College Information Book



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Apply to Osteopathic Medical College
Apply at <https://aacomas.aacom.org/>, the centralized online application for osteopathic medical students. Review this year's [College Information Book](#), which includes detailed information on the nation's osteopathic medical colleges. [Order the CIB](#). Read what osteopathic medical students are saying. [See Student Profiles](#).

There is Strength in Numbers... and in Words
AACOM's president reflects on the importance of numbers and words when it comes to shaping perceptions (or misperceptions). [Read more](#)

Join us for AACOM's 2010 Annual Meeting!
A rich conference program is nearing completion for AACOM's 2010 Annual Meeting. Plan to attend April 7-10 in Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting will address a variety of critical issues under the theme **Health Care Reform and OME: Innovation and Transformation**. [Read more](#).

AACOM 2010 Medical Education Mini-Grant Topics Announced
Osteopathic medical education researchers are invited to submit a proposal before the January 5, 2010, deadline. [Read more](#)

OHPI Program Accepting Applications for 2011
Osteopathic medical students are invited to apply for this exciting opportunity by March 1, 2010. [Read more](#)

NHSC Loan Repayment Program—Spread the Word!

Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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Conclusion



*"There's good and bad news...
The good news is we have electricity..."*