

AAOM – Student Organization Update

On behalf of the AAOM and the new National Student Organization, the AAOM-SO, students are invited to participate in the AAOM Phoenix conference, focusing on Healing the Body, Mind and Spirit, October 19 – 23. Students across the country are encouraged to *Help Choose the Direction of Your Future* by personally attending this outstanding International Conference. You don't want to miss being there!

We're delighted to announce that the AAOM-SO by-laws are currently in their final phase of approval, and their historical unveiling will be at the Phoenix conference at the 4th Annual Student Caucus Meeting on Saturday morning, October 21st. Other important AAOM-SO business items include national appointments and elections, information on local and regional student chapters, as well as organization of committees to initiate our work on reciprocity (equitable licensing), support of AAOM political agendas i.e., herbal access, student loan forgiveness, a mentorship program, and a national campaign to increase public awareness of the benefits of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. **This is such an important meeting!**

The AAOM is again offering a very generous Student Expo Fee of only \$60.00—this is for the entire conference! There is also a Student Volunteer Program that enables students to help out at the Expo and attend an equal amount of conference time for free! The Phoenix Expo speakers are exceptional and the topics are not to be missed!

In an effort to further contain costs we're recommending Ride-Share and Room-Share Initiatives, especially for students who attend colleges some distance from Phoenix. We're suggesting that students at each of our colleges initiate local networks to connect and support all students from their college who'd like to attend the conference. AAOM-SO Student Representatives from each of our colleges will help organize their college's travel plans. The AAOM has secured excellent conference room rates, and by sharing rooms once we get there and splitting travel costs on the way, this trip can be very affordable, and of course a great deal of fun!

The Phoenix Expo will be held at the Wigwam Resort and Spa in West Suburban

Phoenix's lovely Litchfield Park. Rooms are able to be shared by up to 5 persons in rooms with two double beds, and 3 persons in rooms with one king bed. The Wigwam will provide one roll-away bed at no additional cost for rooms with two double beds. The negotiated AAOM Expo resort room rate for one person is \$168.00 (single or double occupancy) per night (plus \$25.00 for each additional person up to 5). Through Room-Sharing the resort room cost to attend the entire conference (3 nights) is less than \$150.00 (plus tax of course) per person.

Ride-Share costs are dependent on distance from Phoenix. However, 4 to 8 people sharing fuel costs for a car, minivan, or minibus may be significantly less than total airfare costs. In addition, resort parking is free for guests. We recommend that you also check costs at AAOM Travel at aaom.org. You still have time to secure great savings!

Congratulations to the Colleges where student leadership for AAOM-SO has been created and to the task force members who participated in making this event a reality. AAOM's goal is to create a superb national student organization, one that will represent the interests of all AOM students nationwide, and will be a successful and effective vehicle to support AAOM's agenda for the future of our professional. Student attendance, especially AAOM-SO college representatives at the Phoenix conference, will contribute to strengthening our national professional agenda. **Founding organizational committee members:** Cynthia O'Donnell, AAOM board Student Affairs chair, Rhonda Wilbur, Development/Membership task force chair, and Koala Moore, By-laws task force chair appreciate your personal participation and are looking forward to seeing you there!

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