Based on the number of Kansas members of the American Osteopathic Association in 2007, we were entitled to five Delegate seats in the AOA House of Delegates. We were fortunate to have all five of our Delegates attending the 2007 AOA House of Delegates meeting. They were:

**ROGER D. UNRUH, D.O.** (Wichita), Delegation Chairman  
**M. MYRON LEINWETTER, D.O.** (Rossville)  
**CATHERINE M. MITCHELL, D.O.** (Derby)  
**DAVID I. PAPISH, D.O.** (Clearwater)  
**SHERYL A. BUSHMAN, D.O.** (Fort Scott)

The meeting was held in Chicago, July 20-22. The former KAOM Executive Director was also at the meeting. Mr. Wheelen participated in meetings of the Association of Osteopathic Executive Directors and is a Past President of that Association.

All members of the Kansas delegation and the Executive Director participated in the United Federation of Osteopathic Societies (UFOS), which is a caucus of states that have smaller delegations. By participating in the UFOS caucus it is possible to have greater influence on major issues that come before the House of Delegates for a vote.

The 2007 meeting was a sad event for many of us because of the recent death of our President, John Strosnider, D.O. There were many tributes to Dr. Strosnider’s extraordinary life and career. A special audio-visual presentation commemorating Dr. Strosnider’s many personal and professional accomplishments was an emotional highlight of the meeting.

The House of Delegates also paid special tribute to the many osteopathic physicians who have served in the U.S. armed forces. Most of our veterans served as medical officers, but some of them were enlisted personnel or served as combat officers prior to pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathy degree. This was also an emotional part of the meeting because it evoked intense feelings of pride and patriotism among the Delegates.

The House of Delegates approved far too many resolutions to summarize here. A report of the official proceedings may be obtained from the AOA. Our Executive Director can obtain a compact disk for you. We can also provide you with a comprehensive copy of all AOA position statements that are the product of House of Delegates Resolutions. These are available on line at www.do-online.org by way of the link to “Position Papers.”

I feel compelled to remind you that there are some osteopathic physicians in Kansas who are members of the AOA, but are not members of the KAOM. It is only because of our membership in the KAOM that we are recognized by the AOA and we are eligible to vote in the AOA House of Delegates. We consider it an honor to represent all Kansas osteopathic physicians when we participate in the AOA House of Delegates. Thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger D. Unruh, D.O.  
Delegation Chairman