



American College of Osteopathic Internists • Stay True to Why You Pursued Medicine

Charge of the ACOI National Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association

1. Justification

The American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI) provides support to osteopathic medical students during their journey to becoming practicing physicians. The Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association (SOIMA) is the osteopathic medical student-led organization within ACOI tasked with providing support and engagement with osteopathic medical students interested in internal medicine and its subspecialties.

2. Objectives

- Provide osteopathic medical students with early exposure to the field of internal medicine.
- Promote an understanding of osteopathic principles in relationship to disease and well-being in the practice of internal medicine and its subspecialties.
- Coordinate with ACOI to establish and maintain the highest educational and ethical standards in the teaching and practice of internal medicine.
- Serve as a liaison between osteopathic medical students and the ACOI to provide information on training and career opportunities in internal medicine.
- Inform osteopathic medical students about the latest developments in the field of internal medicine, which includes but is not limited to groundbreaking research, current clinical practice guidelines, and mentoring opportunities.
- Assist the next generation of osteopathic internists in upholding professional and ethical practice standards by developing and implementing activities that will enhance professional development and optimize residency preparedness for osteopathic medical students.
- Advocate for the interests of osteopathic medical students and promote opportunities for leadership, community outreach, and the advancement of public policy.
- Provide networking opportunities for osteopathic medical students and establish longitudinal relationships with osteopathic internists; and,
- Create engaging and inclusive social events intended to unite internal medicine minded osteopathic medical students nationwide.

- ### **3. Terms of Service**
- SOIMA consists of a national committee comprised of eight elected members and four appointed members. Each member serves a one-year term. The elected members of the National SOIMA Committee are elected by the active student membership of the ACOI.

The positions elected on the National SOIMA Committee are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Region I Representative
- Region II Representative
- Region III Representative
- Region IV Representative
- Region V Representative

The appointed National SOIMA positions are chosen by the nationally elected officers. Each appointed National SOIMA member serves a one-year term.

The positions appointed on the National SOIMA Committee are:

- Community Service Representative
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Representative
- Public Policy/Advocacy Representative
- Scholarly Activity Representative

SOIMA also consists of local chapters located at osteopathic medical schools. Each SOIMA chapter will elect officers to lead the chapter. SOIMA chapter leadership is to be selected by the active members of the SOIMA chapter at the respective school. It is recommended that each chapter's leadership consist of at least a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

4. Accountability The National Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association reports to the ACOI Board of Directors. The National SOIMA is able to propose recommendations regarding new and current student programs, opportunities for student growth, and changes to the organizational structure of SOIMA to the ACOI Board of Directors. The consideration and approval of such recommended changes is determined by the ACOI Board of Directors.

5. Responsible Staff Person The Student and Resident Program staff of ACOI will oversee and provide support to the National SOIMA and assist in its work as needed. Staff will also act as an intermediary between SOIMA and the Board of Directors.

6. Self Evaluation Plan The National Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association evaluates its performance annually. The evaluation reviews the ways in which the National SOIMA has addressed the objectives listed above.