

Kansas Osteopathic Foundation Newsletter Update July 2026

Since 1969, the Kansas Osteopathic Foundation (KOF) has operated as a charitable organization. KOF is led by board president, James Rider, D.O., and supports scientific, literary, and educational purposes to improve education and awareness of osteopathic medicine. The foundation holds regular meetings, typically twice a year, during Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine (KAOM) events.

The foundation has provided financial support to KAOM in accordance with its mission for continuing education meetings, website development, and newsletter distribution. The foundation also supported the White Coat Ceremonies for the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine and Kansas City University. Also, the Gala of the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF) was supported. Joel Feder, D.O., FACOFP (dist.) is a board member of the AOF. Several KAOM members and students from KansasCOM and KCU attended the gala and enjoyed the fellowship of osteopathic physicians from across the nation in Nashville in November 2025 during OMED25.

At the most recent meeting, the board approved the use of a Certified Public Accountant for bookkeeping and computation of the annual report. They also approved continued support for the organizations listed above and approved the use of a new foundation logo (below), designed by Mary Franz, D.O., FACOFP.

The current board members have served in many leadership capacities for KAOM and KOF. Together, their service has spanned many decades. All are accomplished osteopathic physicians with decades of membership in both organizations. They also demonstrated dedication to service on behalf of the profession by representation on many state health agencies and boards, often in a volunteer status. All are past presidents of KAOM.

Current KOF Board Members are:

Dr. James Rider, President

Dr. Roger Unruh, Vice President

Dr. Dary Callahan, Secretary/Treasurer

Dr. Mary Franz, President KAOM (2026-27)

Dr. Angela Carrick, President-elect KAOM

Dr. Ron Whitmer, Trustee

Dr. Mike McClintick, Trustee

Dr. Joel Feder, Trustee

Dr. Sam Heck, Trustee

Dr. Cameron Knackstedt, Trustee

The foundation appreciates the opportunity to update members on current activities and looks forward to our continued shared progress in advancing osteopathic medicine in Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Daryl J. Callahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daryl" being more prominent.

Daryl J. Callahan, D.O., FACOFP
Secretary/Treasurer

Kanas Osteopathic Foundation's New Logo created by Mary Franz, D.O., FACOFP

