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**LAURA E. GRIFFIN, DO, FAAO, ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF NATIONAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

**Indianapolis**—Laura E. Griffin, DO, FAAO, of Pikeville, Kentucky, was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO) on March 22 at the AAO's annual meeting during its Convocation in Dallas. Dr. Griffin was one of four osteopathic physicians from around the country to be newly elected as a governor of the AAO, the largest medical society in the United States devoted to fostering neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine (NMM/OMM). She will serve a three-year term.

A 1996 graduate from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) in Biddeford, Maine, Dr. Griffin is the assistant dean of osteopathic principles and practice (OPP) at the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM), where she also is a professor and the chair of the OPP Department.

Dr. Griffin was one of the first graduates of UNECOM's integrated family practice and neuromusculoskeletal medicine (FP/NMM) residency, and she is board certified in both specialties. She co-directed the FP/NMM residency at Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 2001 to 2008, and from 2008 to 2015, she was the director of UP-KYCOM's FP/NMM program.

Dr. Griffin was the AAO's 2016-17 president, and she previously served on the AAO's Board of Trustees, the Education Committee, and the Postdoctoral Standards and Education Committee among other activities. She also has served in leadership roles for the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, the American Osteopathic Association, and she has served on American Association of College of Osteopathic Medicine's Educational Council of Osteopathic Principles for 10 years.

For more information on Dr. Griffin and her role in the AAO, contact Sherri L. Quarles at the American Academy of Osteopathy at (317) 879-1881, ext. 214, or at [SQuarles@academyofosteopathy.org](mailto:SQuarles@academyofosteopathy.org).

The United States currently has approximately 100,000 osteopathic physicians. Also known as DOs, osteopathic physicians are fully licensed physicians, as are MDs. Since 1986, the number of DOs has increased by 276 percent. Osteopathic physicians prescribe medicine and practice in all specialties, including osteopathic manipulative medicine, family medicine, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, and surgery. They are trained to consider the health of the whole person and to use their hands to help diagnose and treat patients.

The mission of the American Academy of Osteopathy is to teach, promote, and research the science, art and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the integration of osteopathic principles and practice in patient care. Founded in 1937, the Academy is a specialty college of the American Osteopathic Association.