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The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association Announces New Executive Committee Leadership for 2022-2023

Lee Ann Brown, DO, FAAPMR, of Clearwater, is the new FOMA President

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) announced their new team of Executive Officers selected to lead the state on the mission of advancing the osteopathic profession and promoting the health and well-being of all Floridians over the next twelve months.

“We are thrilled to have these members take the helm as officers of the association,” said **FOMA Executive Director Steve Winn**. “Our Board of Trustees has once again nominated and elected osteopathic doctors of superb qualifications who have repeatedly shown their commitment to both their patients and their profession.”

“I’m looking forward to serving with such an extraordinary group of leaders,” said **FOMA President Lee Ann Brown, DO, FAAPMR**. “This is an extremely talented and strong league of doctors and individuals, so I’m excited to see what we can accomplish as we build on our current momentum.”

- **President Lee Ann Brown, DO, FAAPMR, Clearwater, FI:** Dr. Brown is past president of the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society. She is Chief Executive Officer of the Spine Pain and Orthopedic Injury Center in Clearwater, Florida and serves as Secretary of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Dr. Brown obtained her medical degree at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Northwestern University.
- **President-Elect Brett Scotch, DO, FAOCO, Wesley Chapel and Trinity, FI:** Dr. Scotch is a board-certified Otolaryngologist and has been serving the medical and surgical needs of Tampa patients since 2005. Prior to establishing the Scotch Institute of Ear, Nose & Throat, he served as a Major in the United States Air Force Medical Corps where he cared for military personnel, their families, and military retirees at the MacDill Air Force Base Hospital. He also served as the medical director of the MacDill Air Force Base Sleep Laboratory and directed audiology services. He received his medical degree from Nova Southeastern University and completed his residency at Michigan State University Affiliated Hospitals.



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- **First Vice-President Michael Markou, DO, FAOCO, Clearwater, FL:** Dr. Markou is board certified and a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Practitioners. He is a past president of Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society. Dr. Markou is a world renowned hair restoration surgeon and the founder of Markou Medical and Tampa Bay Hair Restoration in 1994. He frequently appears on television specials and radio talk shows. Dr. Markou currently participates in the training of medical residents and has specifically trained hair restoration surgeons over the past 20 years.
- **Second Vice-President, Bruce Rankin, DO, FACOFP, Deland, FL:** Dr. Rankin is a native Floridian growing up in Ft. Lauderdale. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Florida and NSU-COM accepted him into their charter class of 1985. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at Southeastern Medical Center in North Miami Beach and has practiced in Deland, Florida for 32 years. He was Chief of Staff for Florida Hospital Deland and is Medical Director of Accel Clinical Research Deland. He has been a Principal Investigator for over five hundred clinical medical research trials.
- **Past President, Marc Kaprow, DO, MHA FACOI, Oviedo, FL:** Dr. Kaprow is certified in internal medicine, hospice, and palliative medicine by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Kaprow is a Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at Nova Southeastern University, and an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2001 and completed his internal medicine residency at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2004.
- **FOMA Directors-At-Large: Charles Chase, DO, FASA, DS 3; Jeffrey Nelson, DO, DS 3; Joseph A. Sassano, DO, DS 7; James Towry, DO, FAOCD, FAAD, DS 12; and Cesar DeLeon, DO, DS 17**

About the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association

FOMA is the state association representing Osteopathic physicians in Florida and remains the third largest osteopathic medical association in the country. The individual, member-based association advocates for public health, education, and osteopathic physicians through the distinctiveness of osteopathic principles and practices across all medical and surgical specialties. FOMA represents the osteopathic profession in Florida state government, and through state boards, committees, and agencies. For more information, please visit www.foma.org