

RESOLUTION 2011 – K

SUBMITTED TO: Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates
SUBMITTED BY: Macomb County Osteopathic Medical Association
RECOMMENDATION: Approved - *Professional Affairs Committee*
SUBJECT: Maintaining the Osteopathic Principles and Practice Core Competency

1 **Whereas**, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) board of trustees approved the *Seven Core*
2 *Competencies* as the necessary guidelines involved in training of osteopathic physicians; and

3 **Whereas**, The Core Competency Task Force was established by action of the AOA Board of Trustees in
4 February 2002 to: (1) define the elements of each of the previously-approved seven core competencies
5 that osteopathic trainees must demonstrate; (2) define methodologies and processes for the integration of
6 the core competencies into each specialty and subspecialty training program, and (3) develop a list of
7 potential outcome measures for the evaluation of each trainee's competence, which is established and
8 incorporated in the development of skills for future practice and development into life-long learning.; and

9 **Whereas**, the AOA Board of Trustees adopted the task force recommendations in July 2003; and

10 **Whereas**, these recommendations are what became the subsequently adopted and current Council On
11 Post-Graduate Training (COPT) core competence requirements and compliance program; and

12 **Whereas**, in 2010 the COPT attempted to eliminate the Osteopathic Philosophy and Osteopathic
13 Manipulative Treatment (OP & OMT) competency as a distinct competency by asserting that it should be
14 incorporated into the other competencies and removed from the list of core competencies; and

15 **Whereas**, a resolution for elimination of the OP & OMT core competency was not approved at the July
16 2010 AOA Board of Trustees meeting; and

17 **Whereas**, osteopathic medical trainees acquire this competency through sequential skill acquisition
18 beginning in a college of osteopathic medicine and continuing throughout residency; and

19 **Whereas**, this competency helps define the uniqueness of the osteopathic profession.

20 **Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA) support the decision and
21 directive of the AOA Board of Trustees to maintain as a separate and distinct competency Osteopathic
22 Philosophy and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment; and

23 **Be it Further Resolved**, that the Council on Postgraduate Training (COPT) continue to ensure
24 compliance with this competency as it does all the other Core Competencies of the AOA.