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Dear TOMA Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President of TOMA, your professional home. Thank you, also, for continuing to serve as an Osteopathic Physician. The work you do provides care and compassion to those in need, and your community is better because you do what you do.

TOMA works for all Osteopathic Physicians, but members receive a number of additional benefits, and that list grows regularly. Members have received discounted Convention registration for years, where TOMA regularly offer up to 24 hours of CME. Once again in 2023, TOMA is participating in the multi-state [Virtual Osteopathic Conference](#) on February 17-19, offering up to 48 CME credits.

On the advocacy front, TOMA remains active with the **Coalition for Collaborative Care (CCC)**, with a number of other Tennessee physician associations and specialty societies. TOMA's Immediate Past President, Michael Wieting, DO, serves as Vice Chair of the CCC. The Tennessee Nurses Association and Tennessee Academy of Physicians Assistants are making their plans for the 2023 Tennessee General Session, and the CCC is remaining vigilant in its goal to keep physicians as the head of the care team. It is important for TOMA members to develop relationships with your state senators and representatives right now, before the General Session begins. That connection will be important in opposing any expanded scope of practice bills that will put the public's health at risk. [Find your legislator, and his or her contact information, here.](#)

For now, save the date for TOMA's 125th Anniversary Annual Convention, April 28-30, at the Chattanooga Marriott Downtown. You will be able to earn CME credits **in-person**, and meet with other Osteopathic Physicians and students. Watch for more information soon!

Sincerely,

Michelle Dilks, DO
President