

## **OMeGA announces 2017 Board of Directors and Review Committee**

OMeGA Medical Grants Association (OMeGA), third party grants administration organization for orthopaedic graduate medical education (GME), announces this year's board of directors.

### **2017 Board of Directors**

Wayne J. Sebastianelli, MD, continues as OMeGA's President. Dr. Sebastianelli is Kalenak Professor of Orthopaedics and Director of Athletic Medicine at Penn State Orthopaedics in State College, PA. OMeGA's new Secretary is Richard J. D'Ascoli, MD. Dr. D'Ascoli is an orthopaedic surgeon at OrthoNY in Schenectady, NY, a Clinical Assistant Professor at Albany Medical School and an Oral Examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. R. Dale Blasier, MD continues in the Treasurer position. He is Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at University of Arkansas in Little Rock, AR.

Incumbent Board of Directors include David E. Attarian, MD, Julie Y. Bishop, MD, Langdon A. Hartsock, MD, and James J. Purtill, MD. Rex C. Haydon, MD and Ruth L. Thomas, MD joins the Board after serving on the Review Committee for three and six years respectively.

### **2017 Review Committee**

After each serving an eight-year term on OMeGA's Board of Directors, Michael A. Simon, MD, and William W. Tomford, MD, now support OMeGA as members of the Review Committee. Incumbent Review Committee members include Ngozi M. Akabudike, MD, Hisham Awan, MD, Walton W. Curl, MD, Alexander J. Ghanayem, MD, Syed Ashfaq Hasan, MD, David H. Kim, MD, William T. Obremsky, MD, and Brian C. Toolan, MD. New Review Committee members are John A. Bergfeld, MD, Gregory K. Berry, MD, Jesse E. Bible, MD, Bassam A. Masri, MD, and Elizabeth M. Nolan, MD.

The Board and the Review Committee members work to uphold OMeGA's mission to be objective, independent and transparent in funding GME.

### **About OMeGA Medical Grants Association**

OMeGA awards and manages grants for orthopaedic GME in all nine subspecialties through an open, accessible process designed to safeguard against potential conflicts of interest and to ensure transparency in the allocation of resources. Since 2009, OMeGA has awarded more than \$18 million of fellowship and residency grants, helping to establish the continued success of quality orthopaedic practice and improved patient care. For more information, visit

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