

MAINE OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

Steering Committee for the New England School of Osteopathic Medicine

November 3, 1971 - Minutes

Those present were Drs. W. Bergen, B. Button, R. Wright, L. Newth, D. McFadden, C. DiPerri, R. Bates, J. C. Rand. Absent were Drs. J. Hall, M. Longo, A. Pierce, M. C. Pettapiece.

Doctor Bergen was elected Chairman. The Steering Committee from Maine to New England group for the present is to remain as Drs. Bergen, Bates and DiPerri.

Reason for the meeting - to see what official action might occur in Maine to be able to demonstrate active interest of Maine Osteopathic Association in this possible new school.

Purpose adopted by this committee: Is to explore and, as feasible, encourage the development of a school of Osteopathic Medicine in New England. It was recommended that those present notify chairman of names of in-hospital and non-hospital interested recruits for this committee.

Drs. Thompson and Keagle now exploring at Northeastern University level including visit to Michigan, the feasibility of a New England School of Osteopathic Medicine. It is anticipated that the New England Steering Committee will be meeting in January. Dr. Rodes and Dr. Wynne of Rhode Island are preparing by-laws for the New England Foundation.

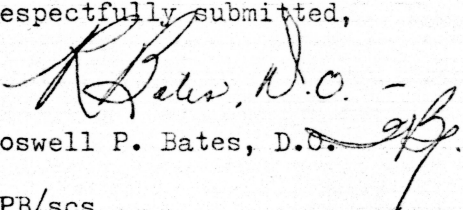
It was voted that a cover letter, copies of minutes, and a Resolution to be acted upon by Maine Osteopathic Association at the December 12 meeting of the Board, be sent to Drs. Brown, Thompson, and copies to interested parties.

It was voted to establish a committee to work with legal advisor (probably Judge Tapley) to formulate purpose, by-law language and other language necessary to establish Maine Foundation for New England School of Osteopathic Medicine. Committee to consist of Drs. Bergen, DiPerri, and Pettapiece. This Foundation is to serve as the channel for transmitting Maine funds to the New England Foundation.

Consensus of this committee is that the services of Lawrence Mills for feasibility study be obtained if possible. Discussion as to expanding number of beds at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine to 300. Other Maine D.O. Hospitals interested, as to their staff members, to be explored - criteria to be interest in and exploration of at this time.

Committee of Drs. Rand, Wright, and Bergen to prepare a resolution for presentation to the Maine Osteopathic Association Board on December 12.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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